

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
September 7, 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 5:01 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:

Rich Nye	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Special Education Manual Updates

Bryce Day, Special Education Director presented a summary of updates to the Granite Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual. The Utah State Board of Education updated the Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual in August. Each school district is required to align their manual with the state manual by October 18, 2021. Granite's manual is based on a template provided by USBE. The state has reviewed and given feedback on our revisions. Mr. Day then listed eight areas of substantive changes to the manual. The updated Special Education Policies & Procedures Manual will be a consent item on the agenda. (Exhibit 2208)

Board members asked questions regarding record keeping and other requirements specific to Special Education. The board is aware of the additional work required of teachers to comply with IDEA requirements. They expressed concern about burnout among special education teachers.

New High School Material Boards

Don Adams displayed physical material boards so board members could view samples in person. Our design team worked to choose materials, colors, and finishes that will be durable, attractive, and timeless. School colors will be incorporated and highlighted in athletic facilities.

(Exhibit 2209)

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break at 5:42 p.m.

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: Jake Brown

Reverence: GTI, Future Farmers of America students

RECOGNITIONS

Excel Award Winners

Carrie Johnson, Granite Education Foundation Board Chair, explained the process for selecting the Excel Award Winners. One administrator and nine teachers were chosen. The 2020-2021 Excel Award winners were Rebecca Monson, Jennifer Bond-Foulke, Jennette Fordham, Tayler Khater, Michael Kraniski, Samuel Noyce, Cynthia Pearson, Amy Roper, and Rachel Sorenson.

Granite Teacher of the Year

Carrie Johnson introduced Albert Ferrarons Font, Granite Teacher of the Year, who teaches Spanish at West Lake Junior High. Mr. Ferrarons was the runner up for Utah State Educator of the Year.

Community Builder Award

Nic Dunn, Director of Utah Community Builders presented Kari Graybill, Spanish Teacher at Granite Park Junior High, with the Community Builder Award.

Skyline High MESA

Rebecca Ibarra, Educational Equity Associate Director, introduced members of the Skyline MESA team, first place winners of the MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition. The team also received two bronze and two gold medals at the competition.

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION

Mayor Kristie Overson thanked the board and superintendent for providing information at the recent budget luncheon for city officials. She appreciates all they do for our community.

PATRON PARTICIPATION

Eleanor Sundwall, Millcreek. With an educational background in science, she knows how difficult it is to understand scientific research. It is a messy process that causes confusion for many. She believes when adults dismiss the advice of those who have studied medical science it shows disrespect for education.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, August 12, 2021

Purchases:

1. English Language Learner Curriculum, Educational Equity, Imagine Learning Inc. - \$627,620.00
2. Fertilizing and Weed Control, Maintenance, Brett Miller Landscaping - \$65,580.00
3. Ongen Generators, Custodial Department, Saltwater Biocides - \$69,600.00

Personnel:

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

Appointment effective September 13, 2021

Chris Jones Assistant Principal, Cottonwood High School

Appointment effective September 20, 2021

Angelee Luther Assistant Principal, Moss/Diamond Ridge Elems.

Transfer effective September 13, 2021

Shawn Neilson Interim Associate Director, Family & Community Engagement

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$4,654,566.61
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$7,433,693.86
3. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds – 8,167,845.46
4. Change Order Summary Report - \$888,751.54
5. Principals' Cash Report – June 2021, modified and July 2021
6. Monthly Budget Report – July 2021

ESSER Plan (Exhibit 2210)

Declaration and Sale of Surplus Property for right-of-way project, Taylorsville City

Special Education Policies & Procedures Manual

Prior to calling for a motion to approve the consent agenda, President Winder asked to eliminate the Graduation Schedule. We will consider the Maverick Center as a venue for some graduation ceremonies.

Motion: I motion that we approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Graduation Schedule.

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn introduced those receiving administrative appointments who then introduced their guests.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Staffing Report

Patrick Flanagan, Human Resources Director, gave the annual teacher staffing report for the 2021-2022 school year. We have filled 156 elementary and preschool teaching openings and 128 contract secondary teaching openings. Of the 284 teachers hired, 187 are new to the profession and 97 come to us with experience. The education level of new hires is 197 with Bachelor's, 73 with Masters, 2 with Doctorate Degrees. We have 16 interns working on Bachelor's Degrees. Recruiting efforts are ongoing all year. Often applicants learn of Granite District by word of mouth from our employees. Collective efforts made by the Board of Education and GEA have a positive influence on our ability to recruit teachers. The 6% COLA, 3% bonus, our health clinic, and teacher professional development days help us to attract highly qualified teachers. (Exhibit 2211)

FINAL ACTION ITEMS, SECOND READINGS

Article II.K District Community Council Policy

Doug Larson received feedback on the District Community Council policy and changed language based on the information he received. The board discussed and clarified the following items: each SCC will invite one or more parent members to represent the SCC at each DCC meeting, board leadership shall invite suggestions from SCC members for agenda items.

Motion: I move we accept the District Community Council Policy with the noted changes as a second reading.

Made by: Terry Bawden
Seconded by: Clarke Nelson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article IX.A.1.v. Self-Reporting Requirements and Background Checks

Doug Larson said no modifications to the policy were necessary since the first reading.

Motion: I move we accept as a Second Reading the Self Reporting Requirements and Background Checks.

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye thanked the PTA for their partnership. Dr. Nye has visited schools and enjoyed sitting with students at the feet of master teachers, meeting employees and seeing the excellence that exists in our schools. Academic and social/emotional needs of our students are our priority. We strive to provide safety by following recommendations of health officials. Superintendents meet regularly with state officials and the health department to receive guidance in navigating the complexities of providing in person instruction during a global pandemic.

Clarke Nelson visited schools and met with principals. He volunteered in classrooms and has enjoyed learning from students.

Kris Nguyen appreciated the teacher town halls conducted so far. She is inspired to hear how much our teachers enjoy teaching and thanked teachers for providing thoughtful feedback.

Nicole McDermott thanked teachers and school community council members who attend town hall meetings. She encouraged everyone to join PTA because their contributions to schools are so beneficial.

Connie Burgess is grateful for all Granite employees. She is excited for this new year and enjoyed attending football games. She thanked Dr. Nye for working hard to meet so many people.

Julie Jackson thanked Dr. Nye for his community engagement efforts. She appreciates the work of those who submitted the ESSER Plan. She has interacted with many students lately who are talented, their potential is remarkable.

Terry Bawden asked when we will receive more information about board rule R277 328. He would like to review it in a future board study session. The board will be attending USBA Leadership training this month. He thanked Dr. Nye for holding town hall meetings.

Karyn Winder thanked the team who worked on the ESSER Plan. She appreciates Dr. Nye's community engagement efforts. She volunteered at PTA events and appreciates the work of the PTA to bring community members to our schools. She thanked the GEF for recognizing teachers with the Excel Awards. The Foundation's volunteers will assemble hygiene kits for students.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Julie Jackson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.