

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
November 12, 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 5:00 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Connie Burgess	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Nicole McDermott	Board Member
Todd Zenger	Board Member

Gayleen Gandy, Board Member, was excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Student Enrollment

Kieth Bradshaw, Student Accounting Director, presented a report on student enrollment. On October 1, 2019, Granite District had 63,989 students enrolled, a decrease of 292 from last year. Principals attribute the decrease to families moving out of the area, special permits and charter schools. There are approximately 9,850 students living within Granite District boundaries who attend charter schools. (Exhibit #2015) Board members asked if principals are marketing their schools like charter schools. While we cannot spend public funds like charter schools do in advertising, most principals are promoting their schools with the help of the Communications Department and School Community Councils (SCC). Board members asked for the number of students who return to Granite schools from charter schools. John Welburn will gather this information.

New Contract Days Report

Rick Anthony explained the intent of adding three professional development days throughout the year. The days will provide frequent intervals to revisit professional learning topics. Reviewing the survey results from administrators and teachers regarding scheduling the days, all groups indicated a preference to hold the days in months other than end of term months. (Exhibit #2016)

This information has been shared with the calendar committee which will present calendar options during the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Educational Support Professionals Day

Ben Horsley mentioned that November 20, 2019 has been designated as Utah Education Support Professionals Day. The board asked that this recognition be repeated during the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

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, with the exception of Gayleen Gandy, were present.

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, was also in attendance. Ben Horsley welcomed Marjorie Cortez from the Deseret News.

Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Kari Montoya	Region V PTA
Gayna Breeze	GAEOP
Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Diane Roberts	GAEOP
Terri Royslance	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Carrie Johnson	GEF
Greg Burrows	GESPA
Sarah Timpson	Middle Manager
Matt Anderson	Child Nutrition
Felicity Black	Child Nutrition

Tina West, School Leadership & Improvement Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Andy Carbaugh	Principal, Frost Elementary
Karly Chavez	Principal, Lake Ridge Elementary
Tyler Howe	Principal, West Lake Junior
Cecilia Jabakumar	Principal, Fremont Elementary
Dianne Phillips	Principal, Vista Elementary
Terri Royslance	Principal, Cottonwood High
Katy Timothy	Principal, West Kearns Elementary
Allison Banks	Assist Prin, Stansbury Elementary
Timothy Clark	Assist Prin, Granite Park Junior
Katrina Gillespie	Assist Prin, Whittier Elementary
Rebecca Ibarra	Assist Prin, Kennedy Junior

Geoff Murdock
Andrew Schafer
Colin Williamson

Assist Prin, Skyline High
Intern Assist, Granger High
Intern Assist, Academy Park & Rolling Meadows
Elems
Intern Assist, Bennion Junior

Andrea Winn

Pledge of Allegiance: Karly Chavez

Reverence: Principal Aaron Wilson, Granite Park Junior, shared a video prepared by Granite Park students, which honored veterans.

RECOGNITION

National Smokey Bear Poster Contest Winner

Ben Horsley introduced Ben Peters, principal of Rosecrest Elementary, who introduced Penny Atkinson, a student at Rosecrest Elementary, who was recognized as winning the National Smokey Bear Poster Contest.

Educational Support Professionals Day

At the request of the Board, this recognition from the 5:00 meeting, was repeated during the 7:00 p.m. meeting. A short video highlighting support professionals was shared. The board recognized and thanked the support professionals in Granite District.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – Kristie Overson, Mayor of Taylorsville City, expressed appreciation for how well the schools and city work together. She cited several examples, including school safety, visits to city hall and Red Ribbon Week where the schools, community and city are working together.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – see below

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, October 1 & 22, 2019

Purchases:

1. Graduation Caps & Gowns, Jostens – \$97,713.00
2. Security Upgrades, Elk Run Elementary & Armstrong Academy, Wasatch West Contracting – \$349,730.00 (Elk Run), Old Granite Innovations – \$325,305.93 (Armstrong)
3. School Visitor Access Management, School Gate Guardian – \$170,650.67

Award of Contracts:

1. GEC Lobby & Café Remodel, Slider Construction – \$478,187.00
2. Playground Surfacing, Rocky Mountain Recreation – \$500,000.00
3. Architectural Services, Cyprus & Skyline Remodels, ELEVATE Architectural Consortium – \$13,477,770.00
4. Press Box Construction & Coaches Office Remodel, Hunter High, Wasatch West Contracting – \$1,025,492.00
5. Optiflow Software Support, Upland Software – \$53,013.73
6. Microsoft Premier Software Support, Microsoft Corporation – \$98,048.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$12,013,006.45
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$66,260,044.53
3. Principals' Cash Report – September 2019

UDOT Easement, SE Corner of Fox Hills Property

LAND Trust Amendments

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

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

2021-2022 School Calendars

Tina West and Craig Stauffer, School Leadership & Improvement Directors, shared the results from a calendar survey which has been available since October 9, 2019. This survey received over 7,000 responses and included questions on start dates, ending dates, length of winter break, spring break and Thanksgiving break. (Exhibit #2017) Considering the survey results, two calendars were developed by the calendar committee. The calendars will be published online and solicited for comment through January. The results will be shared during the February 4th board meeting.

FIRST READINGS

Steve Hogan, Planning & Boundaries Director, reviewed the process of a population analysis study and the work accomplished by the committee members, including community outreach, prior to developing board recommendations. The three boundary areas studied this year will be effective Fall 2020. (Exhibit #2018)

Population Analysis Committee Recommendation for Jackling/Sandburg/Hunter Study

Currently Sandburg, with an enrollment of 245 students, has 1.5 teachers per grade; Jackling has 350 students with 2 teachers per grade; Hunter has an enrollment of 480 students and has 2.5 teachers per grade. A site comparison of the Jackling and Sandburg buildings and properties, including a Facility Condition Index (FCI), gives Jackling a 61 rating and Sandburg an 8 rating (with 100 being the best). The Population Analysis Committee (PAC) recommends closing Sandburg.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Autumn Augustus, 4462 Nancy Drive, WVC. She is a volunteer at Jackling. There is a

disturbing trend of closing schools. It's good to keep as many schools open as possible. In previous meetings it's been stated that combining the schools will offer more resources and opportunities for the kids and she looks forward to seeing that happen. The staff at Jackling is positive about the change. There are many good things happening at Jackling.

Brittany Bixby, 4484 W Nancy Drive, WVC. She is the new PTA president at Jackling Elementary. She looks forward to welcoming Sandburg students to the school. She urges the board to be financially responsible in making this decision. More teachers per grade level will provide more opportunities for students.

Motion: I move we close Sandburg but keep the school on the Phase I list for future discussion.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Board discussion: It is a difficult decision to close a school. The Jackling building is in better condition, they urge Sandburg patrons to give Jackling a try. They hope parents will get involved and make the move positive. They hope the Jackling community will reach out to the Sandburg community. The Phase I rebuild of Sandburg will be in approximately 12 years. By leaving Sandburg on the list, it will be up to a future board to look at neighborhoods, the students, the enrollments, etc., and make the decision of whether to rebuild Sandburg at that time. Board members thanked patrons for the emails and phone calls.

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Population Analysis Committee Recommendation for Bangerter Corridor South Study

The PAC avoids school boundaries that straddle the Bangerter Highway when possible and also considers small school concerns. PAC recommends closing Westbrook Elementary and adjusting the boundaries of South Kearns, Fox Hills, Bennion and Arcadia Elementary Schools.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Kari Montoya, 6464 S 4160 W, Taylorsville. She has students attending Fox Hills, Westbrook and Bennion Junior. Both options involve students crossing Bangerter Highway, parents have the option to special permit to any school. Westbrook fits her family better. There is such a community feeling at Westbrook. She asked what happens to junior high students when the boundary change happens. Grade reconfiguration brings more questions, and the rebuild of Arcadia slated for 2022 brings additional questions. She asked the board not to rubber stamp this recommendation.

Kaleb Knobel, 6488 Westbrook Drive, Taylorsville. The scope of the study has many problems. What happens to middle school and high schools? Fox Hills would become a split school with kids going to Kearns and Bennion Junior Highs. There is a drug rehab clinic very close to the walking bridge. There are no sidewalks on the proposed safe walking route on 3200 West, this will lead to increased accidents. There is a feeling of betrayal in the community. The only open

house that addressed the closure took place in September. He urged the board to wait a year and conduct the study correctly. Preschool and special education have classes at Westbrook, the local schools are full, he asked where these programs will be placed.

Board discussion: This is very difficult and affects a lot of kids. The feeder system in place will have all the students attending Bennion Junior. When the study first started, the “keep the same boundary” option was the only option studied. It was during SCC meetings that school closure was first mentioned. When and if reconfiguration occurs, there will be an impact on the total school enrollment, but the numbers of teachers per grade level will stay consistent. There is a good chance of both reconfigurations (Kearns and Taylorsville networks) happening at the same time. Board members urged the PAC and SCCs to have conversations with Taylorsville City regarding a skybridge. Regarding the drug residential center, the residents are in recovery and have rules to follow. There is staff on duty 24/7 and the board hopes that future conversations with the center will address student safety. From the time closure was discussed, Fox Hills has been getting ready for the change and they are ready to welcome the Westbrook community. As we have declining enrollment, we have to make these difficult decisions.

Motion: **Based on the recommendation of the PAC, I move we close Westbrook school.**

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Population Analysis Committee Recommendation for Roosevelt/Riverfront Study

The new school opens Fall 2020. The PAC’s proposal is to have the east side of the current Roosevelt boundary become part of the Mill Creek boundary, the west side of the current Roosevelt boundary attend the new school, along with a portion of Granger and Rolling Meadows Elementaries.

Motion: **I move we accept the PAC recommendations for the new school.**

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Board clarification: This is a K-5 school, the feeder will be Granite Park and Granger High. If and when Valley Junior goes through with reconfiguration, then students would attend Valley.

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Skyline/Cyprus Design

Don Adams explained value engineering principals involved with the rebuilds of Cyprus and

Skyline high schools. As reducing square footage brings about the greatest savings, building the school to the correct size becomes a challenge. The expenditures today will impact all planned bond improvements. The board needs to be frugal with taxpayer funds so that expectations across the district can be realized in terms of remodels and rebuilds of other schools. Mr. Adams shared an exhibit with “yes”, “maybe” and “no” recommendations. The “yes” recommendations were colored green. He explained the recommendation of implementing a new design for Skyline with 86 teaching stations, a slight decrease of 64 parking stalls, and decreasing the guest seating capacity in the stadium by 200. The Cyprus design will continue as planned with 107 teaching stations. Mr. Adams also explained the Phase I remodel/rebuild schedule and how reducing expenditures on the high school rebuilds will enable us to preserve the Phase I timing for the next three elementary remodels. (Exhibit #2019)

Board members asked about the reduction of parking stalls. Mill Creek City is willing to stripe parking stalls on Virginia Street as overflow parking, which would add more than the 64 stall decrease in the new recommendation.

Motion: **I move we split this (the two schools/projects) into two motions.**

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Opposed: Terry Bawden
Results: Motion passed

Motion: **I move we approve the budgeted amount for Skyline of 127,179,560 and have the ability to adjust the items listed (in the green column) that do not impact phase I, if it is in the best interest in the project.**

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

A clarification by Don Adams: Parking and auditorium rigging have the greatest amount of time flexibility. All other items listed are time critical.

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: **I move we approve the budgeted amount for Cyprus of 145,385,000 and have the ability to adjust the items listed (in the green column) that do not impact phase I, if it is in the best interest in the project.**

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BOARD HEARING/ACTION

Donnette McNeill-Waters presented information on current salaries of school boards and city council salaries. Granite's current board salary is \$3,000 annually and has been this amount since 1997. (Exhibit #2020)

The board convened a hearing to discuss board compensation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

France Barral, 3205 E Oak Cliff Drive. The presentation did not include a comparison of teacher and administrator salaries to other districts. It would be important to see the amounts.

Meredith Harker, Taylorsville City Council and Granite District teacher. She has taught in Granite District for over 20 years and she has seen many improvements during that time. Board work is hard work and it's politically difficult to give yourself a raise, but it's deserved. We want good people to be on the board.

Gayna Breeze, Planning & Boundaries Department. The website Utah.gov shows board salaries as \$4,080 plus benefits. She asked what makes up the difference. She thanked the board for their work.

Kari Montoya, PTA Region Director. She is surprised to learn that board members receive compensation. She thought it was volunteer work, similar to PTA service.

No further public comment was received and the hearing was closed. President Winder called for discussion or a motion.

Motion: I make a motion that we have a one-time increase equal to 20% of a 1st year teacher salary, raising the salary from \$3,000 per year to \$8,696.

Made by: Connie Anderson

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Board discussion: It is difficult to give yourself a raise. Future boards need to know their time is of value. The board is elected to make difficult decisions and the salary is a modest way to compensate in this work.

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

This change is effective beginning January 1, 2020.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORT

Superintendent Bates: Assistant Superintendent Linda Mariotti's funeral will be tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. There had been a study session scheduled for next Tuesday. The Foundation has invited the board to tour their donation distribution center at that time. He invited board members to participate in the tour.

Connie Burgess: The Granite Park Veterans Day program was great as well as other schools' programs.

Nicole McDermott: She attended the Granite Park Veterans Day program and a school play at Taylorsville. Thanked the PTA for red ribbon week.

Todd Zenger: There is a sadness at the loss of Linda Mariotti who served our district with great energy. She will be sorely missed.

Connie Anderson: The Granite Park Veterans Day Assembly included a Moss Elementary choir. With so much diversity, she realized again how valuable all children are to our district. She thanked all those who volunteered during the Day of Caring at Cottonwood High and Spring Lane. She had a good PBG discussion with the principal at Hunter High. She attended plays presented by Latinos in Action at Hunter High. This gives kids an opportunity to participate in a production who might not have the opportunity otherwise. She also thanked the support professionals in the district.

Karyn Winder: She has had good visits with the schools in her precinct. Last week she was invited to speak to the State Board regarding the two Turnaround schools in our District, Kennedy Jr. and Redwood. Overall it went very well. We are making progress and it was a privilege to speak to the state board. She thanked our board members as they tackle hard issues. Each board member brings individual strengths and collectively we have a very good board.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Connie Anderson

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.