

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
July 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 5:05 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 or participating electronically:

Martin Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator
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 Resources Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Martin Bates

Reverence: Nicole McDermott talked about finding our true happiness. She referred to a Ted Talk by Shawn Achor titled The Happiness Advantage. If we change our lens, we can change our happiness. She said that 90% of our happiness is not determined by the world but how we perceive things. Oprah Winfrey recommended keeping a gratitude journal and many entries showed that happiness is the small things in life. When you look for something to be grateful for you will find it.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, June 16, 2020

Purchases:

1. Audio System for Football Field, Olympus High, Performance Audio - \$59,307.99
2. Disinfecting Supplies, Hyko Supply - \$180,469.10
3. KN95 Face Masks, Hyko Supply - \$285,480.00
4. Paper Towel Dispensers, Hyko Supply - \$93,900.00
5. Microsoft Office 365 Licenses, Information Systems, Summit Partners - \$92,700.00
6. Intercom System, West Lake Junior High, Audio Enhancement - \$165,771.60

Award of Contracts:

1. Computer Hardware Maintenance, Information Systems, Summit Partners - \$150,883.64
2. IT Programming Services, Information Systems, TEK Systems - \$160,000.00

Personnel:

Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers
3. Change Order Summary Report
4. Principals' Cash Report

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

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INTERVIEWS

The board conducted interviews for the Precinct VII Board Member position.

Ann Peterson, Deann Knobloch, Jesse Gilmore, Kristina Nguyen, Jackie Sudbury, Marni Allred, Michelle Asay, Dawn Warner, Lyle Christofferson, and Darrell Curtis were interviewed.

Darrell Curtis, Kristina Nguyen, and Dawn Warner will be invited to a second round of interviews next Tuesday.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Survey on COVID-19

Ben Horsley presented results of a survey conducted by Lighthouse Research. This survey was completed at the request of the board. Parents were surveyed over a four-day period via phone calls and emails with 840 surveys completed. A summary of the survey results will be posted on the website. (Exhibit 2101)

USBE Reopening Assurances Plan

Rick Anthony acknowledged the anxiety and concern that everyone has about school reopening. We received a framework from the USBE which they developed with state officials and the Health Department. Their recommendations are based on research and studies of areas where school has been in session during this pandemic. We are required to submit our plans using the framework provided as assurances to the USBE that we have a plan in place. Our completed template will be presented as an action item to the board at the July 14 board meeting. The plan is due August 1, 2020. USBE is not approving local plans, only reviewing them.

(Exhibits 2102.a-e)

Mr. Anthony reviewed the survey presented last month regarding teacher needs for distance learning. Our teachers will provide a distance track for students to participate whether they are in class or accessing distance learning from home. We realize this is very challenging for our teachers. This model is the best way to serve all students in our currently dynamic environment. Additional supports, on demand training, equipment, and supplies will be available to our teachers.

Dr. Bates said that a modified schedule will only be used if we are required to do so by the health department. The health department will be more likely to require specific students and possibly classes to modify attendance not necessarily an entire school.

School Leadership and Improvement administrators are working on school plans using the USBE assurances template as a guide. These school plans will be more helpful to parents, students, and teachers because they will have far more detail than the assurances we will be sending to the state. It is important to allow schools some autonomy to implement specific plans and practices. Principals were given directions to start working on school specific plans two weeks ago. On August 14, principals will be working with school leadership teams to finalize their plans.

The district will communicate information about our general plans to parents. Schools will communicate their specific plans to parents when they are finalized.

The board discussed many concerns received from parents and employees regarding school reopening this year.

Motion: I move we go into executive session to discuss litigation.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m. and the board convened an Executive Session in Auditorium D.