

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
August 6, 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 5:04 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

Long Range Capital Outlay Plan: Impact of Cost Increases

Don Adams explained that the initial dollar amounts used for remodel/rebuild projections for our 2017 bond election were based on building costs 2009 through 2015. Since 2015, costs have increased 10-12% per year resulting in a 60% increase in 2019. The increased costs will have an impact on our remodel/rebuild timeline.

Four options were briefly mentioned:

- Extend implementation of Phase 1 remodel/rebuild timeline
- Look at cost savings reductions, build less expensive buildings
- Remove schools from the project list
- Add more revenue by re-bonding starting in 2023 (Don reminded board members that beginning in 2022 continuing through 2032, Granite will begin shifting debt service to capital.)

Board members asked for a more in-depth discussion during the September study session. Where might cost savings occur? What might a delayed building schedule look like? Can we make changes now to the two high school rebuilds that will save funds? Are there cost savings in the design? Board members also asked about school capacity, student populations and projections. (Exhibit #2003)

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:

Kari Montoya	Region V PTA
Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Andrea Inglebery	GAEOP
Michelle Raymond	GAEOP
Terri Roylance	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Kathy Newton	GEF
Greg Burrow	GESPA
Jessica McClintic	GESPA
Damien Shinsel	GESPA
Sarah Timpson	Middle Manager
Brigitte Harper	Child Nutrition
Josh Moulton	Child Nutrition

Natalie Hansen, School Leadership & Improvement Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Mary Basso	Principal, Kennedy Junior
Jared Broderick	Principal, Truman Elementary
Lynette Golze	Principal, Whittier Elementary
Jennifer Keil-Reed	Principal, Upland Terrace
Afton Lambson	Principal, Spring Lane Elementary
Julie Lorentzon	Principal, Twin Peaks Elementary
Kristie Reather	Principal, Wright Elementary
Julie Wilson	Principal, Sandburg Elementary
Jason Rosvall	Assoc Director, YESS
Sheri Branch	Assist Prin, Hunter High
Tysen Fausett	Assist Prin, Kearns High
Christopher Griffith	Assist Prin, Cyprus High
Jami Hutchins	Assist Prin, Taylorsville High
Rebecca Spence	Assist Prin, Redwood Elementary
Lynda Tierney	Assist Prin, Skyline High
Scott Wooldridge	Assist Prin, Kearns High

Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Basso

Reverence: Nicole McDermott introduced Abriel Tuckness, a Cottonwood High student, who performed a pantomime.

RECOGNITION

Ben Horsley introduced Terri Roylance who then introduced Coach Crawford and members of the Cottonwood High Baseball Team. The team recently won the 5A championship.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – Kristie Overson, Mayor of Taylorsville City. Education is important to Taylorsville City with 9 elementary schools, 2 junior highs, 1 senior high plus a community college located in the city. Elementary students take field trips to the Taylorsville Museum, junior high students have taken an interest in the Taylorsville cemetery, and senior high students participate in the Taylorsville Youth Council. The mayor values the partnership the city has with the school district through RDAs. The city recently enhanced the school crosswalk at Zodiac and 4000 West, and they are looking at school zone lights and signage at other crosswalks. The city is watching with interest the school closure possibility and will help to ensure residents stay informed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, July 9, 2019

Purchases:

1. Copy Paper, District Printing Services, Veritiv Operating Company – \$55,000.00
2. Cisco Hardware & Software, Information Systems, ConvergeOne – \$839,316.37
3. Network Hardware Equipment, Information Systems, Valcom – \$106,906.35
4. Language Live Materials, Special Education, Cambium Learning Group/Voyager Sopris Learning – \$56,096.00
5. Software Hosting Services, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – \$50,000.00
6. Three Chevrolet Trucks, Maintenance Departments, Young Chevrolet – \$76,368.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Medicaid Claiming Services & Support, Public Consulting Group – \$150,000.00
2. Small Roofing Repairs, North Face Roofing, Conwest Inc, All Weather Waterproofing, as needed, each repair under \$50,000.00.
3. Track Repairs, Hunter High, Wall2Wall – \$123,737.00
4. CO2 Supply Services, School Swimming Pools, Fizz N Foam CO2 – \$40,000.00

Change Order:

1. Architectural Services, Roosevelt & South Kearns Elementary, VCBO Architects – \$242,191.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$63,106,626.81
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$23,619,542.18
3. Principals' Cash Report – June 2019
4. Monthly Budget Report – June 2019

Student Travel Exception, Hunter High School Gear Head Students

Bond Funding for the Hunter High Addition

Motion: I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

Gradebook App

Linda Mariotti gave this report on two apps – Canvas and Gradebook. There is a mobile version of Canvas, which includes a teacher app, a student app and a parent app. For Gradebook, the vendor is adding Proficiency Based Grading (PBG) information to the current app and will mirror what is in Gradebook. A parent will be able to see their student's schedule, a summary of traditional grades and/or PBG plus the assessments tied to course standards. A prototype should be available in September. After we test the prototype and refine it, the app will be made available to parents.

Grade Reconfiguration Process

Ben Horsley explained a consistent concern many community members have expressed in the more than 100 reconfiguration meetings he has attended is that the current process for bringing a grade reconfiguration recommendation to the board is convoluted and too difficult. In conversation with Superintendent Bates, a new process has been developed, which Mr. Horsley shared with the board.

Primarily, a formal recommendation may be brought to the board from 75% of school community councils (SCC) within a network to reconfigure grades. The recommendation will be first brought to the board as an information item, then come back a second time as an action item, thus giving community members ample time for input and board members time to review the recommendation. (Exhibit #2004)

There was discussion on the equity of each school having an equal vote and also making sure that all SCCs have the opportunity to discuss with other SCCs in the network any concerns they may have. After a lengthy conversation, two board members voiced continuing concerns with the new process. This will be the process used going forward.

FIRST READINGS

Article V.C.1.b. Turnaround Plans for Low Performing Schools

Doug Larson explained this policy which gives schools direction on how to proceed after being identified as low performing. It provides a more simplified version of the state statute. A board member is required to participate on the school's turnaround committee. Mr. Larson will review the statute to confirm if the board member must be precinct specific for the school.

Motion: **I move we approve the Turnaround Plans for Low Performing Schools as a First Reading.**

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article X.A.12. Wellness, Nutrition and Competitive Foods

This policy is a combination of two existing outdated policies. With this policy, we will be in compliance with federal laws.

Motion: **I move we accept Wellness, Nutrition and Competitive Foods as a First Reading.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

Don Adams introduced Carolyn Harshman, President of Emergency Planning Consultants, who has been instrumental in preparing Granite District's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. With board approval of this plan we will be able to apply for FEMA grant funding to make mitigation improvements. Mitigation includes actions taken to eliminate or minimize threats associated with hazards. Ms. Harshman presented a few potential hazards and mitigation actions for each. (Exhibit #2005)

Motion: **I move we adopt the 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates: Mentioned a video produced by our Communications Department, What parents should know about apps. Recognition from the National School Public Relations Association was received for the video. The superintendent's message to the administrators will be presented to teachers next week. The Utah School Boards Association delegate assembly is this weekend.

Terry Bawden: He appreciated attending the administrator meeting. He requested a mid-year report on coaching.

Gayleen Gandy: Thank you for both videos: the administrator conference video and the parent app video.

Connie Burgess: She participated in a district workshop last week, focusing on coaching. Our district is grasping the coaching idea. The shift to coaching is helpful and encouraging.

Connie Anderson: She visited the summer lunch program. It's an amazing program with some locations offering breakfast and lunch. The tile display in the art gallery this summer has been amazing. The tile pictures will be moved to Olympus High soon. It was a great day at the administrator meeting, good to be able to visit with principals. We have incredible, concerned, capable principals.

Nicole McDermott: She attended the Olympus meeting on reconfiguration and she appreciates the concerned parents. She thanked Ben Horsley for his work.

Todd Zenger: Appreciates Linda Mariotti for her extraordinary efforts.

Karyn Winder: Leadership Academy is September 12-14, 2019. The NFUSSD Conference will be October 12-15, 2019. Due to the boundary study open house on September 17, we are changing the date for the September study session – it will now be held on September 24th. She attended the SBO luncheon with the superintendent. There was great energy and excitement for the coming year. She mentioned the success of the health clinic which is a great benefit for our employees.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.