

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
April 2, 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 5:05 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Connie Burgess	Vice President
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Nicole McDermott	Board Member
Todd Zenger	Board Member

Connie Anderson, Board Member, arrived shortly after introductions.
Terry Bawden, Board Member, was excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

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

Rick Anthony, Assistant Superintendent, was excused.

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Equal Opportunity Schools

Sheri Sorensen, Associate Director, Curriculum, explained the Equal Opportunity School (EOS) initiative in which four of our high schools – Cottonwood, Cyprus, Granger, and Hunter – have been participating. The goal of the program is to increase equitable enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP), Concurrent Enrollment and honors courses. Equity teams at each school are working to ensure that low-income and students of color have opportunities to succeed at the highest levels. Data from student and staff surveys was reviewed. As part of the student survey, each student was asked to identify a trusted adult at the school. The trusted adult is then able to work directly with the student to help them succeed academically and to encourage the student to enroll in advanced courses. Enrollment numbers in AP and Concurrent classes have increased significantly from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019 and the four schools are eager to continue the program next year. (Exhibit #1951)

Advanced Placement Changes

Sheri Sorensen explained changes made by the College Board in providing resources for AP teachers and students that will be available next school year. Content objectives will be

connected to Granite's Proficiency Based Gradebook. Supports for both teachers and students will be very beneficial. The AP Capstone program was explained as an additional opportunity for students to prepare for a successful college experience. (Exhibit #1952)

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, except Terry Bawden, who was excused, were present. Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Ian Collison	Region V PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
GAEOP Board Members	
Emily Grunig	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
GEA Board Members	
Randy Woodbury	GEF
GEF Board Members	
Jessica McClintic	GESPA
GESPA Board Members	
Sarah Timpson	Middle Manager
Garth Hunt	Child Nutrition
Felipe Guerra	Child Nutrition

Mike Douglas, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Mary Basso	Principal, Kennedy Junior
Michelle Christofferson	Principal, Valley Crest Elementary
Teri Cooper	Principal, Crestview Elementary
Devon Hartley	Principal, GTI
Crista Holt	Principal, Westbrook Elementary
Millicent Larsen-Fogarty	Principal, Bridger Elementary
Ryan Oaks	Principal, Hunter Junior
Dianne Phillips	Principal, Vista Elementary
Sherri Branch	Assist Prin, Hunter High
Jake Brown	Assist Prin, Cyprus High
Jennifer Christensen	Assist Prin, Cyprus High
Heather Sonne	Assist Prin, Cottonwood High
Rebecca Spence	Assist Prin, Lincoln/Redwood Elems

Pledge of Allegiance: Shauna Jensen, Principal, West Valley Elementary

Reverence: A choir from Armstrong Academy performed a medley of musical numbers.

RECOGNITIONS

Sterling Scholars

Ben Horsley introduced Steve Perschon, David Dunn, and Doug Bingham, high school principals who introduced students from their schools who achieved Sterling Scholar honors this year.

Jelena Dragicevic, Granger High, Social Sciences; Megan Zeng, Skyline High, Math; Hanna Hardy, Olympus High, Dance; and Elizabeth Ellen Van Dam, Olympus High, Instrumental Music.

Administrative Office Professionals Week

Ben Horsley explained that April 22-26, 2019, has been designated as Administrative Office Professionals Week. A short video was shared highlighting the work of Office Professionals.

Granite Education Foundation 30 Year Anniversary

A video was shared celebrating 30 years of service provided by the Granite Education Foundation. Brent Severe, Foundation Director, expressed appreciation to the Foundation's Board of Directors. President Winder thanked the Foundation for the many ways they help Granite District students.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, March 5, 9, and 19, 2019

Purchases:

1. Playground Equipment, Vista Elementary, Landscape Structures – \$69,908.80
2. Intervention & Professional Development for Mathematics, Elementary Special Education Students, University of Utah – \$63,929.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Auditing Services, Accounting Department, Squire & Company, PC – \$420,900.00
2. Site Drainage, Bates Central Kitchen, Royalty Service Group – \$79,923.00
3. Lawn Mowing, District-wide, Sunrise Property Maintenance – \$113,594.00
4. Moving of Relocatable Classrooms, Intermountain House & Structure – \$55,000.00
5. Architectural Services, Pioneer Elementary Reroofing Project, Gould Plus Architects – \$66,572.00
6. Secondary English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption, McGraw-Hill Education – \$2,153,093.10

Personnel:

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

Administrative Appointments, effective July 1, 2019

Paulette McMillan	Assoc Director, Educator Support
Dave Gomez	Principal, Stansbury Elementary
Wendy Lovell	Principal, Western Hills Elementary
Briar Matucci	Principal, Gourley Elementary
Allison Peterson	Principal, Pleasant Green Elementary
Anne Reese	Principal, Morningside Elementary
John Paul Sorensen	Principal, Armstrong Academy
Jeffery Walton	Principal, West Valley Elementary
Lisa Wells	Principal, Elk Run Elementary
Steve Alder	Assist Prin, Granger Elementary
Brittney Ambrose	Assist Prin, Gourley & West Valley Elems
Katrina Gillespie	Assist Prin, Whittier Elementary
Aveolela Neria	Assist Prin, Hillsdale Elementary
Angie Rasmussen	Assist Prin, Diamond Ridge & Hunter Elems
Sarah Wall	Assist Prin, TBA

Administrative Transfers, effective July 1, 2019

Kayla MacKay	Principal, Cottonwood Elementary
Megan Madsen	Principal, Hunter Elementary

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$4,978,279.07
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$56,981,805.07
3. Principals' Cash Report – February 2019
4. Monthly Budget Report – February 2019

School Time Schedules, 2019-2020

Summer Construction Projects

LAND Trust Amendments

Holladay City Easement

Millcreek City Center Community Reinvestment Area Project Interlocal Agreement

Prior to entertaining a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, President Winder recused herself from voting on the Millcreek City Center Community Reinvestment Area Project Interlocal Agreement due to a conflict of interest.

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

Made by: Connie Anderson

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

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

FIRST READING

Implementation of Standards & Objectives

John Welburn reviewed the Standards & Objectives policy. This policy is intended to create clear District-wide expectations and align efforts of District educators to create a high level of rigor for, and assessment of, student learning.

Motion: **I move we accept the policy as a First Reading.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Population Analysis Committee Recommendation

Steve Hogan, Planning & Boundaries Director, briefly reviewed the Population Analysis Committee (PAC) Study process and then summarized two existing study areas:

Riverfront/Roosevelt study. The new elementary school is scheduled to open Fall 2020 with a school enrollment of approximately 625 students. Boundaries for the new school will be studied.

Bangerter Corridor South study. The study will work to avoid school boundaries that straddle Bangerter Highway. The new South Kearns elementary building is scheduled to open Fall 2020 with a student capacity of 700 students. The study will look at boundary options for the new school.

Mr. Hogan then described a possible new study area:

Sandburg/Jackling/Hunter Study. The PAC recommends this area be added to the study list immediately. By starting the study immediately, we can still adhere to the timeline established for the study process. Over the past 10 years enrollments in both Sandburg and Jackling elementary schools have declined substantially. Both schools are operating at less than 50% capacity with projected fall enrollments for Sandburg at 270 and Jackling at 350. Schools with low enrollment bring several concerns including difficulty in achieving best practices. Study options could include a boundary change to increase enrollment and/or a school closure. (Exhibit #1953)

Board members said it is important to get community input. Mr. Hogan said school community meetings could begin this month. Discussion also included how empty classrooms could negatively affect the attitudes of students and teachers. Surplusing teachers and discontinuing programs starts a downward spiral that is difficult to recover from. The study will look at any potential housing developments in the area.

Motion: **I move we accept this area as part of the boundary study, starting immediately.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Mr. Hogan will schedule the community meetings and relay the information to board members as soon as meetings are confirmed.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates: The Robotics Team at Cottonwood High recently won a regional competition and has qualified for national competition. The travel exception has been approved by district administration. Dr. Bates reminded board members of the April 10th 25-year recognition dinner and April 12th Excel dinner.

Gayleen Gandy: Enjoyed the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference. There were great workshops, an overall valuable experience

Connie Burgess: Enjoyed the conference. She enjoyed the opportunity to learn from experts and then see how things nationally relate to what we are doing in Granite.

Todd Zenger: As a member of the Utah School Board Association (USBA) Board of Directors, he had the opportunity of attending legislative meetings. Education fared well this year at the legislature. He also attended a USBA Regional meeting recently. It's a privilege to serve on the Granite Board as well as the USBA Board. Granite continues to have excellent drama productions, kudos to students, parents and teachers.

Nicole McDermott: Attended a Bridger Elementary musical production which was phenomenal, and it was featured in the West Jordan Journal. She attended at Cottonwood High play about a boy with autism. Kudos to those who tackled this production and did such a good job. Kudos to the music teacher at Cottonwood High who arranged to have Thierry Fischer from the Utah Symphony work with the Cottonwood High orchestra. She also enjoyed the NSBA conference where she attended a competency-based education workshop. It's great that Granite District is involved in national trends in education.

Connie Anderson: She commented about the orchestra at Cottonwood High and the great opportunity to have Thierry Fischer work with them. She also attended the Cottonwood High play, it is good to be reminded of the brilliance as well as the struggles of autistic children. Granite Park received an award from the Freedom Foundation for their Veterans Assembly. The assemblies are so well done and it takes a huge amount of effort to put together. South Salt Lake awarded the Best of South Salt Lake Award to the principals of Turnaround Schools. She also acknowledged administration members who respond so quickly to her questions.

Karyn Winder: She attended an Oquirrh Hills transition meeting. Efforts are happening to make the move as smooth as possible. Good to attend School Community Council meetings, she thanked council members for their service. She enjoyed the NSBA conference, it's professional development for board members.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.