

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
February 2, 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 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Nicole McDermott	Vice President
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Clarke Nelson	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	Board Member

Julie Jackson, Board Member, joined the meeting remotely.

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, Donnette McNeill-Waters, Human Resource Director, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services Director, joined the meeting remotely.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Human Trafficking

Charlene Lui, Educational Equity Director, gave some background on the Human Trafficking Awareness program. She then explained that Granite School District was awarded the Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education grant. Granite's program is designed to educate & build resiliency to human trafficking in children and youth within our schools. (Exhibit #2137) Board members asked for access to the curriculum. Charlene will share human trafficking statistics, information, and a training platform with board members. Board members requested a progress report of the grant.

Junior High Musicals

Danny Stirland, School Leadership & Improvement Director, and Dr. Noelle Converse, Curriculum Director, presented this information. In the past, students who wanted to participate in school musicals or plays, had to register for a theater class. This increased enrollment numbers in theater classes but also limited students if they already had a full class schedule. This year adjustments have been made, using COVID Test to Stay procedures for all students who wish to

be involved in the musical/play, the rehearsals were moved to after school, allowing for more social distancing measures. This led to discussions and an expectation going forward that rehearsals will occur after school, allowing all students who wish to participate to do so without adjusting their class schedule. (Exhibit #2138)

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.

Pledge of Allegiance: Tina West, School Leadership & Improvement Director

Reverence: Matheson Junior High – Principal Jennifer Christensen introduced the Matheson Show Choir. The board viewed a pre-recorded musical number.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Caitlin Bone, 6340 S Mt Vista Dr, Taylorsville. She addressed school activities specifically school dances during COVID-19. Students still should be engaged in these activities. Masks can stay on and dance times can be staggered. She suggested Test to Stay before the dance. Extra-curricular activities are important.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, January 5 & 19, 2021

Purchases:

1. Relocatable Lab Buildings, Skyline High, Design Space Modular - \$413,809.00

Award of Contracts:

1. A/C and Chiller repairs, Plumbing Shop; Jensen Refrigeration – \$85.00/hr., MHI Services - \$75.00/hr., West Tech Service - \$71.00/hr.
2. Security Remodel, Frost Elementary, Judd Construction - \$911,495.00
3. Security Remodels, Stansbury and Truman Elementary, Old Granite Innovations - \$162,306.94

Change Orders:

1. Designer Fee, Multiple Schools, PGA&W - \$70,232.13
2. Earthquake Repairs, Multiple Schools, Hogan Construction - \$376,938.00
3. Earthquake Repairs, Multiple Schools, JMCS - \$123,797.00
4. Skyline High Rebuild, Hughes Contractors - \$696,212.84

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments

Appointments, effective July 1, 2021

Danny Stirland	Principal, Kearns High School
Kamaal Ahmad	Open Contract
Jennifer Bodell	Open Contract
Becky Dees	Open Contract
Kattie Dewald	Open Contract
Heather Handy	Open Contract
Lisa McDonald	Open Contract
Jeremy Smith	Open Contract

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$1,925,119.50
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$29,004,512.41
3. Change Order Summary Report - \$1,417,718.11
4. Principals' Cash Report – December 2020
5. Monthly Budget Report – December 31, 2020

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

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn introduced Danny Stirland, newly appointed principal at Kearns High School.

ACTION ITEMS

2022-2023 School Calendars

Tina West and Craig Stauffer, School Leadership & Improvement Directors, and Ben Horsley, reported on the results of the general calendar survey, which was available for input January 7-27, 2021, with 7,062 responses received. Calendar option selections were very close with 52.19% preferring Calendar A and 47.81% preferring Calendar B. (Exhibit #2139)

Discussion: Analyzing calendar A, it might be more attractive to families, with breaks spaced out, spring break attached to Easter, and the end of 1st semester prior to winter recess.

Motion: **I move we that we accept Calendar A for the 2022-2023 school year.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Clarke Nelson

Further discussion: Calendar B was preferred because completing grades prior to Winter Recess would be difficult and an imbalance in the number of days between the 1st and 2nd semester makes it difficult to cover curriculum in a semester class. Other differences discussed, Calendar B has no breaks in April and May, Calendar A supports prep time for IB and AP testing.

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Failed

Motion: I move we that we accept Calendar B for the 2022-2023 school year.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Amended Motion: I move we that we accept Calendar B for the 2022-2023 school year with the following change: move the teacher contract day, student recess day from September 16 to September 26.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Title I Funding in High Schools

Dr. Aaron Wilson, Organizational Effectiveness Director, reviewed the information shared during the January 2021 Information Item. The question raised by the board in previous meetings is whether Title I funds are better allocated at the high schools by reducing funds to K-8 schools or invested solely at K-8 schools. If high schools are not included, the average allocation to K-8 schools could increase significantly and/or additional schools could be funded. (Exhibit #2140)

Dr. David Dunn and Terri Roylance, principals at Granger High and Cottonwood High respectively, addressed the board. The purpose of all schools is to have our students graduate and be successful in whatever they choose to do after graduation. Title I funds have been highly impactful for students and provided resources to assist the at-risk student population.

Dr. Joan Bramble, Student Assessment Director, addressed the impact of Title I funds in elementary schools. A full-day kindergarten program narrows the gap in student learning with early intervention and targeted instruction in reading skills.

Board discussion: The discussion led to board member concerns that more specific data is needed to determine the best way to allocate Title I funds. Direction was given to the Organizational Effectiveness department to do an in depth study of the following: identify outcomes that will benefit students at each level, determine the best course of action to reach those outcomes, identify the resources (funding) needed to support those actions. Board members agreed to keep the status quo for this year and will evaluate the data in January 2022. They thanked Dr. Wilson and Dr. Bramble for their presentation.

No motion necessary.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Dr Bates reported that as interest rates are low, it's a good time to refinance some of our bonds. Our bond counsel estimates a significant savings around \$8.5 million. A resolution will be brought to the board at the next board meeting February 16, 2021. Legislative update from Ben Horsley: SB1 base budget bill includes an increase in funding for education. SB18 and SB131 were mentioned. There is a yet un-numbered Special Ed bill coming. A link to a live legislative tracker was sent to board members and shared with the public. We received a very nice thank you from the U.S. Census Bureau, we appreciate those departments who helped with this.

Clarke Nelson said it's been a pleasure to meet with principals over the past four weeks.

Kris Nguyen met with SCC and PTA regarding the superintendent search. She admires how well our schools function and appreciates principals and their efforts.

Connie Burgess is looking forward to the Day on the Hill legislative meetings.

Terry Bawden will distribute more information regarding February 19 Day on the Hill. He participated in Test to Stay at Cottonwood, it's good to see the efforts of staff members.

Julie Jackson also helped with Test to Stay. She talked with many community members and participated in a feedback session with Olympus High students, this was a highlight. She appreciates efforts of our teachers to engage students in learning.

Nicole McDermott has received feedback from SCC regarding the superintendent search. Thanks to those who organized vaccine distribution. She thanked Ben Horsley and his department for work on the legislative tracker, superintendent brochure, and video training on smart phones. It is school counselor week, she thanked counselors for all they do for students.

Karyn Winder thanked board members for accepting committee assignments. She thanked stakeholder groups for meeting and giving input regarding the superintendent search. She appreciates the district's relationship with the health department. Our vaccine clinics are a huge morale boost. She thanked all those who have worked on vaccines and COVID notifications.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.