

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
February 4, 2020

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 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

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

Terry Bawden, Board Member, arrived shortly after introductions, and Todd Zenger, 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
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, Donnette McNeill-Waters, Human Resource Director, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Annual Assessment Report

Rob Averett, Student Assessment Director, Sara Grajeda and Kaylea Drake, Research Analysts, presented this report. Five-year Readiness, Improvement, Success, Empowerment (RISE) assessment trends in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science were shown. Due to the glitches in state testing last year, Granite's results are slightly lower than state averages.

The Utah Aspire Plus assessment show Granite's results are very similar to those of the state. This test is intended to predict how a student will do on the ACT. The 5-year trend of ACTs show that Granite's students are doing well but behind the state and nation. Advanced Placement trends show that three Granite schools, Olympus, Skyline and Taylorsville, exceed the state average every year.

The Student Assessment Department has been conducting quantitative internal research for the past 5 years, specifically asking if outside interventions are serving the district. Research indicated that some schools were not using interventions fully; those schools have since stopped using specific interventions, thus realizing a significant savings. The department has also studied

the correlation between Granite's benchmarks and the State's student growth percentile. There is a high correlation between the two, validating the value of Granite's benchmarks. (Exhibit #2028)

Reorganization

Superintendent Bates shared a new district office organizational chart. There is an emphasis on coaching and continuous improvement. (Exhibit #2029) This new organization should serve the District well for the next 6-8 years.

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 Todd Zenger, were present. Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Kari Montoya	Region V PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Michelle Raymond	GAEOP
Diane Roberts	GAEOP
John Anderson	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Kathy Newton	GEF
Damien Shinsel	GESPA
Sarah Timpson	Middle Manager
Felicity Black	Child Nutrition
September Hogan	Child Nutrition

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

John Anderson	Principal, Wasatch Junior
Scott Bell	Principal, Kearns Junior
Amber Clayton	Principal, Granger Elementary
Teri Daynes	Principal, Fox Hills Elementary
Wendy Lovell	Principal, Western Hills Elementary
Anne Reese	Principal, Morningside Elementary
Judith Simmons-Kissell	Principal, Moss Elementary
Kip Carlsen	Assist Prin, Jefferson Junior
Renee DeHaan	Assist Prin, Plymouth & Smith Elems
Tim Mundt	Assist Prin, Skyline High
Cory Martin	Assist Prin, Hunter High
Brandon Moore	Assist Prin, Kennedy Junior
John Workman	Assist Prin, Olympus High

Pledge of Allegiance: Wendy Lovell

Reverence: Smith Elementary Lions Dance Team

RECOGNITION

Secondary Median Growth Percentile (MGP) Schools

Ben Horsley recognized the principals and staff from Evergreen and Wasatch Junior High Schools. The schools were the top MGP junior high schools for 2019.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – Kristie Overson, Mayor of Taylorsville City, gave Superintendent Bates an official notice of interest that Taylorsville City is interested in purchasing the Westbrook Elementary property if it is declared surplus by Granite District.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

President Winder called on Kathy Newton, a Granite Education Foundation Board Member, to share a letter of thanks received from a family who has benefited from receiving assistance from Granite Education Foundation.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, January 7 & 21, 2020

Purchases:

1. Floor Tile, Cottonwood Elementary, McRae Sales & Distributing – \$53,347.84
2. Boiler Replacement, Westbrook Elementary, Archer Construction – \$184,683.00
3. Bus Wash Upgrade, Transportation Department, Grand Enterprises – \$519,874.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Software Support for District Financial System, Quintessential School Systems – \$152,784.00
2. Architectural Services, Oakridge Elementary Security Upgrade, GSBS Architects – \$122,150.00
3. Security Upgrade, Lake Ridge Elementary, Old Granite Innovations – \$521,001.99

Change Order:

1. Driggs Elementary Remodel, Judd Construction – \$105,499.42

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Administrative Appointments/Transfers

Appointments, effective February 5, 2020

Jennifer Christensen	Principal, Matheson Junior
Robin Tenbrink	Assist Prin, Cyprus High

Appointment, effective July 1, 2020

Ben Anderson	Principal, Granite Technical Institute
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Transfers, effective February 5, 2020

Dawn Hauser

Administrator on Special Assignment, Proficiency
Based Learning

Noelle Converse

Director, Curriculum

Transfer, effective July 1, 2020

Mitch Nerdin

Principal, Skyline High

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$6,509,483.88
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$177,359,408.28
3. Principals' Cash Report – December 2019
4. Monthly Budget Report – December 2019

Sale of CTE House, 378 E Terra Sol Drive, South Salt Lake City

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

Individuals receiving administrative appointments were introduced.

ACTION ITEMS

2021-2022 School Calendars

Tina West reported on the results of the general calendar survey, which was available for input January 2-22, 2020. Over 9,800 responses were received, a large increase from prior years. Tina reviewed the most common comments. The majority (54.06%) of those who participated in the survey voted in favor of the Calendar B option. (Exhibit #2030)

Board members discussed the both Calendar A & B options along with the survey comments. They ultimately agreed to go with the majority vote, Calendar B option.

Motion: I move we accept Calendar B.

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Board members further discussed the possible move of the Teacher Contract Day (TCD) scheduled for November 19. With just 2 school days the following week, due to Thanksgiving, there is a good possibility that families might take the entire week off for the holiday, especially if November 19 was a student recess day.

There was also discussion about moving the Student Education Plan (SEP) conference from February 14, Valentine's Day.

After discussion there was an amendment to the original motion:

Motion: I move we accept Calendar B with the following changes: Moving the November 19 TCD to November 29, 2021 and moving the SEP week from February 14-17 to February 7-10, 2022. The Compensatory Day will also be moved from February 18 to February 11, and the February 11 TCD moved to February 22, 2022.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Board members directed Ben Horsley to make available online all survey comments.

Population Analysis Committee Study List

Steve Hogan, Planning & Boundaries Director, reported that the Population Analysis Committee (PAC) does not see a need to develop a particular study area this year. In July 2019, an outside third-party agency was approved to study the entire district, to make forecasts and recommendations for the next 3-5 years. The PAC is recommending a review of this data, expected by June 2020, to provide a solid foundation for future planning. There will also be a review of our current Population Analysis policy, and school building functional capacity and utilization conducted. (Exhibit #2031)

This item was listed as an Action Item on the agenda, however no Action was required.

V.C.14. Code of Conduct

Doug Larson reminded board members that this new policy, required by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) rules, is designed to help employees maintain appropriate contact with students.

Motion: I move we approve the Code of Conduct policy as a Second Reading.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

V.C.1. Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment & Retaliation

Doug Larson explained the changes, focusing primarily with grievance procedures.

Motion: I move we accept V.C1. Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment & Retaliation.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

VIII.B.8. Home School

Doug Larson reviewed this policy which has been updated to comply with USBE requirements that school districts offer state mandated testing for students who are home schooled.

Motion: I move we accept VIII.B.8. Home School policy.

Made by: Nicole McDermott
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BOARD REPORTS

Terry Bawden: He was able to attend a presentation from the Ron McBride Foundation to the Farnsworth Elementary afterschool program. The donation is appreciated.

Gayleen Gandy: Pleasant Green Elementary is opening a mini pantry this Friday.

Connie Anderson: She attended the Eastwood Elementary birthday celebration, kudos to those who take time to prepare programs like this. She is proud of our schools who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Nicole McDermott: She attended several Cottonwood High student-directed performances, they were very well done. She joined a Taylorsville City Council meeting and she thanked Taylorsville City for their commitment to education.

Karyn Winder: She attended the Farnsworth presentation from the Ron McBride Foundation. She was impressed by Ron McBride who spent a lot of his time with individual students. Karyn thanked the schools and volunteers involved with the Souper Bowl of Caring. The District Science Fair was last week, it was fun to feel the students' excitement. She was also able to attend a dinner where the Taylorsville ROTC performed the flag ceremony. It was good to see them in community service.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.