

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
September 1, 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
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	Board Member
Todd Zenger	Board Member

The following board member participated electronically:

Nicole McDermott	Board Member
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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 Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Update on School Start

Rick Anthony presented data on current enrollment numbers for in-person and distance learning. There are more elementary students than secondary students opting for distance learning. Schools on the west side have a higher percentage of distance learners than the east side. The distance learning resources for first quarter are available to teachers. (Exhibit #2112.a-b)

Leslie Bell reviewed the protocol for reporting COVID-19 cases. It includes completing a report, contacting the school/lead nurse, notifying the Health Department, and giving guidance to employees, students, and families. Contact tracing will be done in collaboration with the Health Department. Direction for reporting school positive case numbers to the public is expected soon. (Exhibit #2112.c)

Board members expressed support for reporting positive COVID-19 case counts at each school to the public. They believe transparency will help to suppress rumors.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Bates updated the board on weekly meetings held over the last several weeks with Salt Lake County Health Department Director, Gary Edwards, school superintendents, and school board members. Discussions centered around thresholds, ways to support schools with contact tracing, and other COVID-19 issues.

Karyn Winder voiced the need for an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Motion: I move we adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for voice vote: President Winder

Results:

For:

Against:

Connie Anderson
Terry Bawden
Connie Burgess
Nicole McDermott
Kris Nguyen
Todd Zenger
Karyn Winder

The meeting adjourned and the board convened an Executive Session in the Boardroom.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:02 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 were present.

Introduction: Lexi Cunningham, Executive Director, Utah School Superintendents Association

Pledge of Allegiance: Jared Broderick, Principal, Truman Elementary

Reverence: Connie Anderson shared a message giving seven suggestions to bring happiness into our lives.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, August 4 & 17, 2020

Purchases:

1. Backpack Sprayers, Custodial Services, Waxie Sanitary Supply - \$188,700.00
2. Computer Network Equipment, Information Systems, Valcom - \$317,518.92
3. Dust Collectors, Cottonwood High, Mechanical Service – \$62,190.00
4. HVAC Filters, American Air Filter Company - \$390,930.27
5. Individual Acrylic Shields, Utah Correctional Industries - \$120,000.00
6. Lumber for Mobile Classrooms, CTE, Stringham Lumber - \$72,654.16

7. Student Desk Shields, School Specialty - \$110,000.00
8. Student Totes with Lids, LMS Brandz LLC – \$94,500.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Check Point Security System Maintenance and Support, DirSec Inc. - \$338,119.23
2. Group Insurance Basic Life, Basic AD&D, Human Resources, Lincoln Financial Group - \$822,565.05
3. Spanish Dual Immersion Program, Curriculum and Instruction, USBE - \$142,500.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$7,530,201.52
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – 18,737,585.57
3. Change Order Summary Report - \$192,00406

Motion: **I move we approve the Consent Agenda.**

Made by: Connie Anderson

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

Millcreek CRA

David Garrett introduced Mike Winder, Economic Development Director, Millcreek City, who presented information about the MedTech Reinvestment Area Project. The project will accommodate construction of a new hospital tower at St. Marks Hospital, the city's largest employer. The plan adds new growth to the area which is expected to bring additional tax revenue. A memorandum of understanding will be negotiated and brought to the board for approval. (Exhibit #2113.a-e)

FIRST READINGS

VIII.A.33 Teacher Licensing Policy

There is a new Utah State Board of Education (USBE) rule for educator licensing. The USBE moved the responsibility for the Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) program to local school districts. This policy outlines steps for administering and tracking LEA specific licenses for teachers who do not have a state license. Travis Rawlings, Human Resources Associate Director of Licensing, was hired by Granite District to oversee this program. The USBE rule also requires each school to post information disclosing the fact that school employees hold LEA-specific educator licenses, license areas, or endorsements, the types of licenses issued by the Board, and a percentage of license types held by school employees. (Exhibit #2114)

Motion: I move we accept the First Reading for Licensure for Educators.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Kennedy Junior Reconfiguration Recommendation

Ben Horsley reviewed the recommendation from the Kennedy Junior Network to reconfigure. The councils in the network met the requirement for a super majority vote in favor of reconfiguration. (Exhibit #2115)

Motion: I move we approve the reconfiguration of the Kennedy Junior Network for the 2021-2022 school year.

Made by: Kris Nguyen

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Taylorsville Network Reconfiguration Recommendation

Ben Horsley reminded the board that many of these networks overlap in serving students. The three networks hoped to implement changes at the same time. Taylorsville Network met the requirement for a super majority vote in favor of reconfiguration. (Exhibit #2115)

PATRON PARTICIPATION TIME

Maria Miles, 4615 Balsam Avenue, Taylorsville, Utah expressed her support for the Taylorsville reconfiguration. She serves on the Eisenhower Junior High Community Council. She has confidence in Ms. Liddell to keep student safety in mind. She believes reconfiguration will meet secondary student needs in a better way for academics and extracurricular activities. She thinks the junior high schools are prepared to serve the sixth-grade students.

Motion: I move we approve the reconfiguration of the Taylorsville Network for the 2021-2022 school year.

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: For:
Connie Anderson
Terry Bawden
Kris Nguyen

Against:
Connie Burgess

Nicole McDermott
Karyn Winder
Todd Zenger

Results: Motion Passed

Kearns Network Reconfiguration Recommendation

Ben Horsley explained some of the intricacies of surveys and voting within the Kearns Network. Overall, the network does meet the requirement of a super majority. (Exhibit #2115)

The board discussed input of the entire Kearns Network Community. They expressed concern about the votes of Jefferson Junior Community Council. The board's goal is for reconfiguration to be a community decision. The board has not received any communication opposing reconfiguration since the August board meeting.

Kip Carlsen, Assistant Principal, Jefferson Junior High, addressed the board. Mr. Carlsen talked about the concerns of the Jefferson Junior Community Council. They believe the school has a comfortable number of students and they are happy with the culture at their school. However, they acknowledged the benefits of a 6-8 model.

Motion: I move we approve the reconfiguration of the Kearns Network for the 2021-2022 school year.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Motion not seconded

Karyn Winder asked the board to separate the motions for each junior high school.

Motion: I move we approve the reconfiguration of the Kearns Junior High Network for the 2021-2022 school year.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: I move we approve the reconfiguration of the Jefferson Junior High Network for the 2021-2022 school year.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: For: Connie Anderson
Terry Bawden
Connie Burgess
Against: Kris Nguyen
Todd Zenger

Nicole McDermott
Karyn Winder

Results: Motion Passed

Resolution providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020

David Garrett said this is the remaining Eighty-Eight Million Dollars from the last voter authorization. He introduced Dale Okerland, Financial Advisor with Lewis, Young, Robertson & Burningham and Brandon Johnson, Bond Attorney. Dale Okerlund explained this is the final bond issue in the plan. He recommended moving the timeline up by six weeks so that the bond can be sold prior to the general election. This will be an advantage to the district. Next year levies will need to be shifted to the Capital Budget. (Exhibit #2116)

Motion: I move we accept the resolution providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Bates said the Health Department has considerable optimism that vaccinations will be available by the end of this year for limited distribution with more available in the spring. We expect this will be helpful to us next school year. However, we anticipate the remainder of this school year will require adjustments to continue to keep schools open.

Terry Bawden served as delegate at the USBA delegate council. He thanked Todd Zenger for serving and for his expertise. He visited all schools in his precinct and though there was nervousness, they were thankful for the board action on August 17th to give more planning time to teachers. He thanked all district employees for making this reopening happen.

Todd Zenger thanked Lexi Cunningham for her support and for attending tonight's meeting.

Connie Burgess asked to learn more about the proposed constitutional change. She is excited for this school year.

Kris Nguyen thanked Don Adams for taking her on tours of Hunter High and South Kearns Elementary School.

Connie Anderson visited her schools. She is thankful for the opportunity to work with principals and communities in her precinct.

Nicole McDermott went to the USBA meeting and thanked Todd Zenger for his representation there. She is happy with what she is seeing in schools so far and thanked teachers and administrators for their efforts.

Karyn Winder said school has been exciting for her own students. Many students are happy and that warms her heart. We are in this together to slow the spread. She pleaded with everyone to stay home if they are sick. She asked for patience as we work to keep our students in school. President Winder thanked Don Adams and the entire Support Services team for their work.

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 8:29 p.m.