

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 16, 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 5:03 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
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Rick Anthony

Reverence: Terry Bawden shared this quote; “In the first place God made idiots, that was for practice then he made school boards.” – Mark Twain. Terry expressed that he hopes the public, students and parents feel that we are looking out for them and doing what we can for them.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, May 5, 2020

Purchases:

1. Boxlight LCD Interactive Boards, Granger Elem., Troxell Communications - \$93,729.65
2. Annual Purchase Uniforms, Child Nutrition Employees, BizWear - \$100,000.00
3. Annual Purchase of Milk and Dairy, 2020-21, Dean Foods - \$1,500,000.00
4. Food Purchases, 2020-21, one-time approval - \$10,500,000.00
5. Kitchen Equipment & PAR Stock, Chef Depot - \$453,811.93
6. Calculators, Rovers, & Software, GEAR UP schools, Valley Business - \$135,171.52
7. Computers, 2020-21, one-time approval - \$6,000,000.00
8. District Warehouse purchases, one-time approval - \$3,000,000.00
9. Gymnasium Sound System, Hunter High, Performance Audio - \$57,983.81

10. Language Live, Cambium Learning Group Inc. / Voyager Sopris Learning - \$52,245.40
11. Network Server, Information Systems, ConvergeOne - \$107,052.96
12. School Lunch Credit Card Transaction Fees, PAMS Lunchroom - \$100,000.00
13. School Lunch Program Software Maintenance, PCS Revenue - \$56,944.00
14. Steam Jacketed Kettles, Bates Central Kitchen, Restaurant & Store - \$188,546.08
15. Trucks - 22' Cab and Chassis, Bates Central Kitchen, Rush Truck Centers of Utah - \$247,345.08
16. Trucks – Dodge, Granite Police, Salt Lake Valley Dodge - \$163,488.00
17. Veeam Availability Suite Licenses & Software Maintenance, Summit Partners Utah LLC - \$71,622.69
18. Vehicle Fuel Purchases, 2020-21, State of Utah fuel dispensing program - \$1,200,000.00
19. Virtual Reality Classroom Kits, multiple schools, RobotLab - \$127,110.00
20. Blue Bird School Bus Parts, 2020-21, Bryson Sales & Service - \$150,000.00
21. Bus Wash Upgrade, Transportation, Entelen - \$587,000.00
22. Caterpillar Engine Parts, Transportation, Peterbilt of Utah - \$50,000.00
23. Cooling Chiller, Westbrook Elementary, Commercial Mechanical - \$165,700.00
24. Fertilizing and Weed Control Summer 2020, Brett Miller Landscaping - \$52,340.12
25. Irrigation System Upgrade, Valley Junior High, Turf Sprinkler Company - \$328,640.00
26. Security Camera Equipment, Granite Education Center, Utah Yamas Controls - \$66,980.79
27. Toro Mower, Grounds Department, Turf Equipment & Irrigation - \$92,767.88

Award of Contracts:

1. AVID College Preparatory System, AVID Center, \$65,760.00
2. Cisco Maintenance Renewal, Information Systems, ConvergeOne - \$146,345.00
3. Construction Managers / General Contractors for Repair of Earthquake Damaged Buildings; Hogan, Entelen, Paulsen, Jardine, and Warner - \$5,859,513.00
4. District-wide USDA Smart Snacks Compliant Vending Services, Pepsi Bottling Group (beverages) and T & B Vending (snacks)
5. EasyTrac Medicaid Claiming, Special Education, Public Consulting Group, Inc. - \$150,000.00
6. ESL Endorsement Program Coordination Services, Cutting Edge Education, LLC - \$87,150.00
7. Firewall System, Information Systems, DirSec, Inc. - \$226,050.00
8. GoalView Software Renewal, Special Education, Public Consulting Group, Inc. - \$70,000.00
9. Ivanti and Ivanti/Appsense Software Maintenance and Support, Network Consulting Services - \$106,365.00
10. Microsoft Azure Software Maintenance, Insight Public Sector - \$104,710.15
11. Professional Services for Behavior Response and Support Team Project, University of Utah - \$203,530.00
12. School-Based Mental Health Care, Special Education, Valley Mental Health - \$106,700.00
13. Utah Parent Center - \$53,890.00

Change Orders:

1. Hunter High Change Order for New Addition, Bud Mahas Construction - \$73,508.26
2. Granite Park Junior High Change Order for Remodel, Warner and Associates - \$224,945.60
3. Waste and Recycling Services Change Order - \$80,000.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Reappointment of Superintendent
4. Administrative Appointments/Transfers

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers
3. Change Order Summary Report
4. Monthly Budget Report – May 31, 2020

2021 Board Meeting Schedule

Property Purchase, 552 East 3785 South

Perkins V Re-authorization Needs Assessment – (Exhibit #2048)

School LAND Trust Amendments

Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Agenda.

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Class Scenarios for Fall 2020 Update (Exhibit #2049)

John Welburn presented information to the board based on feedback from superintendents, USBE, and the governor's office. Our plans mirror state color codes; red, orange, yellow and green. The USBE and governor's office will update recommendations at the end of June. The board discussed options and challenges for holding class, especially during a yellow phase. If absolutely necessary, half a school's students would attend in person Monday and Wednesday and the other half on Tuesday and Thursday with all students receiving distance education on Friday and when not attending in person.

Rick Anthony shared some of the challenges of distance learning. We surveyed teachers and received more than 1,000 responses. The top areas of concern will drive our planning for the coming school year. The work this summer will be to build our learning library and menu items for professional learning. Resources will be shared through Canvas with all teachers (including elementary). Distance learning to elementary students will be delivered through Google classroom and to secondary students through Canvas.

Board Members expressed concerns about a possible split attendance model. They are aware that many parents want their students to attend school every day for consistency and that a split schedule presents difficulties for families planning for supervision of their children. Also, parents

are concerned about the health and safety of students who will be attending school where social distancing is difficult to achieve making split schedules and/or distance learning more attractive options. Board members suggested a survey to parents. They are not seeking a vote but what is preferred with the limited and imperfect options available to us.

Board members also requested data to show the amount of participation we had in distance learning during the 4th quarter of this year. This data will be provided to the board in July or August.

Dr. Bates summarized the following:

1. We will provide parallel learning in person and distance.
2. We will do all we can to meet guidelines so that we can keep normal face to face operations. Where there is discretion, we will opt for an open model rather than the split model.
3. The split model is the best model if we are unable to meet distancing requirements otherwise.

2. Initial Report, Student Population Analysis Committee (Exhibit #2050)

Steve Hogan presented information about the possibility that Kennedy Jr. will submit a recommendation for a grade reconfiguration. We have not received this recommendation yet but in anticipation of the recommendation and to comply with the notification requirements of SB245, we need to provide notice of a boundary study for a section of Silver Hills Elementary. We will study the boundary if grade reconfiguration goes forward.

There were no concerns from board members.

ACTION ITEMS:

Articles IX.A.1.y. Access & Accommodations Policy

Doug Larson reminded board members this policy allows people with disabilities to access our programs. Todd Zenger suggested making a change to language in section D2 changing the word “greater” to “reasonable”. (Exhibit #2051)

Motion: **I move we that we accept the policy with noted change.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Todd Zenger

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article VI.B.4 Paid Leave During School Dismissal Under Extraordinary Circumstances

Doug Larson said that this is the policy which allows us to continue to pay employees in cases of school dismissal under extraordinary circumstances. As suggested last board meeting, he removed the language, “through a formal resolution”. It was also suggested to include clarifying language in section B1 “activities for 3 consecutive days or more”. (Exhibit #2052)

Motion: I move we accept this policy with the with the mentioned changes.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BUDGET HEARING

Karyn Winder opened the budget hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Mitch Robison, Budget Director, detailed the 2020-21 budget. The budget has been posted online since June 1st. He reviewed Legislative highlights, gave an overview of the proposal to amend the Utah Constitution, and outlined the various funds within the \$854 million budget.

Mr. Robison described new funding sources, negotiated and contractual considerations, required cost increases, miscellaneous budget changes, and recruitment and retention costs. He then reviewed the property taxes and bonding revenues and explained the action required: to revise the 2019 budget, to adopt the 2020 budget and set the tax rate (Exhibit #2053). Because the tax rate will not exceed the certified tax rate, there will not be a need for a tax hearing this year.

Nicole McDermott asked if the WPU will be covered, in the event of a reduction, Dr. Bates responded that we have enough reserves to fund this budget for the 2020-21 school year.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

Motion: I move we approve the revised 2019-20 budget as published in the budget book. And I move we adopt the 2020-21 budget and set the tax rate to 0.007429 subject to the following:
-The basic Levy and Charter School Levy will be adjusted to the rates to be established by the Utah Tax Commission.
-Other levies will be adjusted for changes in the calculation of the certified tax rate that may come from the Tax Commission or the Salt Lake County Auditor's office.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: Karyn Winder
Results: motion passed unanimously

Budget hearing closed. 6:00 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS

Todd Zenger reported on the USBA meeting he attended where budget decisions were discussed. He believes we will need to be flexible with our budget in the future and he appreciates our

district for being fiscally conservative. He said they are working to be open with the legislators and still advocate for education. He is happy to serve in this assignment. It is a good experience.

Connie Anderson would like to see us post more information on our website about educational equity. Graduation reviews this year reminded her that students in all of our schools experience challenges. She attended Cottonwood's graduation. It was fun with the students walking from Woodstock Elementary to Cottonwood High. She toured Olene Walker Elementary and thanked Don Adams for the work done and the innovations implemented in the design. She mentioned the contributions of Louie Long, a former Granite administrator, who recently passed away. She also attended the retirement of Terry Shoemaker (USBA). She thanked Ben Horsley, Brandon Ushio and all others for their assistance with technology for board meetings.

Connie Burgess attended graduations and heard many positive comments about the graduation celebrations. Olympus had a fun driving parade for graduates. She thanked the schools for the effort put forth.

Nicole McDermott felt it was a highlight to see students graduating in person and individually. Taylorsville counselors spent time with her at graduation highlighting specific accomplishments of their students. She thanked counselors for their work especially with seniors this year.

Terry Bawden said he enjoyed the graduations he attended and appreciates the work of graduation committees and everyone in these difficult circumstances.

Gayleen Gandy asked about the timeline as she will resign her position and the district will post a notice of vacancy.

Karyn Winder said graduations were very nice. She has received many requests to continue to hold graduations in the way we did this year. Karyn thanked all who made graduation happen. She also thanked board members for recording graduation messages. She enjoyed the tour of Olene Walker Elementary and is in awe of the good work. We will get through this COVID-19 crisis and this too shall pass. She recognizes the extra effort it will take from our administrators and teachers. She is very aware of the many views and concerns about school this fall. The posting for board member in precinct VII will be tomorrow and will close on July 1. Karyn will solicit input from board members for interview questions.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.