

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
March 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 5:03 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

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

Standards Policy Review

Doug Larson discussed the Standards & Objectives policy which was discussed during a past study session. This policy provides a statement from the board regarding expectations for curriculum and instruction, educator expertise, student assessment and progress.

Board discussion included the need to have consistency in the terminology. They asked to take out any redundancy and add clarification to some wording, specifically what is meant by “periodically”.

The policy will be presented as a First Reading in April.

Proficiency Based Grading Website & Postcard

Leslie Bell, Curriculum & Instruction Director, displayed the Proficiency Based Grading (PBG) website. The website is parent focused and is meant to be easily understood by those outside the teaching profession. Using the different tabs and buttons on the website, Ms. Bell demonstrated how information can be easily accessed. The language has been refined and simplified for better understanding.

Board members expressed appreciation for the work that has been done. The PBG Postcard (Exhibit #1943) was approved for mailing.

Beverly Taylor Sorensen Fine Arts Program Update

Leslie Bell reviewed the development of the fine arts program 2 years ago. Granite District negotiated with the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) a specific agreement allowing a deviation from the traditional model requiring a side-by-side classroom teaching model to one that allows the teacher to leave the classroom and take advantage of planning/collaboration time. As part of the agreement, Granite assured the USBE that all elementary students would receive instruction in all four fine arts areas (dance, drama, music & art) at some point during their K-6 experience. Specialists, who are licensed in a specific fine arts area, are assigned to two schools each and the schools are to be rotated to ensure all four art areas are taught during a 7 year time period. One school will rotate this coming year, the following year, the other school will rotate. Some specialists have expressed a desire to stay in the same schools. A meeting will be held to explain the need for the rotations, to ensure all elementary students receive instruction in all four areas. Our commitment and agreement with the USBE will also be explained.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Bates reminded board members of the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) Spring Regional Training scheduled for March 21. He then shared brochures on the South Kearns rebuild and Hunter High addition. Parents within those school boundaries will receive the information.

Meeting 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
Gayna Breeze	GAEOP
Leisl Leystra	GAEOP
Craig Stauffer	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Michele Jones	GEA
Erin Woodlief	GEF
Holly Burch	GESPA
Greg Burrows	GESPA
Greg Powell	GESPA
Steven Powell	Middle Manager
Cathy Horton	Child Nutrition
Bonnie Pentico	Child Nutrition

Tina West, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Mark Ellermeier	Principal, Eisenhower Junior
Dona Harris	Principal, Elk Run Elementary
Dawn Hauser	Principal, Matheson Junior
Naomi Hopf	Principal, Eastwood Elementary
Joshua LeRoy	Principal, Churchill Junior
Emme Liddell	Principal, Taylorsville High
Alison Milne	Principal, Transition Services
Ben Peters	Principal, Driggs Elementary
Tracy Rose	Principal, Copper Hills Elementary
Craig Stauffer	Principal, Hunter High
Renee DeHaan	Assist Prin, Plymouth/Smith Elementary
Rebecca Ibarra	Assist Prin, Kennedy Junior
Ben Johnson	Assist Prin, Matheson Junior
Mike Miller	Assist Prin, Cottonwood High
Allison Peterson	Assist Prin, Fremont/Pl Green Elementary
John Workman	Assist Prin, Olympus High

Pledge of Allegiance: Josh LeRoy

Reverence: Matheson Junior Jazz Band

RECOGNITIONS

Top Secondary Median Growth Percentile (MGP) Schools

Ben Horsley introduced the principals and staff from Bennion & Evergreen Junior Highs and Hunter High School. The schools were the top junior and senior high MGP schools for 2018.

Student Athletes

Dave Vande Veegaete, specialist, athletics/P.E., introduced the Academic All-State Athletes for winter activities. Students recognized included those who participated in Basketball: Maxwell Calton, Jeremy Dowdell (Olympus), Breianna Rodriguez (Skyline); Drama: Leila Mujic (Granger), Zerine Gilmore (Hunter), Jessie Marchant (Taylorsville); Forensics: Jacob Lassche (Cyprus), Jelena Dragicevic, Leila Mujic (Granger), Rachel Dayton, Diana Tran (Hunter), Sierra Larsen, Riley Martinez (Taylorsville); Music: Abigail Banks, Maxwell Dunbar, Nami Eskandarian, Jacob George, Krystal Yates (Cottonwood), Dustin Bowers, Melody Christman, Samuel Crawford, Jacob Lassche, Mary Anna Mendez, Alyssa Munro, Emmalyne Peterson, Joanna Smith, Zachary Zito (Cyprus), Wynn Harrison (Granger), Matthew Horn, Heather House (Hunter), Lucas Carpenter, Allison Gabbitas, Sierra Lukens, Jessie Marchant, Camille Miles, Timothy Pitts (Taylorsville); Swimming: Xavier Barker, Nastassja Motro, Addison Powell, Megan Young (Skyline), Martha DeGraffenried, Cassandra Price (Taylorsville); Wrestling: Luis Ramirez (Granger), Jacob Degraw, Chase Parry (Olympus), Braden Henson (Taylorsville).

Mr. Vande Veegaete also introduced individual state champions. Students recognized included those in Swimming: Martin Anders, Chase Dailey, Collin Dailey, Blayze Kimble, Jacob Ricci, Aidan Salisbury, Emma Walker (Cottonwood), Sissy Baum, Holly Biesinger, Megan Cerva, Lily

Plaudis (Kearns), Alex Cromar (Olympus); Wrestling: Kelsey Taylor (Kearns), Emerson Conlon, Isaac Wilcox (Olympus).

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION –

Calvin Fors, 4015 S Starwood St, West Valley City. Representing the Carpenters Union, he is concerned about those individuals paid in cash. There isn't insurance or workers comp for those being paid in cash. Contracts with general contractors need to be strong. He asked that the board develop strong penalties for contractors who do not work by the rules with their sub-contractors. Those who support apprenticeships provide great opportunities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, February 5 & 19, 2019

Purchases:

1. Flight Simulators, Granite Technical Institute, Fidelity Flight Simulation Incorporated – \$99,730.00
2. Cafeteria Furniture, Taylorsville High, Edutek Corp – \$127,546.22
3. Landscape Resurfacing, Granger Elementary, Rocky Mountain Turf – \$51,650.37
4. Computer Equipment, E-Rate Hardware, Valcom – \$118,256.00
5. Lighting Upgrade, Orchard Elementary, Codale Electric – \$83,872.81
6. Lighting Upgrade, Pleasant Green Elementary, Codale Electric – \$93,598.50

Award of Contracts:

1. Construction Manager/General Contractor, New Elementary Roosevelt/Riverfront, Jacobsen Construction – \$29,700,000.00
2. Construction Manager/General Contractor, South Kearns Elementary, Jacobsen Construction – \$27,700,000.00
3. Photo Documentation of Construction Projects, Construction Reality Capture – \$40,000.00
4. Employee Management Software Platform, Frontline Education – \$370,571.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments, effective July 1, 2019

Shauna Jensen	Director, Elementary School Accountability Services
Lynne Rada	Assoc Director, Educator Support, Admin Induction
Doug Wagstaff	Assoc Director, Human Resources

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$3,615,343.24
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$29,696,030.33
3. Principals' Cash Report – January 2019
4. Monthly Budget Report – January 2019

Student Travel Exception, Skyline Robotics Team

LAND Trust Amendments

Granite Education Association Negotiation Team

Granite Educational Support Professionals Association Negotiation Team

School Student Achievement Plans

Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Agenda.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn and Bill Kenley, Educator Support Director, introduced those receiving administrative appointments who then introduced their guests.

INFORMATION ITEM

English Language Arts Text Adoption Process

Leslie Bell explained the district-wide textbook adoption process. The year-long process includes coordination with the purchasing department, forming an evaluation committee and viewing publisher presentations. A recommendation is then given to the Board of Education. Teacher training follows. (Exhibit #1944)

Board members expressed concern about when teachers receive training on the materials. Teachers will receive materials before the end of school, if training happens after their contact, they receive stipend for training. They also receive support throughout the school year.

ACTION ITEMS

2020-2021 School Calendar

Garett Muse, School Accountability Services Director, Tina West and Ben Horsley, presented the results of the recent calendar survey. Over 5,200 responses were received. When asked which calendar was preferred, approximately 45% chose Option A and approximately 55% chose Option B. (Exhibit #1945)

Regarding Fall Recess, the Utah Education Association (UEA) informed Ms. West that the fall UEA convention has been discontinued. This opens the option of moving the two days scheduled for Fall Recess to another area in the calendar.

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) testing dates were discussed. The 2021 testing dates have not been scheduled, but typically AP testing is the 1st or 2nd week of May and IB is the 3rd week of May.

Board discussion included: ACT and ASPIRE testing days, A/B days, student non-attendance days comprising of ½ day for professional development and ½ day for grade input. The calendar

needs to be sensitive to testing and credit recovery. Many counselors feel that Option B is best for kids. Long periods of time off result in inconveniences for working parents.

Motion: I move we approve Option B, moving the Fall Recess days to December 21 & 22 and moving the end of term from October 29 to October 22.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Further discussion included the need for community preparation for ending Fall Recess. The elimination of Fall Recess gives much more flexibility in the calendar. In the future, the calendar committee will consider testing days, A/B dates, full teacher work days and the hardships that long breaks create for families.

Called for vote: President Winder

Yes

Connie Anderson

Terry Bawden

Connie Burgess

Gayleen Gandy

Karyn Winder

Todd Zenger

No

Nicole McDermott

Results: Motion Passed

Emergency Closure Day Make Up

Doug Larson reminded the board of the February 6, 2019 snow day. The make up day is scheduled for May 24. Using that day for professional development for our teachers may be more advantageous than having the students make up the day. The proposal is to take advantage of a waiver allowing for a legislative professional learning day. This involves the board taking action in directing the administration to send a letter to the State Superintendent formally requesting the waiver.

There was clarification that teachers must work an additional day to make up for February 6 or they will be docked one day's pay.

Motion: I move we petition the state board per the letter proposed.

Made by: Todd Zenger

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BOARD REPORTS

Nicole McDermott: She appreciated the backstage tour during USBA's Day on the Hill, it was interesting to see the workings on the "Hill". Taylorsville High School's play was delightful.

She also attended the Kearns High play, she was impressed with the thoughts of the teacher and students.

Todd Zenger: He has been attending Joint Legislative Committee meetings each week. He is learning a lot and it is an interesting experience to watch legislators work. As a member of the USBA Board of Directors, he has recently been assigned to attend state board meetings on licensing.

While helping build sets for a school production a teacher expressed gratitude for support from community and parents. Todd is also grateful for community support.

Connie Anderson: She attended the Cottonwood High Concerto Night. It was very enjoyable and was such a great opportunity for kids.

Karyn Winder: She attended the USBA Board Leadership training with Connie Burgess and they learned a lot. Karyn has been attending school community councils where a major topic is staffing plans and Trust LANDS funds. She gave a shout-out to principals and community councils for their efforts. She also reported on some PBG feedback, teachers who are using it love it.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.