

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 11, 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. Vice President Connie Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., those in attendance:

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

Karyn Winder, Board President, and Terry Bawden, Board Member, were excused.

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.

Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Ian Collison	Region V PTA
Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Kristie Reather	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Cindy Formeller	GEF
Damien Shinsel	GESPA
Troy Anderson	Middle Manager
Richie Jorgensen	Middle Manager
Russ Stauffer	Middle Manager
Joy Ashley	Child Nutrition
Garth Hunt	Child Nutrition

Danny Stirland, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Christi Christensen	Principal, Wilson Elementary
Brenda Byrnes	Principal, Woodstock Elementary

Rod Horton	Principal, Jefferson Junior High
Steve Perschon	Principal, Olympus High
Kristie Reather	Principal, Wright Elementary
Sharon Sonnenreich	Principal, Hillside Elementary
David Beck	Assist Prin, Granger High
Chad Rhinehart	Assist Prin, Hunter Junior High
Erin Tanner	Assist Prin, Hunter High
Lisa Wells	Assist Prin, Hillsdale Elementary

Pledge of Allegiance: Danny Stirland

Reverence: Nicole McDermott introduced members of the Granite Youth Symphony who played three musical numbers.

RECOGNITIONS

Legislator Recognition

Ben Horsley introduced Representative Craig Hall who was recognized for his support of public education.

Crossing Guards

Ben Horsley recognized and thanked the many crossing guards who work for the police agencies in Granite School District and the supervisors of the crossing guards from Unified Police, South Salt Lake, and West Valley City.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, May 7 & 21, 2019

Purchases:

1. Video Displays, Mounting Contractor, Old Granite Innovations – \$83,525.00
2. Pool Tile Work, Olympus High, Stallings Construction – \$66,400.00
3. Gates & Fencing, Churchill Junior, Royalty Services Group – \$202,268.00
4. Auditorium Sound System Upgrades, Bonneville, Eisenhower & Jefferson Junior Highs, Performance Audio – \$243,218.89
5. Irrigation Upgrade, Vista Elementary, Great Western Landscape – \$340,000.00
6. Annual Uniform Needs, Custodial & Maintenance Departments, Cintas – \$85,000.00
7. Annual Uniform Needs, Child Nutrition Employees, BizWear – \$150,000.00
8. District Linen Needs, 2019-20, Cintas – \$190,000.00
9. Annual Purchase of Milk & Dairy Products, 2019-20, Southern Food Group – \$1,500,000.00
10. Vehicle Fuel Purchases, 2019-20, State of Utah Fuel Dispensing Program – \$1,200,000.00
11. Blue Bird School Bus Parts, 2019-20, Bryson Sales & Services – \$110,000.00
12. Bus Tires, 2019-20, Jack's Tire & Oil – \$65,000.00
13. Computers, 2019-20, one-time approval – \$6,000,000.00
14. Computer Equipment, Information Systems, Summit Partners Utah – \$316,093.05

15. Wireless Antennas, Information Systems, ConvergeOne – \$192,676.00
16. Network Hardware Equipment, Information Systems, Information Technology Core – \$94,531.60
17. Computer Hardware Maintenance, Information Systems, Summit Partners Utah – \$119,644.00
18. Network Storage, Information Systems, Summit Partners Utah – \$103,722.57
19. Warehouse Purchases, 2019-20, one-time approval – \$3,000,000.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Special Education Parent Training & Information Center, Utah Parent Center – \$52,093.00
2. GoalView Software Maintenance Renewal, Public Consulting Group – \$73,000.00
3. Microsoft Azure Software Maintenance, EnPointe Technologies – \$104,068.48

Change Order:

1. Contracted Services for AP/IB Courses, Equal Opportunity Schools – \$38,840.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary, FY19 – \$7,591,742.94, FY20 – \$5,087,741.42
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$170,757,210.19
3. Principals' Cash Report – March & April 2019
4. Monthly Budget Report – May 2019

Teacher & Student Success Act (TSSA) Plans

Ratification of Negotiations with the Granite Education Support Professionals Association

Salary Schedules for Employee Groups

Property Purchase, 503 East Millcreek Way

2020 Board Meeting Schedule

LAND Trust Amendments

Early Literacy Plan

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

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BUDGET HEARING

Vice President Burgess opened the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mitch Robison, Budget Director, detailed the 2019-20 budget. The budget has been available online for the past 14 days. He described the various funds within the \$815 million budget. The general fund is the largest fund and within that fund employee salaries and benefits are paid and the day to day operating expenses. 61% of the funds in the general fund comes from the State of Utah. Property taxes generate approximately 28%, federal monies make up a little under 8% and local funds make up the balance of 2.8%.

Mr. Robison described new funding sources, negotiated and contractual considerations, required cost increases, miscellaneous budget changes, and recruitment and retention costs. He then reviewed the property taxes and bonding revenues and explained the action required: to revise the 2019 budget, to adopt the 2020 budget and set the tax rate. (Exhibit #1961) Because the tax rate will not exceed the certified tax rate, there will not be a need for a tax hearing this year.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

Motion: **I move we approve the revised 2018-19 budget as published in the budget book.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: **I move we adopt the 2019-20 budget and set the tax rate to 0.007666 subject to the following:**
-The Basic Levy and the Charter School Levy will be adjusted to the rates to be established by the Utah Tax Commission, and
-Other levies will be adjusted for changes in the calculation of the certified tax rate that may come from the Tax Commission or the Salt Lake County Auditor's office.

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Budget hearing closed.

FIRST READING

Article VIII.A.3. Fees in the Public Schools

Doug Larson gave a brief history of fees in the public schools. Resulting from a 2018 statewide audit, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) created a taskforce to study school fees. The 2019 legislature passed HB250 and the USBE expanded Rule R277-407 requiring changes in how fees are assessed and administered. Changes in the USBE Rule are continuing and

Granite's policy will be updated to comply with the Rule as those changes occur. (Exhibit #1962)

Board members had several questions about the new policy. It was suggested that a "specific *maximum* amount" be listed in the fee schedule rather than a "specific amount" (section C).

In section D, a "reasonable" amount is listed. What is reasonable? The Board will set a "reasonable" fee when the fee schedule is approved and then schools will have discretion in setting the fee for the activity, not charging more than what will be listed on the fee schedule. Fees do not cover the actual cost of the event.

How is the alternative service decided in "Service in lieu of fees", Section G? A suggestion was to add wording "at a parent's or student's request, schools may allow alternative service" as a preface to section G.1. Parents will be able to complete service (help with activities) in lieu of fees. This will be at the discretion of the school.

Duly appointed volunteers requiring a fee was clarified in section E. Paraprofessionals might volunteer as a coach for example, who might try charging fees. This is prohibited.

The board discussed charging for textbooks in secondary schools. This section of the Rule is under review.

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

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Article II.L. Implementation of Standards & Objectives

Doug Larson reminded board members of the Standards & Objectives policy presented in April.

Motion: **I move we postpone this until next month's meeting.**

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Granite Park Grade Reconfiguration

Danny Stirland reminded board members of the proposed grade reconfiguration for Granite Park Junior High, moving 6th grade into the junior high.

Board members stated they appreciated the time and thoughtfulness made by principals in this proposal.

Motion: I move we approve the reconfiguration for Granite Park 6th Grade.

Made by: Connie Anderson

Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Recommendation to add Westbrook Elementary Closure Alternative as part of the Bangerter South Study

Steve Hogan, Planning & Boundaries Director, explained a possible change to a population analysis study. The Bangerter South Study involves 6 schools. In meeting with the school community councils and at the open houses, there have been three considerations mentioned: anticipated boundary changes for the new South Kearns rebuild, concerns with students crossing Bangerter Highway, and concerns with small schools. During those meetings community members have asked that closure be considered. In order to comply with state law, the school closure option specifically Westbrook Elementary in the Bangerter South Study, must be announced publicly at least 120 days prior to board vote to close a school.

Motion: I move we add the Westbrook Elementary school closure as a possibility to the study.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Connie Anderson: Thanked Nicole for arranging the Granite Youth Symphony performance tonight. Attended the graduation for the Utah International School. She appreciated the opportunity to attend our high school graduations. This is a highlight of being on the school board.

Nicole McDermott: Attended the GASA luncheon, good to visit with the administrators and celebrate the year. She has attended community open houses and appreciated parent support. The high school graduations and graduation reviews were incredible. She appreciated staff who have been involved in opening the health clinic. The District Community Council is done for the school year and she thanked those on the council.

Todd Zenger: Voiced two thanks: 1) to district patrons who support education, especially at Hartvigsen, through their taxes. This school is an amazing experience. 2) to Don & Ben for working through the Skyline rebuild.

Connie Burgess: Thanked those working with the summer lunch program. 44 schools are involved.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.