

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
December 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 5:00 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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Annual Assessment Report

Dr. Aaron Wilson, Organizational Effectiveness Director, presented this annual report. The USBE received a federal accountability waiver in April 2021 allowing flexibility in the accountability requirements for last school year. This week the state office released school report cards which include some components of school accountability but overall points were not calculated. Results of ACT, RISE, Utah Aspire Plus, and Acadience testing were reviewed. Dr. Wilson said caution is needed in our interpretation of the data because assessment participation rates were lower in 2021. Student participation in advanced courses increased in each of the four years reviewed. (Exhibit 2223)

Capital Project Update

Don Adams and Justin Naegle, Architecture Engineering and Construction Services Director, presented an update on the status of projects during the past month. (Exhibit 2224)

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: Ben Peters, principal at Driggs Elementary

Reverences: Pearl Harbor, moment of silence in remembrance
Taylorsville Theatre Group performed a compilation of musical numbers.

RECOGNITION

Holiday Card Winners

Ben Horsley introduced Noelle Converse, Curriculum Director, who introduced winners of the holiday card contest for 2021; Vera Ime, Benjamin Partridge, Emma Shellum, and Vera Yandell. These students were presented with a framed copy of the holiday card along with their artwork submission.

Skyline Boys Golf

Kenny James, golf coach introduced the Skyline Boys' Golf Team, 5A State Champions.

Skyline Girls Soccer

Yamil Castello, soccer coach, introduced the Skyline Girls' Soccer Team, 5A State Champions.

Academic All State Recipients, Fall Sports

Chris Shipman, specialist, athletics/P.E., introduced the Academic All State Athletes for Fall sports. Students recognized included those who participated in Football: Andrew Rasmussen (Skyline), Joshua Tullis (Olympus), Matthew Herron (Olympus); Cross Country: Isaac Chapman (Cyprus), Kaden Thomas (Cyprus), Kael Whitney (Cyprus), Karter Sandquist (Hunter), William Spence (Olympus), Henry Christiansen (Skyline), Sydney Maxfield (Olympus), Brielle Boyd (Skyline); Volleyball: Makaylee Wilberg (Cyprus), Claire Dowdell (Olympus), Emme Wilson (Skyline), Olivia Gloeckner (Skyline); Soccer: Andrea Tomsen (Cyprus), Saramae Okeson (Granger), Isabel Anguiano (Taylorsville), Emma Neff (Olympus), Kelly Bullock (Olympus); Tennis: Brooke Bentley (Granger), Emma Fullmer (Taylorsville), Leena Bath (Taylorsville), Cambell Kieffer (Skyline), Eliza Durham (Skyline); Golf: Landon Porter (Hunter), Tavish Snow (Cottonwood), Coleman Norton (Olympus)

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION – None

PATRON PARTICIPATION

Darlene McDonald, West Valley City. She talked about ways outward signs of racism have been removed but racism is still imbedded in our society. She believes schools should teach coping skills and skills to combat bullying. She hopes that Granite will continue to invest in diversity, equity, and inclusion and continue to support teachers by providing tools they need to be successful. She said we can learn from the mistakes of the past so that we can make better informed decisions for our future.

Camille Crawley, teacher at Cottonwood High School. She spoke on behalf of teachers at Cottonwood. She said teachers understand sacrifice and have sacrificed during the pandemic. Last year distance learning Fridays were helpful and last year was the first time she did not feel mental and emotional exhaustion because she had these days to plan, prepare and collaborate with other teachers. She said teachers are suffering this year and one virtual learning day per month would help.

Mimi Marstaller, teacher at Utah International Charter School. She talked about the experience of students of color in our school district. She shared experiences of her students who struggle to feel included and accepted. She believes the way to have progress on the issue of racism is to examine our beliefs and question why we hold stereotypes that are untrue. She asked the board to be committed to conversations about racism and anti-racism training for teachers.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, November 9 & 16, 2021

Purchases:

1. Air Filtration System, Granger High, U.S. Mechanical - \$63,250.00
2. Discovery Software Support, Information Systems, Education Solutions Development - \$91,211.00
3. Flight Simulator, Granite Technical Institute, Redbird Flight Simulations, Inc. - \$127,919.00
4. HVAC Filters, Maintenance, American Air Filter Company - \$647,073.27
5. Microsoft EES Agreement, Insight Public Sector - \$637,046.67
6. Plasma Torches, Career and Technical Education, Horizon Technologies - \$108,458.61
7. Reading Service Bed, Grounds Department, Semi Service - \$56,705.33
8. School Buses, Transportation, Bryson Sales and Services - \$1,510,540.00
9. Virtual Dissection Table, Career and Technical Education, Anatomage Inc. - \$81,625.00
10. Weight and Cardio Room Equipment, Skyline High, Upper Limit - \$96,276.50

Award of Contract:

Mobile Hotspots for Student Home Internet Services, T-Mobile - \$150,000.00

Change Orders:

1. Skyline High Rebuild, Hughes General Contractors - \$2,178,071.00
2. Skyline High Rebuild, Hughes General Contractors - \$144,177.52
3. Skyline High Rebuild, Hughes General Contractors - \$70,910.42

Personnel:

Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$101,436,754.42
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$3,616,555.92
3. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds - \$6,086,679.46
4. Change Order Summary Report - \$243,680.69
5. Principals' Cash Report – October 2021
6. Monthly Budget Report – October 2021

2023-2024 Calendar Options

LAND Trust Amendments

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

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

FIRST READINGS

Article X.A.2. Selection of Musical Scores and/or Theatrical Scripts for Presentation Secondary Schools

Doug Larson introduced this subject which puts into policy current practices implemented in most schools in the district. The new language in Section B1 states that the principal shall share recommended musical scores and/or theatrical scripts with community councils for review and feedback. Principals retain final discretion regarding selection recommendations.

Patron Comment: Robin Edwards, teacher at Olympus High School. She shared her perspective on the history of production selection. She believes teachers know the talent of students and they choose pieces taking their students into consideration. She feels teachers should be invited to be part of the discussion for their school.

Board members discussed the changes, possible additions, and exclusions to the policy.

Superintendent Nye suggested the following: *the principal and teacher may or shall solicit feedback from the community council*. Board members plan to review the changes and consider feedback gathered prior to the second reading of this policy.

Motion: **I move we that we accept as a first reading The Selection of Musical Scores and/or Theatrical Scripts for Presentation in Secondary Schools as presented adding *teacher* to the principal *and teacher* and *shall or may share with the community council to solicit* feedback.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article VIII.B.12. Student Code of Conduct and Discipline of Students

Doug Larson said this proposal consolidates language in several places to a single policy. In Utah code we are required to have a district-wide discipline plan. This policy outlines the continuum of services related to MTSS and PBIS. It addresses how code of conduct violations are handled in our schools.

Board members asked for clarification of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). Board members engaged in further discussion about the purposes of this policy. Julie Jackson suggested the following: in Section C reference the restorative practices outlined in Section E, define restorative practices within the policy, and include in Section E processes to address the victim.

Motion: **I motion we that we approve the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline of Students for a first reading with the aforementioned changes.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Clarke Nelson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article II.D. Board of Education Meetings

Doug Larson said this policy was discussed in study session and asked if there were any questions. Board members did not have questions.

Motion: **I move we approve the First Reading of Article II.D. Board of Education Meetings.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Food and Beverage Policy

Karyn Winder said that a food policy was implemented years ago but has been quite restrictive. The board would like to consider revisions to this section of the Fiscal Policy. The board has the option to suspend this section of the policy until revisions are made in January.

Motion: **I make the motion to suspend the portion of the Food and Beverages purchases policy located in 16.B.3. of the Fiscal Policy Manual.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye expressed appreciation to the board for their goodwill and leadership. He gave an update on strategic planning. Themes have emerged from discussions with district community council and other stakeholder groups. Discussions centered around what parents

want for their child when they complete their public education. Those themes were; work ethic and resilience, respect, responsibility, dependability, and critical thinking.

Clarke Nelson feels an extra amount of gratitude for the opportunity to participate as a board member.

Kris Nguyen attended musicals and appreciated the work that went into these productions. School visits included swearing in of Safety Patrol, a Magna Elementary community event, Cyprus pantry, and assembling Santa sacks at Granite Education Foundation.

Nicole McDermott enjoyed musicals, kudos to the teachers and parents who worked so hard. She appreciates the enthusiasm of parents working with their community councils. She appreciates educators and hopes they will enjoy relaxing during the holiday break.

Connie Burgess is grateful for the sports programs in middle schools. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Julie Jackson has missed being in schools lately. In her first year as a board member, she has learned so much. It is an honor to be a part of educating kids.

Terry Bawden appreciates the opportunity to help with Santa sacks and thanked the foundation for their work. He also enjoyed giving out cookies at the transportation department. The USBA Conference is coming up in January.

Karyn Winder went to Hunter's matinee performance. She really enjoyed this production which is a sensory experience for the audience. She was happy about the responses to the West Lake survey. She hopes teachers recharge over the holidays and she thanked them for their hard work. She mentioned many service projects taking place at schools. She wished everyone happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

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 9:30 p.m.

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