

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
April 7, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in Auditorium D at the Granite Education Center, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Karyn Winder called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m., those participating electronically:

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
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, were in attendance. Kathy Goodfellow and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretaries, were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: John Welburn

Reverence: Karyn Winder shared a message of hope during these times.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, March 23, 2020

Purchases:

1. Auditorium AV Upgrade, Bennion Junior High, General Communications – \$114,991.00
2. Fiber Optic Cabling, Educational Technology, American Technology – \$301,466.00
3. Carpet Tile, Frost Elementary, Shaw Carpet Group – \$73,143.78
4. Carpet Tile, Granite Park Junior High, Shaw Carpet Group – \$66,862.72
5. Disinfectant Tabs, Custodial Services, Waxie Sanitary Supply – \$56,400.00
6. Certification Training, Information Systems, Network Engineers, Directions Training Center – \$50,994.00

Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Agenda.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Todd Zenger asked to remove the Human Sexuality Instructional Materials from the Consent Agenda.

Amended Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Agenda, removing the Human Sexuality Instructional Materials.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: I move to approve the Human Sexuality Instructional Materials as a consent item.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder

<u>For:</u>	<u>Against:</u>
Connie Anderson	Todd Zenger
Terry Bawden	
Connie Burgess	
Gayleen Gandy	
Nicole McDermott	
Karyn Winder	

Results: Motion Passed

INFORMATION ITEMS

District Recycling Program

In his virtual presentation, Don Adams highlighted increased recycling costs and the associated impact. Recycling costs increased substantially since August 2019 and therefore we will no longer participate in single stream recycling. The cost savings will be shifted to green energy options and we will seek grants to support green initiatives. Granite School District continues to be committed to sustainable practices. (Exhibit #2041)

Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) Update

In her virtual presentation, Dawn Hauser, PBL Administrator explained that Granite District began research on PBL in 2011 with pilot programs starting in 2014. Principals are committed to PBL practices and self-imposed dates for full implementation as follows: Elementary 2020-21, Junior High 2019-20, and High school 2020-21 for 9th grade students with subsequent grades being added each year. In March 2020 we surveyed current users of the PBL gradebook. The survey identified challenges and successes teachers have encountered. Our next step is to form focus groups who will study and review the data addressing areas of need and concern. A newly adopted Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities clearly and concisely outlines our district PBL philosophy and expectations. Another helpful resource is the PBL page on the Granite website at <https://www.graniteschools.org/grading/>. (Exhibit #2042)

Board comments:

Nicole McDermott spoke to Dawn and would like to be on the committee for PBL if the board approves.

Terry Bawden thanked Dawn for her efforts and noted there is a lot of work ahead.

Connie Anderson appreciates that our district is willing to change and improve PBL, this gives her so much hope. She appreciates Dawn's work and feels she is so capable and professional.

Connie Burgess thanked Dawn and thinks we are in good hands. The students of Granite District will benefit so much. She is very excited about PBL and the focus on learning instead of grading.

Dawn Hauser shares Karyn's sentiment about a positive future. She invited board members to contact her any time they have questions.

Karyn Winder noted that Dawn asked for the ability to make change when she accepted this position.

ACTION ITEMS

VIII.A.3. Fees in the Public Schools

Doug Larson reminded board members that the updates to this policy are consistent with Utah law. Further modifications may be necessary in the coming year. He recognized the efforts of School Leadership and Improvement directors, accounting, and all involved in this process.

Motion: **I move we approve the Fees in the Public Schools policy**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2020-2021 Elementary & Secondary Fee Schedules

Doug Larson presented the fee schedules and shared a power point which summarized the final fee schedules for high school, junior high and elementary schools. The fees on the schedules are maximums, schools may charge less if they choose to. Budgets will be created and spend plans will be available to parents and will be posted on websites. Lastly, each fee schedule and spend plan will be consistent with district level fee schedules. (Exhibit #2043)

There was discussion regarding Latinos in Action which is implemented differently in each school. Where it is a class there is no fee associated and as a club it will fall under guidelines for club fees.

Doug mentioned that the only fee changes are to the high school instructional rental fee and the junior high instrument rental fee.

Motion: I move we accept the High School, Junior High, and Elementary fee schedules for the 2020-21 school year.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Bates said we have not yet decided about graduations at the University of Utah on May 21 and 22. He turned time to John Welburn to comment on possible graduation recognitions and to Rick Anthony to discuss digital learning. Also, construction projects will be upcoming, please reserve April 21 as a time to meet about those contracts.

John Welburn reported that Jostens has a virtual platform solution for high school graduations. Every school will be able to recognize students individually. The ceremony will be similar to past graduations with recordings of presentations added to the virtual graduation ceremony. Virtual invitations will be available along with a link to the graduation ceremony. We may make wi-fi hubs available at various locations so that all families will be able to access the graduations. Each high school will designate someone to coordinate their virtual graduation using tools provided by Jostens. Counselors will help to make sure student pictures are included in the presentation. Distribution of diplomas could be outside of the school building using social distancing practices. We will still hold a graduation review in a virtual format. We will be flexible about citizenship requirements for graduation. High school principals will meet on Friday, April 10th with Jostens to discuss virtual graduation options.

Rick Anthony highlighted the resources we are providing to teachers as they make digital learning available to our students. On our district site we have two links: distance learning for students and distance learning for teachers. Rick reviewed the site with board members and pointed out the how-to information for google classroom (elementary schools) and Canvas (secondary schools) platforms. The sites include video guides, sharing capabilities, peer examples, templates, and pacing instruction. We continually update and add to the information available on these sites. We do rely on STS and LMETS at our schools to provide additional

support for specific needs and questions. Rick said that we are giving teachers latitude to determine the best ways to assess learning.

Board comments:

Karyn Winder has received many emails citing difficulty accessing links to help implement digital learning and access tutorials about how to use technology resources. Teachers feel they must go outside of our district to find information for distance teaching.

Nicole McDermott thinks we are all trying to find ways to manage and she appreciates that these links and information are available to teachers. She is concerned about the interface between Canvas and Gradebook and she would like these issues addressed and discussed at a future meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Todd Zinger reported that Evergreen Junior did an outstanding performance of *Cinderella*. Rosecrest presented the *Wizard of Oz* and it was magical. Olympus Junior prepared but were unable to present their play. On a school visit he met with Ben Peters, principal at Driggs Elementary who is doing a fantastic job. They are excited about the remodel and reconfiguration of classrooms. Todd congratulated the following Sterling Scholars:

Cindy Phan	English	Skyline High
Sreemanti Dey	Science	Skyline High
Zoe Schramm	Instrumental Music	Olympus High

Connie Anderson attended *Cinderella* at Evergreen Junior. Teachers are stepping up to the plate and doing online learning, thank you to our teachers. She is concerned about students who are unable to participate in online learning. She asked Martin how we are addressing this issue. Martin responded that buses would provide mobile hot spots, aides, hourly employees, and substitute teachers are personally contacting students who have not been participating, and chrome books are still available for checkout.

Connie Burgess said that Eisenhower Junior put on their play for one night, she is thrilled with the students' and teachers' dedication. Teachers are really helping one another out.

Nicole McDermott said Bennion Junior High's *Shrek The Musical* was a fantastic performance. Many other schools were unable to perform due to the Coronavirus restrictions. She appreciates teacher efforts such as teacher parades, zoom meetings, and all they have done. She recognized lunch workers, aides, subs, bus drivers who are all helping, and it shows how it takes a village to accomplish what needs to be done. The Taylorsville reconfiguration meeting was held, but Arcadia was not included in the original survey, but it has been done now. A teacher told Nicole that she feels like everyone has a need for contact and we need to keep this in mind during the current situation. She thanked, Gayleen for her service and appreciates what she has learned from her.

Terry Bawden thanks to teachers, principals, Dr. Bates and his staff, he appreciates what everyone is doing.

Gayleen Gandy lives close to the epicenter of the earthquake and she is grateful we did not have students in school buildings on that day. Her plans have changed over the past month and her mission is now scheduled to start on July 20th.

Karyn Winder attended the Granger High choir concert, it was a very nice evening. She visited several community council meetings recently, thank you to those community councils for their service. A shout out to teachers, we love you and appreciate all your hard work. Also, thanks to our support staff, Don's department has had a busy month with the earthquake, and they are doing all they can to keep our buildings open, clean, and safe. She gave a special message to the class of 2020, "This is a unique circumstance; you have had to navigate many changes to your plans. Thank you for being resilient and we do want to recognize the class of 2020 at each of your high schools." Board members, thanks for learning to do new things. Thanks to the technology department, thank you for your patience with getting us online for this meeting.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.