

# Granite School District

## Board of Education Study Session Tuesday, November 16, 2021

A study session of the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in Auditorium A at the Granite Education Center, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Karyn Winder called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Nicole McDermott	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Julie Jackson	Board Member
Clarke Nelson	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	Board Member

Terry Bawden, Board Member, was excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

Rich Nye	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Leslie Bell, Assistant Superintendent, was excused.

Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary were in attendance.

### **CONSENT ITEM:**

2022 Graduation Schedule

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

Made by:            Nicole McDermott

Seconded by:        Julie Jackson

Called for vote:     President Winder

Results:             Motion Passed Unanimously

### **STUDY SESSION:**

#### **Meeting Policy Review**

Doug Larson stated that board leadership asked to study Article II.D regarding Board of Education Meetings. This policy describes how Board of Education meetings are conducted,

agendas, meeting substance, and record keeping. The purpose of Board of Education meetings is to conduct district business. While it is not a requirement to provide time for patron participation, board members want patrons to have opportunities to address the board in person. They discussed implementing clear and concise guidance for patron participation time during board meetings. The board gave input on time to be allocated, the definition of a patron, allowing comments on agenda items and other topics, rules about what matters are inappropriate, and expectations for civility and conduct during board meetings. Doug Larson will work on the revisions and bring the revised policy to the board as a first reading.

### **Teacher Town Hall Report**

Superintendent Nye said it has been a pleasure and honor to be in our schools. Eight teacher town hall meetings were held, one per network. He expressed appreciation to those who attended and shared their thoughts in open discussions. The objective for the meetings was to listen with the intent to act. Dr. Nye's report focused on themes which were consistent across networks regarding what is working well, opportunities to improve, and employee wellness. An employee wellness survey will be administered to all employees which will give us additional actionable data. (Exhibit #2222)

Dr. Nye concluded his report and said that state leaders are also concerned for teachers. First Lady, Abby Cox, hosted a seminar on Saturday called Show Up for Teachers. Guest speakers identified the experience of teachers right now and provided resources to deal with some of those realities. Additional virtual events are planned, teachers and board members will have more opportunities to participate. As we work to improve conditions for adults who are taking care of our students it will be good for kids.

President Winder thanked Dr. Nye for listening to teachers, acting on solutions, and leading his team in strategic planning. She said board members appreciated attending teacher town halls and listening to our teachers.

**Motion:            I move we adjourn.**

Made by:            Kris Nguyen

Seconded by:      Connie Burgess

Called for vote:    President Winder

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>