

**Granite School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**July 6, 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, participated virtually.

The following members of the administration were present:

Rich Nye	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.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Superintendent Oath of Office**

President Karyn Winder administered the Oath of office to incoming Superintendent Richard Nye. (Exhibit 2201)

#### **Administrator Placement and Selection Process**

John Welburn presented the timeline and processes for administrator selection, posting of positions, screening of candidates, interviews with Superintendency, reviewing potential openings, initial hiring, and finalizing assignments and transfers. (Exhibit 2202)

#### **West Lake Junior Replacement Update**

Don Adams updated board members on progress toward replacement of West Lake Junior High which was damaged in an earthquake in March 2020. Mr. Adams shared renderings of the design that was chosen based on school needs and space available at the site. The prototype is a design used in Jordan School District for multiple middle schools. Specific details in the design will be discussed and adjusted in the coming months. There will meetings with the school community council and informational community meetings this fall. Another presentation to the board is scheduled in October. In the current construction climate, there are significant increases in

building costs and challenges obtaining materials. This may impact the timeline for completion.  
(Exhibit 2203)

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:01 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: Mitch Nerdin, principal, Skyline High

Reverence: Kris Nguyen asked for a moment of silence for the Bill Kenley family.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

#### **State Champions, Skyline Boys Tennis**

Ben Horsley introduced Mitch Nerdin, principal at Skyline High School, who then recapped the accomplishments of the Skyline Boys Tennis team. Team members in attendance were introduced by Coach Lesa Coleman-Taggart and recognized for their victory.

#### **State Sterling Scholar – Family & Consumer Sciences**

Ben Horsley introduced Steve Perschon, former principal of Olympus High School, who then introduced Camilla Lunt, State Sterling Scholar in Family & Consumer Sciences.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes, June 15, 2021

#### **Purchases:**

1. Chiller, Taylorsville High School, Mechanical Products NSW - \$182,340.00
2. Excess Workers Compensation Insurance, Aon Risk Solutions - \$115,003.00
3. HVAC, Units, GTI Relocatable Buildings, Geary Pacific - \$61,327.98
4. IT Programming Services, Information Systems Dept., Knowledge Services - \$80,080.00
5. Kami Subscription, Educational Technology Dept., Notable Incorporated - \$74,188.75
6. Math Fact Fluency Kits, K-2, Northwest Textbook Depository, dba Mountain State Schoolbook Depository (MSSD) - \$277,536.84
7. Playground Equipment, Morningside Elementary, Sonntag Recreation - \$63,250.00

#### **Change Orders:**

1. Electrical Work, West Lake Junior High School, Probst Electric - \$71,567.00
2. Skyline High School Rebuild, Hughes Construction - \$197,731.81

#### **Personnel:**

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Administrative Appointments/Transfers

Appointments, effective July 7, 2021

Aaron Bodell	Assistant Principal, Cyprus High School
David Beck	Principal, Granite Connection
Jennifer Johnson	Principal, Bonneville Junior High School

Appointment, effective August 1, 2021

Matthew Schelble	Assistant Principal, Hunter Junior High School
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Transfers, effective July 7, 2021

Ben Johnson	Assistant Principal, West Lake Junior High School
Sarah Wall	Assistant Principal, Kearns High School
Chad Rinehart	Assistant Principal, Granger High School

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary, FY 21 - \$2,708,102.95
2. Purchase Order Summary, FY 22 - \$11,272,598.47
3. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$3,087,300.66
4. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds - \$5,416,037.51
5. Change Order Summary Report - \$616,422.04
6. Principals' Cash Report – May 2021

2022 Board Meeting Calendar

2021-22 Daily Time Schedule

Granite Education Support Professionals Association (GESPA) Agreement

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

**Made by:**            Connie Burgess

**Seconded by:**      Nicole McDermott

**Called for vote:**    President Winder

**Results:**            Motion Passed Unanimously

Leslie Bell and John Welburn introduced those receiving administrative appointments, who then introduced their guests.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**Summer School Report**

Jadee Talbot, Director of Family and Community Engagement discussed Summer School programs which were implemented this summer to address learning loss. All schools offered a face-to-face option to families. Elementary schools focused on literacy and numeracy while secondary schools focused on credit recovery and regular content courses. More than 7,000 students participated, and 946.25 credits were awarded. Community programs partnered with schools to support the summer learning implemented this year. (Exhibit 2204)

## **FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

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

Doug Larson said that revisions at last month's board meeting are complete and no additional concerns were raised since the first reading in June.

**Motion:**            **I motion to pass as a second reading the Naming of School and District Buildings, Campus Venues, and Mascots.**

Made by:            Nicole McDermott

Seconded by:     Kris Nguyen

Called for vote:    President Winder

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

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

Doug Larson reminded the board of the reason for amending this policy which is to include a definition of at risk of academic failure. The definition is included in this policy because the policy is related to helping all students to succeed including those at risk of academic failure.

**Motion:**            **I move we accept the Implementation of Standards and Objectives as a second reading or final action.**

Made by:            Connie Burgess

Seconded by:     Nicole McDermott

Called for vote:    President Winder

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

## **GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION** – None

## **PATRON PARTICIPATION**

Lisa Davis addressed the board stating that she was upset with the way she, her son, and friends were treated. She had concerns about the way her son, who received a medical exemption from wearing a mask, was treated and bullied by peers while the mask mandate was imposed the past school year. Parents cannot be silenced and should be allowed to voice their concerns to the board.

Eric Hedin addressed the board on the topic of Critical Race Theory which he believes is a threat to the basic principles of this nation. He urged board members to research this theory and to ban destructive teachings in Granite School District.

Rae Duckworth addressed the board asking for a safe and inclusive environment for all children and specifically black and brown children who are being left out. She would like SROs removed from schools. She said CRT defines who she is and can help others understand the obstacles she, her friends and family overcome. She hopes the board will value the conversation behind CRT.

## **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS**

Superintendent Nye said it was an honor to take the oath today. He has appreciated the welcome from community members, staff, and students. In an email to all employees, he recognized the challenging circumstances we engaged in over the past year. He is proud of the education community for being there for children to help them succeed. Secondly, he is feeling optimistic for what the next year holds for Granite School District. The Granite family is an extension of the families we serve.

Clarke Nelson appreciated Dr. Nye's words of optimism and shares his view. He looks forward to working with new administrators in their roles.

Kris Nguyen thanked Dr. Nye for his comments. She volunteered at the school pantry and has seen the summer school program which was very well attended at Cyprus High.

Nicole McDermott is excited for the leadership of Superintendent Nye. She thanked those who worked in the summer school program. She attended the Granite Junior Youth symphony programs and was amazed at the student growth in a short time.

Connie Burgess welcomed Superintendent Nye. She had grandchildren who participated in the summer school program and they were very excited about it.

Terry Bawden thanked Dr. Nye for accepting his position. He reminded board members of USBA training in September. Also, JLC is coming up August 20-21 for those on the committee.

Julie Jackson is thrilled to have Dr. Nye and thanked him for accepting the position. She thanked those who participated this evening. She looks forward to continued conversations.

Karyn Winder is impressed with her interactions with Dr. Nye and knows that he is here for the kids. She thanked teachers for surviving a difficult year and hopes they are enjoying a much-needed rest. We will incorporate the lessons learned this year moving forward.

**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 8:07 p.m.