

**Granite School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**January 13, 2022**

A meeting 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 9:04 p.m., those in attendance were:

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

Clarke Nelson, board member, participated electronically.

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

The following members of the administration participated electronically:

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

Karyn Winder stated the Board of Education called this emergency meeting to consider the urgent matter of shifting to temporary remote learning. She also recognized that this was a tragic day for the Hunter High community.

Superintendent Nye said our hearts are heavy with the senseless tragedy involving some Hunter High students. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hunter High community as they are mourning two students who died and one who was critically injured.

**ACTON ITEM**

**Shift to Temporary Four-Day Remote Learning**

Superintendent Nye talked about what has led to the need to consider action to shift to four days of remote learning. According to state statute 53G-9-210 schools may only shift from in person learning at least 4 days per week to distance learning if permission is granted by the governor, speaker of the house, senate president and state superintendent. We received a letter this morning granting this authorization in emergency circumstances. Our administration recommends a shift to distance learning from Tuesday, January 18-21, 2022, with in-person learning resuming on January 24, 2022. Learning materials and resources will be provided both synchronously and asynchronously. We will provide grab and go breakfast and lunches. High school extra-curricular

will proceed in coordination with principals. After school events at junior high and elementary schools will be rescheduled. While we recognize that distance learning is not ideal, in the last two weeks many benefits of in-person instruction have been compromised. During that time there were 2200 teacher substitute requests and significant increases in student absences. Test to stay events showed nearly 1 in 5 students tested positive for COVID. Our hope is that this brief pause of in-person instruction will help to reduce the spread of COVID and the highly contagious Omicron variant and allow time for students and employees to regain their health.

**Motion: I make a motion to do the four days next week as distance learning January 18-21, 2022.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott  
Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Clarke Nelson said he has concerns that pivoting to distance learning could be a slippery slope but with the limited specific dates he feels more comfortable.

Julie Jackson said she realizes this is difficult for parents when they were not expecting to have their children home next week. She hopes families will consider what they can do to help more people be healthy.

Terry Bawden asked about steps that will be taken to ensure this period of distance learning is as effective as possible. He stressed the importance of providing worthwhile instruction.

Karyn Winder thanked teachers for their flexibility to pivot in these difficult times. She recognized that some people will not agree with this action but we are doing our best to adjust in changing circumstances.

Connie Burgess and Kris Nguyen thanked administration for considering what is best for students.

Board members asked additional questions about the logistics of implementing these distance learning days. Superintendent Nye added that Test to Stay has been suspended because of limited resources. Therefore, two options are to continue to provide in-person instruction recognizing that we have a high rate of COVID on our campuses without the ability to test or take a mitigating approach by shifting to distance learning for this period of time.

Called for vote: President Winder  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

President Winder then called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion: I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Connie Burgess  
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.