

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday January 4, 2022

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 5:19 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
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Rick Anthony, Assistant Superintendent, participated virtually.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Legislative Preview

Ben Horsley previewed items related to the 2022 legislative session. A brief summary of proposed bills affecting K-12 education was included in his remarks. There will be a tracking sheet available on our website after January 17, 2022. (Exhibit 2225)

Construction and Capital Projects 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 2226)

Open Meetings Review

Doug Larson reviewed the Open and Public Meetings Act, including the purpose of open and closed meetings and what can occur and be discussed in each. Requirements for notices of meetings, minutes and recordings of meetings were also reviewed. This completes the requirements of the annual Open Meetings training. (Exhibit 2227)

Board Ethics

Doug Larson led the annual training on board ethics found in Article II.C, Board Commitments & Ethics. (Exhibit 2228)

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:02 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. Superintendent Nye asked those representing organizations to introduce themselves:

Carol Spackman-Moss	Utah State Representative
Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Michele Jones	GEA
Damian Shinsel	GESPA

Pledge of Allegiance: Doug Johnson

Reverence: Hunter High Madrigals

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION – None

PATRON PARTICIPATION

Robyn Edwards, teacher at Olympus High. She asked the board to allow another month to gather additional input from teachers regarding the policy on selection of theatrical scripts in schools.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, December 7, 2021

Purchases:

1. Box Lights and Mobile Stands, Eisenhower Junior High, Troxell Communications - \$176,207.04
2. Security Camera Equipment, Skyline High, Utah Yamas Controls - \$92,849.89

Award of Contracts:

1. Construction Testing Services, Construction Department, Project Engineering Consultants (primary) - \$37,000.00 and CMT Engineering Laboratories (secondary)- \$59,950.00
2. Fencing Annual Contract, Maintenance Department, Mountain States Fence Company and American Fence Company
3. Student Information System Software, Educator Support and Development, Focus School Software – \$2,023,750.00

Personnel:
Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$2,593,990.59
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$3,754,709.48
3. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds - \$4,001,612.91
4. Change Order Summary Report - \$2,512,832.54
5. Principals' Cash Report – November 2021
6. Monthly Budget Report – November 2021

Motion: **I motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Julie Jackson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

Population Analysis Committee Process Review

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries Director, reviewed Article VII.G.1 Annual Student Population Analysis Procedures which establishes procedures to provide for ongoing, systematic, and orderly review of student populations, school boundaries, and facility issues. An infographic outlining the timeline associated with the process was discussed. These procedures comply with current state statute. (Exhibit 2229)

ACTION ITEMS

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

Karyn Winder stated that there were several misconceptions about this policy following last month's board meeting. She summarized the policy as follows, first the script or score is chosen by the teacher and given to the principal for approval, then the selection is taken to the community council to seek support and gather feedback from the school community, the selection is then sent to an assistant superintendent for final approval.

Doug Larson gathered input from teachers and administrators following the first reading of this policy. Approximately 50% of secondary schools responded to his request for feedback.

Nicole McDermott proposed specific language for Section B. Board members discussed the proposed language. They considered whether the objective to have a consistent process for all schools to make selections and seek community support is achieved within the language of the policy.

Motion: I motion that we approve as a second reading, not a final reading but a second reading, the Selection of Musical Scores and/ or Theatrical Scripts for Presentation in Secondary Schools with the change to B2 reading instead: *teachers and administration should present their selection to the school community council and seek feedback* and B3 reading: *thereafter principals may present the selection to a designated member of the superintendency for final review and approval at least 30 days before any work begins on the production.*

Made by: Nicole McDermott
Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Doug Larson and administration will continue to work on revisions to the wording of this policy.

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

President Winder asked Doug Larson to solicit feedback from the schools that did not respond previously.

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

Doug Larson sought additional guidance from parents, GEA, and administrators. Definitions were added, language regarding reinstatement of students was added with attention to prevent similar conduct, retaliation, or victimization. Lastly, provisions were reordered to incorporate the additions. Nicole McDermott asked to include in the policy the composition of the Safe School Committee.

Karyn Winder then called for a motion to approve as a final action the second reading of Article VIII.B.12. Student Code of Conduct and Discipline of Students with the aforementioned clarification of who is on, who serves generally, who serves on that Safe School Committee.

Motion: I motion that we approve Article VIII.B.12 Student Code of Conduct and Discipline of Students with the aforementioned changes by board president Karyn H. Winder.

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article II.D. Board of Education Meetings

Doug Larson said that there were no modifications requested following the first reading of this policy.

Motion: I motion that we approve Article II.D. Board of Education Meetings.

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Granite Wellness

Superintendent Nye said we are identifying instances where we can adjust our response to our current conditions. As educators report greater exhaustion and fatigue there are things we can do to meet their needs as they meet the needs of students. Our efforts include monthly courses designed by health care professionals at the Granite Wellness Center, mental health services at the wellness center, and stipends for participating in self-care professional learning. He then recommended to the board adding three days as teacher planning days to the calendar. These days will be on January 28, March 11, and May 6, 2022

Motion: I motion that we approve making January 28, March 11, and May 6 legislative days for the purpose of teacher planning.

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Clarke Nelson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye thanked the board. We are in weekly communication with the Salt Lake County Health Department to make sure we are offering the highest level of education possible while maintaining safety for our students and employees. We anticipate that we will meet the 2% threshold which will necessitate a Test to Stay protocol. We are working on solutions as we consider possible staffing shortages due to COVID.

Clarke Nelson congratulated Milton Collins, principal at Lincoln Elementary who will be recognized tomorrow by the Utah Jazz organization as a Most Valuable Educator. There will be a STEM celebration at Spring Lane Elementary this week.

Kris Nguyen thanked teachers, staff, and principals for their efforts prior to winter break. She thanked Dr. Nye and the administration for forward thinking and concern for our teachers.

Nicole McDermott hopes that teachers had a good break. She thanked maintenance workers who start early to make sure our schools are safe as students arrive for the day.

Connie Burgess is looking forward to the USBA conference this week.

Julie Jackson said she wants our educators to know that we see them and want to help them.

Terry Bawden expressed thanks for all that everyone does in education. He is looking forward to the conference this week.

Karyn Winder thanked all groups who worked on service projects prior to the winter break. She thanked custodians for making the sidewalks and schools safe in the winter weather. She hopes

everyone had a wonderful holiday break and filled their cup so that we can now get back to work and continue to support each other.

Motion: **I motion that we adjourn.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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