

**Granite School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 6, 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 5:02 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Connie Burgess	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Nicole McDermott	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	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, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** - None

**Motion:**     **I move we adjourn to an Executive Session for land transaction and potential litigation.**

Made by:     Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for voice vote:     President Winder

Results:

For:

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

Against:

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 7:00 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 were present. Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Carol Rednour	Region V PTA
France Barrell	Region V PTA
Charisse Berry	Region V PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Terri Roylance	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Christine Kent	GEA
Michelle Johnson	UEA
Cindy Formeller	GEF
Mike Memmott	GESPA

School Leadership & Improvement Director Dr. Garrett Muse, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Eric Bailey	Asst. Principal, Hunter High
Mary Basso	Principal, John F. Kennedy Junior
Sheri Branch	Asst. Principal, Hunter High
Brenda Byrnes	Principal, Woodstock Elementary
David Everett	Asst. Principal, Copper Hills & Wright Elem.
Tysen Fausett	Asst. Principal, Kearns High
Matthew Graham	Principal, Arcadia Elementary
Christopher Griffith	Principal, Granite Park Junior
Heather Handy	Asst. Principal Intern, Olene Walker Elementary
Jami Hutchins	Asst. Principal, Taylorsville High
Dr. Pauline Longberg	Principal, Hillside Elementary
Lisa McDonald	Asst. Principal Intern, Calvin Smith Elementary
Becki Monson	Principal, Thomas Bacchus Elementary
Ofa Nau	Asst. Principal Intern, Eisenhower Junior
Angie Rasmussen	Asst. Principal, Diamond Ridge & Hunter Elem.
April Reynolds	Asst. Principal, West Valley Elementary
Jason Rosvall	Associate Director, Y.E.S.S. Program
John Paul Sorensen	Principal, Neil Armstrong Academy
Lynda Tierney	Asst. Principal, Skyline High
Mellissa Trujillo	Asst. Principal, Bennion & Pioneer Elementary
Scott Wooldridge	Asst. Principal, Kearns High

Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Rasmussen

Reverence: Cottonwood High Theatre

### **MAYOR PARTICIPATION** –

Senator Kathleen Riebe congratulated the school board for leading the way by holding board meetings during these times. She thanked the board for providing teachers with additional planning time on Fridays. She said the reason she came tonight is to recognize our technology staff. They have done a tremendous job addressing our needs during this time. She encouraged the board to support technology employees by keeping them happy at their jobs and employed with the district.

Kristie Overson, Mayor of Taylorsville City, told the board she has missed coming and it is delightful to be here. She thanked the board for their diligent efforts to get schools up and running. Taylorsville City feels support from the board and hopes they sense support for schools from the city of Taylorsville.

Comments:

Superintendent Bates and President Winder said that Friday distance learning days will continue while there is dual modality instruction for all teachers. There was a rumor that distance learning on Fridays would be ending soon and that is incorrect information.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes, September 1 & 15, 2020

Purchases:

1. Chevy Vans and Trucks, Carpenter, General Maintenance, Electrical, and Plumbing Departments, Young Automotive Group - \$117,819.00
2. Fertilizing and Weed Control, District-wide, Brett Miller Landscaping - \$65,580.00
3. HVAC Filters, District-wide, American Air Filter Company - \$378,146.86
4. HVAC Units, GTI, Geary Pacific Corporation - \$50,297.10
5. Music Instruments, Granite Park Junior, Taylor Music Inc. - \$55,560.00

Award of Contracts:

1. G Suite Enterprise for Education, Curriculum & Instruction, Insight - \$68,404.60
2. Pool Rental, Kearns High, Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center - \$119,060.00
3. Virtual Vendor Payment Processing, Accounting, Fidelity Information Services - \$200,000.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. LEA Licensure Approvals

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$5,607,537.09
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$35,198,716.36
3. Change Order Summary Report - \$659,636.35
4. Principals' Cash Reports - June, July, and August 2020
5. Monthly Budget Reports - July and August 2020

Bonus Pay Proposals

Land Trust Amendments

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

Made by:            Terry Bawden  
Seconded by:      Nicole McDermott

Called for vote:    President Winder  
Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

Karyn Winder said that part of this consent agenda was the approval of bonus pay; 1% for contract employees and \$100.00 for hourly employees. This was not a negotiated bonus rather, the board felt strongly about doing something to thank all employees. She hopes all employees feel of our appreciation and deep gratitude. Everyone is working so hard and we hope this will boost morale. The bonus will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> paychecks.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Student Participation during First Quarter**

Rick Anthony shared current data on enrollment and participation by students enrolled in distance learning. Only 2% of secondary students and 9% of elementary students show less participation than in person students. Currently we use Gradebook data to measure student participation. Students with no scores in any classes indicate no participation. Schools are tracking distance learning student participation in various ways. There is not a district-wide reporting system for the data that schools are tracking. The district will develop a policy to measure enrollment in learner validated programs and will present the policy to the board at a future board meeting. (Exhibit #2120)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**VIII.A.33 Licensure for Educators**

Doug Larson presented a second reading of the policy for licensure of educators. This policy allows our district to issue LEA specific licenses for educators who are not licensed with the state. This replaces the alternative route to licensure program. (Exhibit #2121)

**Motion:**            **I move we approve the Licensure for Educators as a second reading.**

Made by:            Kris Nguyen  
Seconded by:      Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Winder  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

### **Millcreek CRA**

David Garrett reminded the board of the presentation during the September 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. Granite has now negotiated an Interlocal Agreement with Millcreek City which is five years shorter and costs the district approximately \$723,110.00 less than the original proposal. (Exhibits 2122.a-e)

Karyn Winder recused herself because her husband is Economic Director for Millcreek City and is overseeing this project.

**Motion: I move that we accept the Millcreek CRA as it is written.**

Made by: Connie Burgess  
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

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

Recused:  
Karyn Winder

Results: Motion Passed

### **HEARING**

Superintendent Bates reminded board members of the hearing at the August 4, 2020 board meeting. Following that hearing the board deferred voting to a later time. This hearing is before the board a second time. Out of an abundance of caution to protect their rights, the O'Brien's will have an opportunity to address the board in the same meeting in which a vote may be taken.

Doug Larson reviewed the history of the transaction between the district and the O'Brien family. Granite School District sought to obtain this property in anticipation of building a new high school where there was an existing school. Granite began the process of eminent domain to acquire the land at fair market value. The parties entered into a settlement agreement and purchased the property. Property restrictions were agreed upon at that time. The district would limit public access to approximately 150 feet of roadway. After the settlement, the O'Briens argued that this agreement should also limit school bus or other district use of the roadway. Efforts to settle with the O'Briens have not been successful. Therefore, Mr. Larson believes that eminent domain is the best course of action for the district.

Sean O'Brien addressed the board. His father addressed the board via phone call. Mr. O'Brien expressed his concerns about traffic using the fire lane.

Sean O'Brien said the family wants to protect privacy on their property. He talked about discussions with Don Adams and emails from his office regarding plans the district had for the north boundary of the property.

Mr. Matt Anderson, legal counsel for the district, responded to the comments made by Sean O'Brien. The contract did state that there would be a fire lane and that no public access would be allowed on the fire lane.

Board comments:

Karyn Winder reviewed offers and counteroffers between the district and the O'Briens. The district has worked to negotiate. There is a significant difference of opinion about compensation.

Todd Zenger recommended further negotiations.

Terry Bawden believes that we have attempted negotiations and will continue to try. However, we also need to pursue this other avenue with the option for eminent domain.

Kris Nguyen believes the figures for compensation are too far apart and wonders how long negotiations would take and if a settlement would ever be achieved.

Connie Anderson said the board is charged with using money wisely and responsibly. She urged continued negotiations but feels the need to protect Granite School District resources.

Nicole McDermott asked three questions. One, if a gate has been installed and if so, why are people accessing this roadway? Two, if the ball field can be accessed in another way? Three, when it was decided to use this location for the fire lane?

Don Adams answered. One, there is a gate and he will check to make sure construction crews are securing it when they leave. Two, he will visit the property to see if the LDS church access is available to people visiting the ball field. Three, fall of 2019 the community asked for changes to the design. By Spring 2020 traffic studies were completed and this location was recommended.

### **ACTION ITEM**

**Motion:**            **I move we authorize our representatives to proceed to file for eminent domain and encourage us to continue to negotiate.**

Made by:            Terry Bawden  
Seconded by:      Nicole McDermott

Called for vote:    President Winder

For:  
Connie Anderson  
Terry Bawden  
Connie Burgess  
Nicole McDermott  
Kris Nguyen  
Karyn Winder

Against:  
Todd Zenger

Results: Motion Passed

**SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS**

Superintendent Bates reported on two items. First, it was brought to our attention that there are an uneven number of designated A and B days on distance Fridays. Administration will prepare a new calendar that will address this issue and bring it to the board Study Session in two weeks. Second, the bond sale is tomorrow morning. There will be a total of 23-billion-dollars scheduled for sale tomorrow, nationwide. The outcome of our sale will be reported to the board.

Connie Anderson asked parents to support efforts to teach students to social distance and wear masks properly. This will protect students, teachers, and other school employees.

Kris Nguyen is amazed by our teachers and she is thankful for all they do for students to keep them mentally healthy. She hopes teachers are taking care of themselves too.

Nicole McDermott went to the Hunter vs. Taylorsville football game. She thanked coaches for all the work they have done with athletes and for keeping them safe. She also asked for community support to follow safety guidelines outside of school.

Connie Burgess is impressed with student behavior at Cottonwood High and their cooperation wearing masks at school events. She thanked coaches and principals for their efforts to support extracurricular activities.

Terry Bawden has enjoyed volunteering in schools. He believes that as a board we understand that there are big issues still before us and everything is not perfect. He has heard the concerns for teacher and administrator burnout. We appreciate everyone's efforts.

Karyn Winder attended the Kennedy Junior High celebration for exiting school turnaround and recognized their accomplishment. She appreciates everyone's efforts coming together. We are learning lessons that will carry over after COVID and we will keep those things that work better. Board professional development will be Jan 7-8 in a virtual format. New board member training dates will be announced later.

**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 8:52 p.m.