

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
March 1, 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 5:03 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

Construction and Capital 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 2235)

Legislative Update

Ben Horsley presented a report on the 2022 legislative session. Mr. Horsley highlighted several bills and discussed the impact these bills will have on Granite School District. (Exhibit 2236)

The Board discussed an amendment to HB 193 – Full-Day Kindergarten, which was brought to the Senate Education Committee on Friday. This amendment will reduce the proposed funding allocation for all day kindergarten from 47 million to 12 million. The state board is drafting an amendment in response to this action. Superintendent Nye said he will write a letter to the legislature addressing Granite’s concerns and will share it with board members for their approval.

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: Mandy Chapple, assistant principal, Valley Junior High School

Reverence: William Penn Elementary, 5th Grade students

RECOGNITIONS

State US Presidential Scholar Nominees

Ben Horsley introduced Mitch Nerdin, principal at Skyline High and James Taylor, CTE Director who then introduced state US Presidential Scholar Nominees, Alan Mo and Christina Dong, students at Skyline High School.

School Counselors

February 7-11, 2022 was designated as School Counselor Appreciation Week. A video which gave information about the services provided by school counselors was shown. Judy Peterson, College and Career Readiness Director and counselors from Bonneville Junior accepted the recognition on behalf of Granite school counselors.

State-wide Recognition, CTE Administrator

Leslie Bell introduced James Taylor, the 2022 Utah Career and Technical Education Administrator of the year. Mr. Taylor will represent the state and region at the national level.

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION – None

PATRON PARTICIPATION

Amanda Merrill, student at Taylorsville High School. She reminded the Board that she addressed them previously asking for Granite to transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2030 and 100% renewable energy by 2040. She asked the board for a formal commitment to clean energy. She discussed financial pathways to support her proposed transition to 100% clean energy.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, February 1 & 15, 2022

Purchases:

1. QSS Software Support, Information Systems, Harris School Solutions dba Quintessential School Systems - \$181,530.52
2. Secondary Water Filters, 3 School Locations, Turf Sprinkler Company - \$62,423.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Asphalt Patching, Annual Contract, Miller Paving
2. Engineering Services for HVAC Upgrades, Multiple Schools, David L Jensen & Associates - \$1,223,473.00

3. Fertilizer Application, Annual Contract, Maintenance Department, Harmon & Sons
4. GEC Remodel, Café Kitchen, Jardine Malaska Construction - \$193,599.00
5. Lawn Mowing, Maintenance Department, Lawn Butler - \$248,046.50
6. School Accounting Software, Business Services, Focus School Software
7. Security Remodel, Hartvigsen, Old Granite Innovations - \$200,978.30
8. Security Remodel, Rolling Meadows Elementary, Wasatch West Contracting - \$218,410.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments

Appointments, effective July 1, 2022

Brenda Byrnes	Associate Director, Human Resources
Cindy Dunn	Associate Director, Talent Development
Becky Monson	Associate Director, Curriculum & Instruction
Rich Nielsen	Director, School Leadership & Improvement
Katy Timothy	Associate Director, Business Administration
Felicia Wood	Principal, Hartvigsen

Josh Bates	Open Contract
Sharla Bynum	Open Contract
Mike Carlson	Open Contract

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$3,130,744.20
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$5,683,567.56
3. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds
4. Change Order Summary Report - \$232,114.85
5. Principals' Cash Report – January 2022
6. Monthly Budget Report – January 2022

GESPA Negotiating Team

LAND Trust Amendments

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

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Patrick Flanagan, Noelle Converse, Leslie Bell, and John Welburn introduced those receiving administrative appointments who then introduced their guests.

FINAL ACTION ITEM

Article V.C.15 Student Data Privacy Protection

Doug Larson said this policy addresses state and federal requirements for soliciting student information and safeguarding student records. It was presented as a first reading at the February board meeting. Parents in school community councils have also reviewed this policy.

Motion: **I make a motion that we approve Article V.C.15 Student Data Privacy Protection policy.**

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye said we appreciate working with our legislative partners to seek the best possible outcomes for our students and will focus on the bills that pass this session. The health department has adjusted COVID-19 guidance in response to current transmission rates. Quarantine and isolation guidelines remain in effect. Health officials highlight vaccinations as the best defense and allow individuals to use masks as they choose to. Visits to schools have focused on school continual improvement plans. Granite educators are committed to meeting the needs of students, maintaining priorities, and working to deliver the best education to students.

Clarke Nelson visited schools over the past several weeks. He added his gratitude and respect for school counselors who work as advocates for students. He thanked Superintendent Nye for representing students and families in his work with the legislature and for his commitment to visiting schools and attending community meetings. He is grateful for the feedback provided by patrons in community council meetings. He invited those who want to share their input to contact him, his phone and email are available on Granite's website.

Kris Nguyen offered her sincere thanks to school counselors and social workers. Pamela Atkinson spoke at local conference she attended where she said, the more you find out about other people you find you have a lot more in common than you thought. Our school communities do so much to work together. She values the insight of superintendents working with JLC. She thanked teachers for their tireless efforts and principals for helping our schools become the best they can.

Nicole McDermott enjoyed going to winter shows. She talked about Dr. Ellis C. Worthen who passed away recently. He was a champion for arts education in Granite District where he taught and served impacting the lives of many students including hers. She appreciates those who advocated for education this legislative session.

Connie Burgess thanked those who organized the Parent University night. She is grateful for those who are participating in the boundary studies. She enjoyed the play at Hunter High.

Julie Jackson thanked Steve Hogan, Gayna Breeze and Ben Horsley for their work with community councils on the boundary studies. She thanked those who engage and share feedback for these studies. When she substituted she was delighted with a delicious lunch. She was reminded of the expertise required of teachers to meet the needs of students with different abilities in the same classroom.

Terry Bawden thanked Rich Nye and Ben Horsley for their work with the legislature. He thanked legislators for their efforts. Board members have participated in 30-year employee recognitions and he looks forward to attending more recognitions. He thanked these employees for the amazing job they do.

Karyn Winder said education has changed a lot over the 30-year careers of those being recognized in faculty meetings. Dr. Nye and Ben Horsley are excellent advocates for us. There are also good people working in our legislature. She visited Gourley elementary and was reminded of the needs of students in our schools. At Kearns Junior High they discussed attributes we would like to see in students such as grit, resilience, and good social skills. On Valentine's day some board members served pancakes to transportation workers. There was a really good feeling in the transportation center. Board leadership are attending meetings with city and town leaders to explore ways they can partner to build communities. She spoke at the Granger High National Honor Society induction. Her message was that the voice you hear the most is your own, speak kindly to yourself.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Kris Nguyen

Seconded by: Julie Jackson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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