

**Granite School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**November 10, 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. Vice President Connie Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., those in attendance:

Connie Burgess	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Nicole McDermott	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	Board Member
Todd Zenger	Board Member

Karyn Winder, board president, excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

David Garrett	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Martin Bates, Superintendent, participated electronically.

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**

#### **School Enrollments**

Kieth Bradshaw, Student Accounting Director, presented October 1, 2020 student enrollment totals. Granite District had 63,323 students enrolled, a decrease of 2,138 from last year. This decrease is 1,472 more students than projected. Because of the pandemic, families delayed starting Kindergarten or chose other education options this year. Principals also attribute declining enrollments to families who moved out of the area. There are approximately 10,000 students living within Granite District boundaries who attend charter schools. (Exhibit #2126) Board members asked for the demographic information that would show which Granite schools are losing students to charter schools. Charter schools are not required to report specifics of student enrollment. We only receive the number of students per grade level attending charter schools.

## **Skyline / Cyprus Construction Design**

Don Adams presented an update of design changes to the Skyline/Cyprus construction projects. He said that in November 2019 he presented to the Board design drawings and plans to continue consultation with communities making pivots as necessary. Mr. Adams explained these adjustments to the design drawings. Approximately 5,000 square feet were added to the design. Highlights of the designs for Skyline and Cyprus were reviewed. The Skyline main entrance will have a granite facade and in Cyprus it will be a copper material. This personalizes the schools by incorporating materials specific to each area. Some of the differences between the two designs are attributed to the grade at each school site. Design drawings for both schools are now complete, construction drawings will be finalized so that bidding and then construction can begin. Drawings will be updated and posted to the website in several weeks. The board agreed that these projects should proceed as outlined. (Exhibit #2127)

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

## **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.

Introductions - None

Pledge of Allegiance: John Welburn

Reverence – Skyline High Madrigals

**MAYOR PARTICIPATION** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** – None

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

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Purchases:

1. Copy Machines, Secondary Schools, Les Olsen Company - \$499,895.51
2. Microsoft Premier Software Support, Microsoft Corporation - \$99,860.00
3. Prostart Equipment, GTI, Chef Depot - \$166,796.93
4. Relocatable Cafeteria, Skyline High, US Modular - \$516,494.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Discovery Software Support, Education Solutions Development - \$91,211.00
2. Mobile Hotspots, Educational Technology, T-Mobile - \$300,000.00
3. Remodel Seminary Building, Kennedy Junior High, Slider Construction - \$245,210.00
4. Re-roofing Maintenance Compound, All Weather Waterproofing - \$454,995.00
5. Upland Optiflow Software Support, Upland Software - \$53,013.73

### Change Order

Skyline High School Rebuild, purchase & install relocatable buildings, prepare site for relocatable buildings, Hughes Contractors - \$610,598.89

### Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

### Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$4,430,099.80
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$28,262,220.93
3. Change Order Summary Report – \$299,369.67
4. Principals' Cash Report – September 2020
5. Monthly Budget Report – September 30, 2020

### Land Trust Amendments

### Teacher Student Success Act Plans (TSSA)

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

Made by:            Connie Burgess

Seconded by:      Kris Nguyen

Called for vote:    President Winder

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### **2022-2023 School Calendars**

Tina West and Craig Stauffer, School Leadership & Improvement Directors, shared the results from a calendar survey sent to all parents, staff and students September 22, 2020. The survey link and reminder were sent again on September 28, 2020. This survey received 7,900 responses. The survey asked which was preferred: longer breaks during the school year and a shorter summer break or shorter breaks during the school year and a longer summer break. (Exhibit #2128) Considering the survey results, two calendars were developed by the calendar committee. The calendars will be published online and solicited for comment through January. The results will be shared during the February board meeting.

### **FIRST READINGS**

#### **2021-2022 Elementary and Secondary Fee Schedules**

Garett Muse presented a first reading of the 2021-2022 Elementary and Secondary fee schedules. The language at the top and bottom of all three fee schedules was changed. At the top is an explanation of fee amounts and spend plans. At the bottom is a schedule of non-waivable charges. Mr. Muse reviewed revisions to fees and categories on the high school and junior high

schedules. Fees on the elementary schedule remain the same. (Exhibit #2129) The board asked to change the wording on the junior high schedule from credit recovery for 9<sup>th</sup> grade to credit recovery for graduation. This wording is accurate because a credit bearing class may be taken by a junior high student in grades 6-8.

**Motion:**           **I move we that we accept as a first reading the 2021-2022 Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High Fee Schedules with that change that was indicated.**

Made by:           Terry Bawden  
Seconded by:     Connie Burgess

Called for vote:   President Winder  
Results:           Motion Passed Unanimously

### **Article VIII.A.24 Electronic Devices and Acceptable Use of Technology**

Doug Larson explained a requirement by the state for districts to adopt an updated policy promoting the use of technology in classrooms. The policy is structured to balance use of technology for educational purposes while minimizing distractions from cell phones in the classroom.

**Motion:**           **I move that we accept this first reading of the Electronic Devices and Acceptable Use of Technology.**

Made by:           Todd Zenger  
Seconded by:     Kris Nguyen

Called for vote:   President Winder  
Results:           Motion Passed Unanimously

### **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS**

Superintendent Bates discussed the COVID-19 dashboard and how dismissals are implemented. When the positive case number is 15 or more in a school, the health department double checks the information. The number on the dashboard may not represent current confirmed cases accurately linked to a school. Sometimes there are duplicate reports, a student has never attended in person (distance only learners), etc. If the threshold is truly met, the Health Department notifies the District that dismissal is recommended. The District follows those recommendations when they are received. We are aware of UEA correspondence to the governor. We look to the health department for their expertise and recommendations on school dismissal. Board members asked how the positive case thresholds were set. The threshold of 15 per school and 3 per class is a recommendation determined by 13 regional health departments including our local health department.

Connie Anderson thanked employees for the positive notes of appreciation the board received in response to the bonus last month. She thanked school psychologists for their service. She encouraged board members to join PTA.

Nicole McDermott enjoyed her visit at West Lake where the principal shared many positive adjustments they made because of COVID. There are many changes they will keep in place. She let everyone know that the PTA launched a campaign titled Thankful Thursdays. She is grateful for the commitment of the board and district to follow recommendations of our health experts.

Kris Nguyen recognized National School Psychologist week. The scope of their job is so different and challenging this year. Their theme is The Power of Possibility. We can look for the silver lining in all things. Tomorrow is Veterans Day and she thanked all veterans who work in our district. She also asked everyone to support student needs through the upcoming holidays.

Connie Burgess thanked teachers and administrators for their work and efforts. She is grateful they are there to help our students.

Terry Bawden thanked all schoolteachers and staff for the work they do. A teacher who had been upset with the board decision to open schools expressed to him that she feels very safe at work with all the efforts made to mitigate risks.

Todd Zenger thanked everyone for doing such an outstanding job. He applauded our district's commitment to follow health department guidelines but wants to consider more action to help the current situation. He suggested that the board discuss a modified schedule for high schools in the next study session.

Karyn Winder responded to Todd Zenger's suggestion. According to rules for open and public meetings, the agenda is set prior to board meeting. A discussion on this topic would need to be added to a future agenda. Because the topic was already discussed and decided by the board this calendar year, a super majority vote is required to bring it before the board again. She encouraged Mr. Zenger to reach out to fellow board members individually for input and to keep her informed.

Karyn Winder knows that principals are always working on solutions to the challenges presented this school year. She has met with principals and is impressed with their efforts. She meets each Tuesday morning with the health department and a very good partnership with them has developed.

**Motion:**            **I move we adjourn.**

Made by:            Nicole McDermott

Seconded by:        Connie Anderson

Called for vote:     President Winder

Results:             Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.