

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
January 5, 2021

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
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Julie Jackson	Board Member
Nicole McDermott	Board Member
Clarke Nelson	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present or participated electronically:

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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Sherrie Swensen, Salt Lake County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Julie Jackson, Clarke Nelson, and Nicole McDermott recently elected board members.

Motion: I move we adjourn to an Executive Session.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for voice vote: President Winder
Results: For:
 Terry Bawden
 Connie Burgess
 Julie Jackson
 Nicole McDermott
 Clarke Nelson
 Kris Nguyen
 Karyn Winder

Against:

The meeting adjourned and the board convened an Executive Session in Auditoriums D and E.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance: Rick Anthony

Reverence: Taylorsville High Madrigals

ACTION ITEM

Election of Board Leadership

Motion: **I move we elect Karyn Winder as board president.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: Vice President Burgess

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: **I move we elect Nicole McDermott as board vice president.**

Made by: Kris Nguyen

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, December 1, 2020

Purchases:

1. Computer Network Equipment, Information Systems, Valcom - \$83,274.56
2. COVID-19 Test Kits, Medical Solutions Inc. - \$234,034.27
3. English Language Learning Software, Imagine Learning - \$300,000.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Demo Existing and Install Bleachers, Taylorsville High, Norcon Industries - \$239,780.00
2. Workers Compensation Services, TRISTAR Insurance Group - \$91,775.00

Change Order

Asbestos Assessment, Multiple Schools, KNIT Studios - \$103,493.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. LEA Specific Requests

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$2,731,913.98
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$27,545,358.80
3. Change Order Summary Report - \$226,776.04
4. Principals' Cash Report - November 30, 2020
5. Monthly Budget Report - November 30, 2020

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

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

High School Title I Report

Per the board's request, Dr. Aaron Wilson, Organizational Effectiveness Director, presented information regarding guidelines and considerations for the allocation of Title I funding to schools. The question raised by the board in previous meetings is whether Title I funds are better allocated at the high school by reducing funds to K-8 schools or invested solely at K-8 schools. Currently Granger and Cottonwood High School receive Title I money. If we do not allocate funds to high schools, the average allocation to K-8 schools could increase significantly and/or additional schools could be funded. (Exhibit #2134)

Board Comments:

Board members thanked Aaron Wilson and his team for their work on this presentation and asked clarifying questions. Karyn Winder said that one year ago we gave notice to Granger and Cottonwood that the board would be evaluating the way we allocate Title I funds. The board asked to have this issue as an action item to act on the question of whether to continue allocating Title I funds to high schools.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Bates reminded the board that the USBA Conference will be this Thursday and Friday. The conference will be presented electronically, and the board was invited to participate from the district office.

The USBE recommended new sex education instructional materials which were reviewed by our committee and posted on our website for public review. At this time, we will not adopt the new sex education materials. The state standards have not changed and the materials we use currently are sufficient.

Superintendent Bates then made the following announcement, “Earlier this evening I let the Board of Education know that I will be retiring at the end of the school year... effective July 1, 2021.” he continued, “There is no better place to be than here in Granite School District with these wonderful and committed educators and those who support those educators, whether they are board members, foods, grounds, transportation, custodial or other professionals. Here of all places all work together to serve the children and I could not be more honored than to be and to have been a part of this great district.”

BOARD REPORTS

Terry Bawden welcomed new board members and looks forward to working with them. He thanked Superintendent Bates for all he has done for our district.

Julie Jackson was touched with the outpouring of love to Principal Perschon and his family over the winter break. As principal, he has touched the lives of many, and the students and community wanted to personally show their love and support. This has raised her awareness of how personal education is. The way that we show compassion and humanity is important. She encouraged teachers and parents to continue to show compassion toward students. Also, parents and students should be compassionate toward teachers. Things are more personal now and compassion should be the ruling principle.

Nicole McDermott welcomed the new board members. She was also impressed with all the Olympus community did for the Perschon family. Principal Maile Loo at Kearns High met with her and reported that the test to return program was very successful. She enjoyed theatre performances at Cottonwood and Hunter High School. She applauded the directors at our schools who have worked to make this year meaningful for students.

Connie Burgess welcomed the new board members and thanked them for their participation tonight.

Kris Nguyen welcomed Clarke Nelson and Julie Jackson to the board. She thanked the new board leadership for being willing to take on these roles.

Clarke Nelson thanked the board for their warm welcome. There is a tremendous amount of compassion and mercy in our communities and he looks forward to being able to witness and observe that in this context.

Karyn Winder is sincerely excited to have our new board members join. She is thankful that educators have found creative ways to carry on with student performances. She thanked the board for their vote of confidence for her to continue as board president. The coming year brings much for the board to accomplish. There is not a more important assignment for the board than choosing a new superintendent. We will immediately start the process and work will continue over the next several months. We are still faced with COVID-19 challenges, they will continue to be addressed. Davis Demographics has studied school population data, we will meet with

them and hard decisions will need to be made. She remains optimistic that we will get through this together. She expressed gratitude for our teachers who work so hard.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.