

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
December 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
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.

Pledge of Allegiance and Reverence:

Chris Griffiths, principal Granite Park Junior High, introduced a video which included the pledge and showcased classroom learning. The video was co-produced by students at Granite Park.

RECOGNITIONS

Academic All State

Chris Shipman, PE/Athletics Specialist, recognized the Academic All-State recipients for fall sports.

Olympus Girls Soccer Team

Chris Shipman introduced Stephen Perschon, principal of Olympus High, who then introduced Coach Jamie Evans, Coach Christian Neff, and the Olympus girls soccer team, the 2020 5A State Champions.

Skyline Boys Golf Team

Chris Shipman introduced Mitch Nerdin, principal of Skyline High, who then introduced Coach Kenny James and Coach Kay Robertson who represented the Skyline boys golf team, the 2020 5A State Champions.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, November 10 and 17, 2020

Purchases:

1. Geotechnical Observations and Materials Testing, Cyprus High, Consolidated Engineering Laboratories - \$66,217.50
2. School Buses, Transportation, Bryson Sales and Services - \$1,357,046.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Reappointment of Business Administrator

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$8,702,603.96
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$133,856,351.36
3. Change Order Summary Report - \$632,859.91
4. Principals' Cash Report - October 2020
5. Monthly Budget Report - October 2020

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

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

Elementary Music Instruction

At the request of board members, Rick Anthony presented information and data on elementary music instruction. In 2003 a board resolution specified a time schedule where three-fourths of the school day was spent teaching literacy and numeracy. The result was limited time for other subject areas. Instrumental music, which was not part of the elementary curriculum, was offered as a 5th and 6th grade pullout program. There was a board resolution in 2012 that removed the literacy/numeracy block and directed that all curriculum standards would be taught. At the time participation in the 5th/6th pullout instruction had significantly decreased. Most students did not participate for a variety of reasons. A new elementary model was created in 2012, allowing students in all grades to receive instruction in the four art curriculum areas. In 2016 the Beverley Taylor Sorenson (BTS) state matched program allowed for additional specialists to teach in elementary schools. (Exhibit #2131)

There are concerns about declining enrollment in secondary music classes. Some believe that students entering secondary school have not received enough exposure to music instruction early and therefore are not prepared to participate on a secondary level. Other reasons include course selection options (required vs. elective courses), overall school enrollment, junior high grade reconfiguration, socioeconomics, program interest, administrative support, and recruitment efforts.

Board comment:

Nicole McDermott expressed her hope that administrators will be supportive of music instruction and allow secondary teachers to recruit students. She would like to see beginning music offered in junior high schools. She believes that the number of courses required in grades 6-8 does not allow students to select an adequate number of elective courses. Ms. McDermott suggested that a secondary teacher without a full schedule might teach an elementary class which would help prepare younger students to participate in music at the secondary level.

ACTION ITEMS

End of Term Professional Development Days

John Welburn reminded the board that two professional development days were added to the calendar at the end of first quarter (October). Feedback from teachers was very positive. The USBE has allowed five days for professional development due to the pandemic. It is proposed to add two of these days in January and the remaining day in March. Twelve schools missed one or two days due to power outages this year. Those schools are required to make up the instructional time. Two of the professional development days will be designated as make up days, January 13, 2021 and March 25, 2021. Make up days will be distance learning days. (Exhibit #2132)

Motion: **I move we accept the adjustments to the 2020-2021 school calendar to include the proposed end of term professional development days.**

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2021-2022 Elementary and Secondary Fee Schedules

Garett Muse reported that the changes requested by the board at the first reading are complete. The amounts on the fee schedules are maximums and each school will set fees based on their spending plans. (Exhibit #2133)

Motion: **I move we accept the fee and fine schedule for the elementary and secondary schools for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article VIII.A.24. Electronic Devices and Acceptable use of Technology

Doug Larson said this policy fulfills the requirements for USBE rule R277-495.

Motion: I move we accept the Electronic Devices and acceptable use of Technology Policy as a second reading.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates presented recognitions to outgoing board members Connie Anderson and Todd Zenger. He said it has been a pleasure to work with them and he thanked them for their service.

Connie Burgess thanked Connie Anderson for her service and insights contributed to the board. She thanked Todd Zenger for his perspective and ideas shared with the board.

Terry Bawden thanked Connie for her service and the things she has taught him. He thanked Todd for his thoughts and contributions to the board.

Nicole McDermott said she is grateful for the things she has learned from Todd and Connie over the past two years.

Kris Nguyen thanked Todd for being the first board member to welcome her to her new position. She said she is amazed by Connie's passion for kids.

Karyn Winder has appreciated Todd's support and his attention to detail has been very helpful. She thanked him for his friendship. She thanked Connie for speaking and fighting for students and their needs. She will miss this board and she so appreciates all members for their support, comradery, and friendship.

Connie Anderson enjoyed how kindly she was greeted by principals when she visited schools. She thanked Mike McDonough, GEA President, for his leadership and contributions to problem solving. She thanked Dr. Bates for the way he and his administration have handled COVID. She thanked all board members for their friendships and contributions to the board.

Todd Zenger said that serving on the board has been very rewarding for him. Even through disagreements he has felt patience and cooperation from fellow board members. He is proud of the way bonding and capital plans were implemented by this board. He thanked the board and previous board members for their friendship. He thanked the administration and staff for their passion for education and students. Mr. Zenger believes in our students who are our future, he loves and appreciates teachers, administrators, and staff for their efforts and caring.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.