

**Granite School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**February 5, 2019**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in the Boardroom at the Granite Education Center, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Karyn Winder called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Connie Burgess	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Nicole McDermott	Board Member

Todd Zenger, board member, arrived shortly after introductions.

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Granite Education Foundation Report**

Brent Severe, Granite Education Foundation Director, introduced Kathy Newton and Randy Woodbury, Granite Education Foundation Board Members who reviewed the 2018 holiday assistance the Foundation provided to the children of Granite School District. In total over 8300 individuals received help. Partnerships are key to providing this support. (Exhibit #1934)

#### **School Improvement/Turnaround Report**

Rick Anthony reviewed the designations of school improvement: Utah Alert Status (schools in the first year of being in the lowest 3% of schools measured by points), Turnaround Schools (schools that have been in the lowest 3% of schools for two consecutive years), and Federal Comprehensive Support and Improvement or CSI (the lowest 5% of Title I schools). The similarities, differences and challenges of each were explained. There will always be the lowest 3% or 5% in the state. A certain school may improve but other schools will improve as well. To move out of the lowest percentiles will depend upon the improvement of other schools having the same designation.

High absenteeism and/or high mobility rates bring additional challenges to schools as they work toward improvement. (Exhibit #1935)

### **Opening Week for Teachers**

Rick Anthony explained a change for next year's professional development days. Comparing results from surveys given at the end of the educator conference for the past two years, last year showed diminishing returns. This year, schools will be given a menu of options, which will be customized to best fit the individual needs of each school. The principal will deliver or facilitate the training. To ensure the professional learning principles are turned into practice, principals will be able to tie the same items to the professional learning held during student non-attendance days throughout the year. Professional learning needs to be more than an event, but a process. The plan is to have this type of professional learning every two years, alternating with a large educator conference. (Exhibit #1936)

The board adjourned for a dinner break.

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. President Karyn Winder welcomed all in attendance for this session and called for a roll call of board members; all board members were present. Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Ian Collison	Region V PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Diana Pennington	GAEOP
Paulette McMillan	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Barbara Antonetti	GEA
Kathy Newton	GEF
Audrey Price	GEF
Jon Fasselin	Middle Manager

Natalie Hansen, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Ernie Broderick	Principal, Stansbury Elementary
Jared Broderick	Principal, Truman Elementary
Jennifer Keil-Reed	Principal, Upland Terrace Elementary
Afton Lambson	Principal, Spring Lane Elementary
Julie Lorentzon	Principal, Twin Peaks Elementary
Andrea McMillan	Principal, Taylorsville Elementary
Michele Callahan	Assist Prin, Cyprus High
Jeff Jackson	Assist Prin, Granger High
Jennifer Kellis	Assist Prin, Valley Junior
Dusten Keppner	Assist Prin, Olympus Junior
Josh Moore	Assist Prin, Kearns Junior

Shauna Nordgren  
Janet Thorpe  
Scott Wooldridge

Assist Prin, Wasatch Junior  
Assist Prin, Whittier Elementary  
Assist Prin, Kearns High

Pledge of Allegiance: Josh Moore

Reverence: Cottonwood Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus performed three numbers.

Scout Troop 695 from the Taylorsville area was in attendance for a merit badge. They were acknowledged and welcomed later in the meeting.

## **RECOGNITION**

### **Top Median Growth Percentile (MGP) Elementary Schools**

Ben Horsley introduced the principals and staff from Cottonwood, Driggs, Eastwood, Monroe and Oakridge Elementary Schools. The schools were the top five elementary MGP schools for 2018.

**MAYOR PARTICIPATION** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** –

Esther Olschewski, 4409 S 5400 W. Speaking on proficiency-based grading (PBG), she has two daughters who attended a charter school previously and are now attending Hunter High school, both using PBG. She feels PBG damages the students. Extra homework seems to be the only way to achieve level 4 (highly proficient) or an “A”. She proposed a change to the letter grade conversion: level 3 is grade level, equaling an “A”. She asked that we make sure teachers are proficient and to err on the side of the students.

Emily Helm, 5542 S Hews Place. PBG is adding confusion and diminishing the learning experience. She said the FAQs on website are incorrect. Colleges are not taking PBG into account when offering scholarships. She asked that we acknowledge this program has not been proven and harms students.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes, January 8 & 22, 2019

Purchases:

1. Rotary Mower, Grounds Department, Turf Equipment & Irrigation Inc. – \$91,394.44
2. Playground Equipment, Hillsdale Elementary, Landscape Structures, Inc. – \$50,969.60
3. Fertilizing & Weed Control, District-wide, Brett Miller Landscaping – \$76,780.00
4. Water Piping Replacement, Eisenhower Junior, Industrial Piping & Welding – \$598,000.00
5. Tasers, Training & Certification, Granite Police Department, Axon Enterprise, Inc. – \$103,239.90

Award of Contract:

1. District Financial Software Support, Quintessential School Systems – \$140,170.09

Change Orders:

1. Hunter High Wing Addition, Architectural Services, MHTN Architects – \$198,235.00
2. Medical Clinic Remodel, Fixed Limit Construction Cost – \$389,130.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments

Brittney Ambrose	Elementary Assistant Open Contract
Wendy Lovell	Elementary Assistant Open Contract
Briar Mattucci	Elementary Assistant Open Contract
Brandon Moore	Secondary Assistant Open Contract
Anne Reese	Elementary Assistant Open Contract

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$15,816,316.53
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$98,296,247.42
3. Principals' Cash Report – December 2018

LAND Trust Amendments

Gates Donation, Kearns High School

Prior to calling for a motion to approve the consent agenda, President Winder suggested a correction to the minutes of January 8, 2019. She asked to strike the last sentence under board discussion on page 10 of the agenda and replace it with: The board is operating under a timeline established by the state board of education. The state board of education has authority to withhold funds from local boards to enforce compliance with state board direction.

**Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Agenda with the changes outlined.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

President Winder acknowledged the large donation to Kearns High. The donation is so appreciated.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Comprehensive Guidance Plan & Review**

Judy Petersen, Director, and Kaye Poulton-Timm, Counselor Coordinator, both in the College & Career Readiness department, shared information about the comprehensive guidance program. They explained what counselors do and how important it is for counselors to be accountable. The counseling program just successfully completed 24 reviews conducted by the Utah State Board of Education. Statistics for the past 5 years were reviewed. The statistics show positive

results in high school graduation rates, college enrollment numbers, AP Exams, FAFSA Applications, Regents' Scholarships and Average ACT scores. (Exhibit #1937)

Todd Zenger mentioned that he is often overwhelmed with the dedication of school counselors. They have great concern for the students and thanked Ms. Petersen for administering the counseling program.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Changes to Millcreek City Community Reinvestment Plan**

David Garrett introduced Mike Winder from Millcreek City. Mr. Garrett reminded board members that in November 2018, the plans were presented. Since that time, Millcreek City changed the scope of the project, no longer requiring a vote from taxing entities. Rather, an Interlocal Agreement with the City and Granite District, similar to Millcreek's other two projects, will suffice. To do so requires board action to direct the administration to proceed with an Interlocal Agreement with Millcreek City for the Millcreek Center Community Reinvestment Area Project. (Exhibits #1938 & #1939)

It was clarified that this change does not change the district level of commitment or involvement.

President Winder recused herself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Motion: I move we direct the administration to proceed with an Interlocal Agreement with Millcreek City for the Millcreek Center Community Reinvestment Area project and return to the board for final approval.**

Made by: Todd Zenger

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

### **Population Analysis Committee Study List**

Steve Hogan, Planning & Boundaries Director, explained the continuation of two 2-year studies. (Exhibit #1940)

#### *Riverfront/Roosevelt Study*

The new school building at approximately 800 West 3700 South is scheduled to open Fall 2020. The study involves the boundaries for this new building.

#### *Bangerter Corridor*

The goal is to clean up boundaries that straddle Bangerter Highway. Safe walking routes, driving and busing concerns are part of the study. The rebuilds of South Kearns and West Kearns will also impact the study.

**Motion: I move we approve the continuation of these two studies.**

Made by: Terry Bawden  
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott  
Called for vote: President Winder  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

## **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS**

Martin Bates: PBG update, most schools have PBG committees or working groups. All schools have been asked to develop implementation plans. Elementary schools are well on their way in developing plans and junior highs are working together to develop plans. High schools are working on 2-5 year implementation plans, including steps to share information with parents. He shared a draft PBG postcard and asked board members for their input.

May 6, 11:00 a.m. Medical clinic ribbon cutting.

February 15 is the USBA Day on the Hill.

Connie Anderson: Went to Viking Night at Bonneville Junior where 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders from feeder schools were invited. This helped the incoming kids get excited about attending Bonneville next year.

Crossing guards are out in all types of weather, keeping our kids safe. She suggested we consider recognizing them in a board meeting.

Connie Burgess: Thanks to the fine arts department and the Foundation for the West Valley Cultural Center Art event. The GTI open house was also a great event and very well attended.

Nicole McDermott: Attended Taylorsville High college days, great to see seniors excited for college. While at a music educators conference this past week, she attended a presentation about using PBG in music classes. It was interesting to learn about their model. She also attended a Smith Elementary Lion Dance Club performance at the capitol today.

Gayleen Gandy: USBA Day on the Hill, February 15 and she urged board members to attend. It is a good experience and extremely informative.

February 19<sup>th</sup> is District Day on the Hill. All districts have been invited to participate.

Karyn Winder: Reconfiguration is discussed at many community meetings. Encourages participation by the community.

She reported on an experience at Valley Junior. Students earn tickets doing positive things at school, then they take those tickets to the Liger Store where they “buy” prizes. In December a few students approached the volunteers running the store about buying Christmas gifts (such as pillows, blankets, socks) with their tickets. Through the PTA, School Community Council, Foundation and individual community donations, the kids were able to shop for family members at the Liger Store. This is an example of the community coming together to help kids. All communities care about kids.

**Motion:**            **I move we adjourn.**  
Made by:            Gayleen Gandy  
Seconded by:        Connie Anderson  
Called for vote:     President Winder  
Results:             Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.