

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 15, 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 5:12 p.m., those in attendance:

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Jared Reynolds

Reverence: Joshua Johnson, National PTA Reflections Winner, shared his poem,
The Voice in My Head

RECOGNITIONS

Spring Sports Academic All State Champions

Ben Horsley introduced Chris Shipman who then introduced a video showcasing Academic All State Champions for Spring Sports. A total of fifty students earned the recognition. Andrew Fleischel, Granger High and Olivia Harding, Hunter High were three-time winners this year.

State Sterling Scholar

Ben Horsley introduced Skyline High principal, Mitch Nerdin, who then introduced State Sterling Scholar for Social Sciences, Aarushi Verma.

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, May 4 & 18, 2021

Purchases:

1. AVID College Preparatory System, AVID Center - \$65,760.00
2. Blue Bird School Bus Parts, Transportation Dept., Bryson Sales & Service - \$150,000.00
3. Bus Tires, Transportation Department, Jack's Tire & Oil - \$60,000.00
4. Caterpillar Engine Parts, Transportation Department, Peterbilt of Utah - \$50,000.00
5. Cisco SMARTnet Renewal, Information Systems Department, ConvergeOne - \$146,709.30
6. Classroom Furniture, Online Learning Building, Workspace Elements - \$76,348.93
7. Classroom Furniture, Taylorsville High School, Edutek - \$59,542.51
8. Classroom Furniture, Taylorsville High School, Henriksen Butler - \$67,833.04
9. Classroom Sound System, Online Learning Building, Audio Enhancement - \$67,241.88
10. Cold Food Storage Services, Child Nutrition, Performance Cold Storage - \$85,000.00
11. Computers for the 2021-2022 School Year, State Contracts - \$6,000,000.00 est.
12. Computer Hardware Maintenance, Information Systems, Summit Partners - \$136,512.00
13. Computer Network Switches, Information Systems Dept., Summit Partners - \$195,500.00
14. Contracted Services to Improve AP/IB Participation, Multiple High Schools, Equal Opportunity Schools - \$83,000.00
15. Contracted Services for Deaf and Blind Students, Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind - \$189,236.83
16. Contracted Services for Special Education Parent Training and Information Center, The Utah Parent Center - \$53,890.00
17. Destiny Software Licenses, Follett Software Company - \$119,836.74
18. EasyTrac Medicaid Claiming, Special Education, Public Consulting Group Inc - \$150,000.00
19. Equipment, Information Systems Department, CompuNet - \$970,395.00
20. Food Purchases for the 2012-2022 School Year, Multiple Vendors - \$12,000,000.00 est.
21. Ford Interceptor Vehicles, Police Department, Larry H. Miller - \$110,919.57
22. GoalView Software Renewal, Special Education, Public Consulting Group - \$70,000.00
23. IT Programming Services, Information Systems Department, TEK Systems - \$160,000.00
24. Ivanti Maintenance and Support, Information Systems Department, Network Consulting Services - \$103,950.00
25. Microrider Scrubbers, Custodial Services Department, Hyko Supply - \$61,200.00
26. Microsoft Azure Software Maintenance, Information Systems, Insight Public Sector - \$104,678.31
27. Milk and Dairy, Child Nutrition Services, Dean Foods - \$1,500,000.00
28. Nearpod Online Lesson and Assessment, Utah Education Network - \$143,779.68
29. Network Wiring, Taylorsville High School, Cache Valley Electric Company - \$103,098.00
30. Online Student Tutoring Services, College & Career Readiness, The Princeton Review - \$119,700.00
31. Relocatable Frames, Granite Technical Institute, Western Recreation - \$55,860.00
32. School Lunch Credit Card Transaction Fees, Child Nutrition Services, PAMS Lunchroom - \$100,000.00
33. School Lunch Program Software Maintenance, Child Nutrition, PCS Revenue - \$79,851.00
34. Security Camera Equipment, Support Services, Utah Yamas Controls - \$212,302.20
35. Uniforms, Child Nutrition Services, BizWear - \$100,000.00

36. Upgrade Security Equipment, Utah Yamas Controls - \$89,012.73
37. Veeam Availability Suite, Summit Partners - \$179,707.26
38. Warehouse Purchases for the 2021-2022 School Year, Multiple Vendors - \$3,000,000.00 est.

Award of Contract:

1. Architectural Services for Rebuild of West Lake Junior High, MHTN Architects - \$2,710,000,000
2. Electrical Upgrades, Taylorsville High School, Probst Electric - \$190,403.00
3. IT Programming Services, Information Systems, Forsythe I.T. - \$66,850.00
4. Replace Track, Cottonwood High School, Jardine Malaska - \$889,362.00
5. Site Improvements, Taylorsville High School, Wasatch West Contracting - \$539,700.00

Change Orders:

1. Skyline High School Rebuild, Hughes Contractors - \$552,977.41
2. Waste Services, Republic Services - \$109,500.00

Personnel:

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

Appointments, effective July 1, 2021

Jared Reynolds
Aaron Bodell

Director, Prevention and Student Placement
Open Contract

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers
3. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds
4. Change Order Summary Report
5. Principals' Cash Report
6. Monthly Budget Report

LAND Trust Amendments

LAND Trust Plans

Salary Schedules for Employee Groups

UTOPIA Easements

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

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn and Leslie Bell introduced newly appointed administrators.

BUDGET HEARING

President Winder opened the budget hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Mitch Robison, Budget Director, detailed the 2021-22 budget. The budget has been available online since June 1st. He described various funds within the \$935 million budget. The general fund is the largest and within that fund, most of the employee salaries are paid and the day-to-day operating expenses. 57% of the funds in the general fund come from the State of Utah. Property taxes generate approximately 27%, federal monies make up a little under 14% and local funds make up the balance of 2%.

Mr. Robison described new funding sources, negotiated and contractual considerations, required cost increases, miscellaneous budget changes, and recruitment and retention costs. In summary due to budget cuts in June 2020 the General Fund budget for fiscal year 2022 has a potential 14.4 million deficit that can be covered by a 6% increase in WPU, tax levy guarantees, property tax growth, and employee turnover. He explained the action required at the budget hearing; to revise the 2021 budget, adopt the 2022 budget and set the tax rate. (Exhibit #2156). Mr. Robison also reviewed bonding, taxes, and long-term funding strategies. This information is relevant as we implement the funding plan put into place in 2017. The shift in the debt service levy will necessitate a tax hearing which will take place in August.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

Motion: I move we approve the revised 2020-21 budget as published in the annual budget book.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Julie Jackson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: I move we adopt the 2021-22 tentative budget and set the tax rate to 0.007245 subject to the following:

- **The Basic Levy and the Charter School Levy will be adjusted to the rates to be established by the Utah Tax Commission, and**
- **Other levies will be adjusted for changes in the calculation of the certified tax rate that may come from the tax commission or the Salt Lake County Auditor's office.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Budget hearing closed at 5:55 p.m.

FIRST READINGS

Article VIII.A.27 Naming of School and District Buildings, Campus Venues, and Mascots

Doug Larson presented this policy which puts current practice into a policy to provide a process for naming schools, district buildings, campus venues and mascots. The Board retains authority to name buildings and may ask school communities for ideas and suggestions. With the approval of the superintendent schools through their community councils may name campus venues and select school mascots. Board members discussed the amount of public input into the processes. The following change was recommended for B2; “under the direction of the Board, the District may initiate a naming committee...”

Motion: I move that we approve as a First Reading the Naming School and District Buildings, Campus Venues, and Mascots with the change discussed.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article II.L. Implementation of Standards and Objectives (Amendments)

Doug Larson reminded the board that this policy was implemented last year. This is a simple modification to address a new requirement in USBE Rule R277-708 and subsequent changes to the Enhancement for At-Risk Students (EARS) funding application. The application requires the LEA to describe a board approved definition of; “students at risk of academic failure”. The term will be defined as *scoring below proficient on a State or LEA assessment*.

Motion: I move we approve as a First Reading the policy for Implementation of Standard and Objectives.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates reminisced, he has attended 500 board meetings, over 200 of those as superintendent. In most board meetings there is a reverence which usually includes something inspiring. We do not need to look outside for inspiration, the people of the District are inspiring. To the credit of the Board, they have stayed true to the decisions made throughout this pandemic.

An overwhelming number of teachers and staff have stepped forward to serve students and their families. Dr. Bates thanked everyone for their ongoing efforts and work and for inspiring him. This truly is the most noble and honorable of professions.

Terry Bawden said Dr. Bates has done a wonderful job leading this district and he will be sorely missed. He wished him well in all his endeavors. He reported on meetings with USBA regarding JLC. The USBA leadership conference in Midway will be Sept 16-18, 2021. Graduations were wonderful.

Julie Jackson attended graduation ceremonies and sensed the joy and community that was there. At graduation reviews she saw that students are known individually. She thanked Dr. Bates for inspiring her. He is an example to all in the education industry.

Connie Burgess has enjoyed working with Dr. Bates. She appreciates his leadership throughout many challenges. It's been a joy to build teacher, principal, and district trust under his leadership. She is grateful for his willingness to do what the board asked of him.

Nicole McDermott attended the CTE open house, the students did a wonderful job. She enjoyed the graduation ceremonies she attended. She has appreciated Dr. Bates' leadership, the way he reached out to communities, and how he has changed her perspective.

Kris Nguyen attended four graduations and they were all unique. She thanked Dr. Bates for being the captain of our ship and staying with us through this difficult year.

Clarke Nelson appreciated the many opportunities he's had over the last several weeks to attend various school events. He thanked Dr. Bates for the way he treats people and has treated him. He said, "You have conducted yourself in a way I'd like to emulate."

Karyn Winder attended musicals, award presentations, and graduations. Graduation reviews are a favorite meeting. She thanked Dr. Bates for his expertise in so many different circles. He has treated every board member equally and with respect. She thanked him for years of leadership, mentorship, and friendship. She wished him well in retirement.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.