

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
July 9, 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 6:30 p.m., those in attendance:

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| 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, excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

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

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

Superintendent Bates stated the need for an Executive Session for the purpose of land transaction.

Motion: I move we adjourn to an Executive Session for land transaction.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for voice vote: President Winder

Results:

For:

Connie Anderson
Terry Bawden
Connie Burgess
Gayleen Gandy
Nicole McDermott
Karyn Winder

Against:

The meeting adjourned and the board convened an Executive Session in Auditorium A.

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 with Todd Zenger arriving 7:30 p.m. Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

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| Kari Montoya | Region V PTA |
| Gayna Breeze | GAEOP |
| Julianne Hamblin | GAEOP |
| Michael McDonough | GEA |
| David James | GEF |
| Cescilee Rall | Middle Manager |
| Sherry Wilson | Middle Manager |
| Dana Adams | Child Nutrition |
| September Hogan | Child Nutrition |

Pledge of Allegiance: John Welburn

Reverence: Connie Anderson introduced Adam Wilkins, a Cottonwood High drama teacher who introduced Josh, a Cottonwood High student, who performed a selection from an upcoming production of “Matilda the Musical”.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – see below

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, June 11, 2019

Purchases:

1. Furniture Reconfiguration, Curriculum Department, Henriksen Butler Design Group – \$131,376.68
2. Student Forecasting & School Boundary Consulting Services, Davis Demographics – \$94,650.00
3. Network Wiring Services, Americom – \$79,918.79
4. Uninterruptable Power Supply, GEC Data Center, Tech Connect – \$55,817.50
5. Excess Workers Compensation Insurance, Aon Risk Solutions – \$89,312.00
6. Fertilizing & Weed Control, Summer 2019, Brett Miller Landscaping – \$52,340.12
7. Ceiling Tile Replacement, Hunter Elementary, Slider Construction – \$54,510.00
8. Food Purchases, 2019-20, per state & district contracts – \$10,500,000.00
9. Software Maintenance, School Lunch Program, PCS Revenue – \$57,502.68
10. Heated Mobile & Transport Cabinets, Child Nutrition, Restaurant & Store – \$350,250.00
11. Calculators & Software Systems, College & Career Readiness, RH Enterprises – \$160,573.50
12. WhyTry Program Software & Training, WhyTry LLC – \$57,400.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Architectural Services, Lake Ridge Security Upgrade, GSBS Architects – \$56,420.00
2. Recycling & Waste Collection, Republic Services, Inc. – \$446,415.51
3. AVID College Preparatory System, AVID Center – \$62,985.00
4. IT Programming Services, TEK Systems – \$160,000.00
5. Professional Services, Behavior Response & Support Team, University of Utah – \$303,283.00
6. School-Based Mental Health Care, Valley Mental Health – \$106,700.00

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Administrative Appointment, effective August 1, 2019

Dave Vande Veegaete

Director, Adult Ed

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary, FY19 – \$67,056,209.68, FY20 – \$6,531,532.38
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers, \$45,903,248.16
3. Principals' Cash Report – May 2019

Comprehensive Support & Improvement Plans

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

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn introduced Dave Vande Veegaete, the new administrative appointee.

INFORMATION ITEM

Population Analysis Committee Report

Steve Hogan, Planning & Boundaries Director, reviewed the current boundary studies.

Riverfront/Roosevelt study: The new school will open Fall 2020. The proposal is to have the east side of the current Roosevelt boundary attend Mill Creek Elementary. With a few students coming from Granger and Rolling Meadows Elementaries, combining with the west side of the current Roosevelt boundary, the total new school enrollment is expected to be approximately 580. An open house will be scheduled in September at Roosevelt for public input.

Bangerter Corridor South study: The new South Kearns school will open Fall 2020 with a capacity of 650. Currently the enrollment of South Kearns is 325. In order to adhere to elementary best practices of having a minimum of 3 teachers per grade, options need to be considered. Mr. Hogan reviewed other small school concerns. The preferred option of the Population Analysis Committee (PAC) is the “close Westbrook” option. The recommendation to consider the Westbrook closure was approved by board action in the June 11, 2019 Board of

Education meeting. An open house will be scheduled in September at Westbrook. (Exhibit #2001)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Kaleb Knobel, 6488 Westbrook Drive, Taylorsville. He spoke representing his family and several neighbors. The neighborhood was built around the school. It is more than just a school, it's the only green space in the area. Expressed concerns of future middle and high schools grade changes and how the many changes may affect students. There are walking safety and transportation concerns. Other elementary schools cross Bangerter, why has Westbrook been singled out? There are other schools that have a smaller student population than Westbrook. Small classrooms are a plus rather than a negative. Property values would be affected.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to consider the closure of Sandburg or Jackling Elementary School as part of the Population Analysis Study

Steve Hogan reviewed the Sandburg/Jackling/Hunter study area. Currently Sandburg has 1.5 teachers per grade, Jackling has 2 teachers per grade and Hunter has 3 teachers per grade. Mr. Hogan shared a site comparison of the Jackling and Sandburg buildings and properties. Part of the comparison showed the Facility Condition Index (FCI) rating. The Sandburg site received an 8 FCI rating out of 100, with 100 being the best, Jacking received 61.

Board members asked if the FCI evaluation teams for both schools were the same or different. The same company conducted the evaluations but it is not known if the teams were the same. Jackling was originally built as an open classroom building. Since that time, walls have been built to make individual classrooms. This resulted in some classrooms having no windows and only one door. Would that make any difference in the FCI rating? The evaluation team conducted an Education Adequacy rating which looked at natural light, carpeting, technology, etc. There is not a large disparity in the overall Education Adequacy ratings between the two buildings. Safety upgrades have occurred at Jackling, they have not begun at Sandburg.

Mr. Hogan reviewed the options of closing Jackling and closing Sandburg. The Sandburg closing is the PAC's preferred option. The PAC recommends notice be given that the board is considering closure of Jackling or Sandburg and directs staff to conduct open houses at both schools. This notice is in accordance with SB245.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mycka Murphy, 5520 W Karma Ave, West Valley City. She understands the small building concerns. The community voted for the bond so that Sandburg could be rebuilt. She urged the board to follow through with what was promised with the bond.

Linda Hansen, State School Board Member, 5149 Village Wood Drive, West Valley City. She has been getting a lot of phone calls about the issue from Sandburg patrons. There are win-win scenarios and she urged the board to look at them. There are safety concerns with walking routes. She thanked the board for their work and asked that they remember that schools are not just buildings but part of the community.

Kimi Sorensen, 4929 W 3850 S, West Valley City. She shared statistics regarding registered sex offenders living in the two school areas. Jackling has 24 sex offenders living within the school boundaries with 21 of those being child offenders. There are 7 sex offenders living within the Sandburg school boundaries with 5 of those being child offenders. There are 64 sex offenders living within a one-mile radius of Jackling and 34 living within a one-mile radius of Sandburg. As a parent, those numbers do not offer safe walking routes to Jackling. She would like more information about bus routes.

Board discussion: If we close a school, how does that effect the rebuild list? When we published the rebuild list it was clearly our intent to follow the schedule. Due to rising construction costs the projects might be postponed or delayed, not cancelled. The board can choose to move or change the order of school rebuilds.

President Winder discussed a 3rd option or hybrid model of a temporary closing of Sandburg while keeping Sandburg on the rebuild list. Students would attend Jackling during the temporary closing. We need to be wise and fiscally responsible to all district taxpayers. Board members were open to this new option and look forward to receiving community input on this idea or any other options constituents may have.

The rebuild list was developed using a cash flow model. Jackling has a longer lifespan, it is the best school physically compared to Sandburg and it has the capacity to house Sandburg students.

Motion: I move we notice the public that the board is considering the closure of Jackling or Sandburg Elementary and direct staff to conduct open houses.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

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

Doug Larson reviewed the policy which was presented as a First Reading in June. The policy will need to be updated as the State Board Rule evolves.

Motion: I move we accept the Fees in Public School Policy as a Second Reading.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article II.L. Implementation of Standards & Objectives

Doug Larson reminded board members this policy was tabled in June as a Second Reading. Ultimately this policy is intended to create clear District-wide expectations for student learning.

Motion: **I move we postpone discussion on Implementation of Standards and Objectives until August.**

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Board discussion: This policy contains Board expectations. It is important that this direction is officially approved for the beginning of the school year.

Gayleen Gandy stated “**I withdraw my second.**”

Motion: **I move we accept the Implementation of Standards and Objectives.**

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Grade Reconfiguration Process

Superintendent Bates talked about the grade reconfiguration process which was put into place a number of years ago. At that time, Superintendent Bates received instruction from the Board to bring grade reconfiguration proposals to the board *only* with complete unanimity among school community councils within the network making the proposal. Since that time, there have been discussions and inquiries if complete unanimity is still necessary for grade reconfiguration. Superintendent Bates asked for board direction to reconsider this step. (Exhibit #2002)

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that this item be placed on the August meeting agenda as an Information Item. This presentation will represent the administration’s best thinking on the reconfiguration process.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates: He reminded board members of the July 31 opening administrator meeting at Kearns High School, 8:30 a.m.

Connie Burgess: As she read the Comprehensive Support & Improvement Plans she realized the amount of work and effort that goes into the plans. Kudos to the schools and good luck in getting the plans accomplished.

Connie Anderson: She was able to attend a Roosevelt Elementary collaboration framework session, very good to be there. She suggested the board look at a superintendent evaluation and goals for the new school year at an upcoming study session.

Nicole McDermott: She attended the Jackling open house and she thanked those who were there. She was able to emcee an Introduction to Band/Orchestra concert. It was fun to be involved and to see the great job of the teachers and students who participated.

Todd Zenger: He has been attending the meetings of the Joint Legislature Committee as they plan for the next legislative session. He attended a State Tax Restructuring Taskforce meeting where he was involved with developing a statement for legislators, prioritizing education.

Karyn Winder: She attended the Executive Committee conference for NFUSSD with the superintendent. It was good to discuss common educational issues. The annual NFUSSD conference will be in Topeka, October 13-15, 2019. The USBA Leadership Academy will be September 12-14, 2019.

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 9:37 p.m.