

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 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 5:01 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
Todd Hauber	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 & Capital Update

Don Adams and Justin Naegle, Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Director, presented information about current construction and capital projects. (Exhibit 2316)

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:01 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. President Winder introduced those representing organizations:

Carol Rednour	Region V PTA
Kimberly Swensen	Region V PTA
Stacie Henry	Region 5 PTA
Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Gayna Breeze	GAEOP

Marilee Evans	GAEOP
Michele Jones	GEA
Caren Burns	GEA
Haley Kelley	GEA
Sarah Timpson	Middle Managers, School Nurse
Lisa Milkavich	Middle Managers, Physical Therapist
Kathleen Riebe	Utah Senator
Silvia Catten	Millcreek City Council

Pledge of Allegiance: Ben Peters

Reverence: Cottonwood High Theatre “The Little Mermaid” CeCe Capps, acc. by Tate Curtis

RECOGNITIONS

National Smoky Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Winner

Ben Horsley introduced Ben Peters, principal of Driggs Elementary, who introduced Ella Hampshire who was the national winner of the Smoky Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest.

State Champions

Ben Horsley introduced Chris Shipman, Athletic Specialist, who introduced Mitch Nerdin, principal who recognized the Skyline boys golf team who were 5A State Champions. Chris Shipman then introduced Jen Christensen, principal who recognized the State 5A Champion Olympus girls tennis team.

Academic All-State Recipients

Chris Shipman introduced the Academic All-State recipients for fall sports. Cottonwood: Coleman Oettli and Maxfield Russo (Boys Golf), Annie Pinegar, Kaiya Endo, Kathryn Campbell, and Kimberly Colton (Girls Tennis) Cyprus: Daniel Shawcroft (Boys Cross Country), Granger: Anna Olascoaga and Emma Vuckovic (Girls Tennis), Garrett Cousins (Football), Hunter: Allison Chadwick and Ryleigh Allred (Girls Tennis), Aaron Jowers (Boys Cross Country), Olympus: James Connolly (Boys Golf), Miya Inouye (Girls Cross Country), Brooklyn Christensen, Grace VandenAkker, and Sydney Atherley (Girls Soccer), George Marriott and Maxwell Archibald (Boys Cross Country), Charles Sherwood and Jack Richards (Football), Taylorsville: Brendan Christensen (Boys Cross Country), Sarah Ekker (Girls Tennis and Soccer)

Top MGP Elementary Schools for 2022

Ben Horsley introduced Dr. Joan Bramble, Student Assessment associate director, who introduced schools that achieved the High Median Growth Percentile (MGP) on the RISE assessments. The schools were Howard Driggs, Robert Frost, William Penn, Rosecrest, Eastwood, and Cottonwood elementary schools. Principals and teachers representing each of these schools were recognized and presented with awards.

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION – None

PATRON PARTICIPATION – Public hearing following the PAC presentation.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, October 4 & 18, 2022

Purchases:

1. Computer Hardware, Wireless Access Point Antennas, West Lake Junior High, Converge One - \$62,406.40
2. HVAC Controls at Copper Hills, Fox Hills and Hunter Elementary, Commercial Mechanical - \$1,890,971.00
3. Identocard Access Updates, Police Electronics, Sentinel Systems - \$158,967.91
4. Lodging, Taylorsville High, Embassy Suites Hotel, San Diego Downtown - \$58,379.73
5. Lumber, Granite Technical Institute, Stringham Lumber - \$66,826.62
6. Microsoft Support, Information Systems, Microsoft Corporation - \$110,527.00
7. Soccer Fence, Cottonwood High, Western Chain Link Fence - \$75,350.00
8. Sound System Upgrade, Hunter Junior High, Gencomm, Inc. - \$127,910.00
9. Upland Optiflow Software Support, Information Systems, Upland Software - \$55,664.41
10. Viewsonic Display Panels and Mounts, Gourley Elementary, Bluum - \$77,833.75
11. Viewsonic Display Panels and Mounts, Taylorsville High, Bluum - \$65,708.79

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Leave of Absence

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$3,092,722.71
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$2,648,369.99
3. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds
4. Change Order Summary Report - \$242,041.93
5. Monthly Budget Report – September 2022

LAND Trust Amendments

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

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

Student Enrollment Report

Steve Hogan, Director of Planning and Boundaries reported on student enrollment data for the 2022-2023 school year. This year 1,329 fewer students are enrolled in Granite District than last school year. A three-year enrollment summary and twenty-year enrollment trend were included in the presentation. (Exhibit 2317)

FIRST READINGS

Population Analysis Committee Recommendations

Steve Hogan presented a recommendation to the Board from the Population Analysis Committee (PAC). The PAC is comprised of 35 members representing all aspects of education, PTA and GEA. The process used complies with State requirements and included multiple outreach efforts starting in the Spring of 2022; meetings, presentations, calls, mailings, and emails continued throughout the summer and fall. The goal of the study is to create elementary schools with the optimal enrollment that will best serve students and families. The PAC recommends Option 3-C to close Twin Peaks, Spring Lane, and Millcreek elementary schools. Other related recommendations for boundary adjustments, feeder patterns and placement of school programs were included in the presentation. (Exhibit 2318)

Public Comments

Wes Ashton, Millcreek, expressed concern about the boundary adjustment from Driggs to Oakwood and the Cottonwood feeder pattern for junior high and high school. This change is hard and increases the distance from home to school.

Adrienne Cornia, Murray, is concerned about inequality among our networks as reflected in meeting attendance, opportunities for sports, performing arts and specialized classes. She asked the board to make hard decisions on boundary changes.

Alisa Kesler-Lund, Holladay, is concerned about closing and consolidating schools within high need populations. The Cottonwood network shoulders the responsibility to meet needs of economically disadvantaged students. She asked for socio-economic integrated schools across Cottonwood, Olympus, and Skyline networks.

Silvia Catten, Millcreek, proposed a boundary adjustment to keep the area north of Brickyard together. She advocated for a bridge across 3900 South. She wants families to feel welcome in the schools they will be dispersed to. She is concerned about the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) lottery at William Penn.

Steve Risenmay, Millcreek, there are eight Spanish dual immersion programs west of Redwood Road but only one east of Redwood Road following the proposed closure. He is concerned about this imbalance. Is dual immersion a priority or do they want to take it away?

Sidsie Drysdale, Millcreek, asked how and when the decision was made to move the DLI program from Millcreek to William Penn. She feels there has not been transparency about how the decision was made. She asked for a different placement for the Millcreek DLI program.

Lindsay Godsey, Holladay, she supports the closures at Spring Lane and Twin Peaks because the students are not receiving an equitable education. She tries not to feel upset when others say they don't want more students because they might lose an art room. Communities can work together. She is excited for Moss students to go to Bonneville Junior.

Marianne Jensen, Sandy, talked about the challenges this study has presented at Spring Lane. Since the 3 options were announced several of the support staff have left to take positions in other schools. The new principal is doing an admirable job even with this difficult situation. She asked for help at Spring Lane for the remainder of the year.

Angie Gray, Millcreek, talked about the strengths of the DLI program at Millcreek. She believes consolidating with the program at Penn will hurt and shrink the DLI program. She would like a different location for the DLI program and supports for the program in the Evergreen area.

Charles Briggs, Millcreek, said the lottery system at Penn has turned students away. He asked, how can they take on more students. This will be a disservice to both schools and DLI students.

Amberle Shaffer, Millcreek, said she understands the need to close schools but has issues with how the study was handled. She feels there is an inaccurate claim that Millcreek does not have community support. She asked the board to reject the recommendation and to find another way.

April Flores, Millcreek, thanked parents and community members who advocated for Millcreek Elementary. More than half of their students are enrolled in DLI. She asked to allow the program to grow and thrive. She would like more bilingual communication from the district.

Loni Richards, Millcreek, is concerned that adding more DLI students will be a disadvantage to the traditional program at Penn. She is concerned about capacity and using classrooms that don't have windows. Penn was not a part of the study area but is being impacted by this study.

Steven Connors, Millcreek, said 12,000 students within Granite boundaries attend charter and private schools, or other districts. It is a missed opportunity if Granite does not compete for those students. He asked the board to look at ways to strengthen the Spanish DLI program.

Christianne Valentiner, Salt Lake City, much of the information presented today would have been beneficial months ago. William Penn's traditional program is suffering. She said both DLI programs are thriving and full. She suggested to move the Millcreek DLI program to Rosecrest.

John Tuutau, Millcreek, thinks there are options other than what has been presented. He advocated for bolstering the DLI program at Millcreek and keeping the school open. He asked the board to put a pause on this and explore other options.

Emmanuel Vasquez, Millcreek, said 34% of Millcreek's students are from Latino families, this diversity provides a wonderful environment for students to learn another language. He asked the board to keep Millcreek open and to look deeper at the impact and role of diversity.

President Winder closed the public hearing and invited board questions and discussion. Board members engaged in conversation about the issues of DLI programs, traditional classrooms, and transportation. The PAC was asked to analyze school consolidation and closures, not expansion of programs. The district is providing assurance to families with students currently in DLI programs and support to the schools that will house the programs. At a future time, the board will study issues surrounding DLI programs in depth.

Motion: **I would like to make a motion that we accept the PAC's recommendation for Option 3-C which is the closure of Twin Peaks, Spring Lane, and Millcreek elementaries.**

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Secoded by: Terry Bawden

Board Comments:

Julie Jackson asked for an analysis of how Millcreek's DLI program would look at the other Evergreen feeder schools.

The timing of communication with the William Penn community was unfortunate. We did not know early on that the Millcreek closure option would be selected. We have considered community feedback and PAC will continue to meet with them. The pros and cons of expanding to large, comprehensive, district- wide PAC studies were discussed.

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article IX.A.1.a. Nondiscrimination in Employment

Doug Larson said this is another update to a Human Resources policy.

Motion: I would like to make a motion that we accept Article IX.A.1.a. Nondiscrimination in Employment as a first reading.

Made by: Nicole McDermott
Seconded by: Julie Jackson

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Article IX.A.1.x. Reduction in Force

Doug Larson said this policy is consolidated from previous policies written for each employee group.

Motion: I will motion that we approve Article IX.A.1.x. Reduction in Force for a first reading.

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SECOND READING

Article IX.A.1.z. Employee Health and Safety, Immunizations and Workplace Accidents

Doug Larson said the only change was to add COVID19 to the list of recommended immunizations.

Motion: I will make a motion that we accept Article IX.A.1.z. Employee Health and Safety, Immunizations and Workplace Accidents as a second and final reading.

Made by: Nicole McDermott
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye acknowledged the amazing things happening in schools across the district which are worthy of celebration. The tremendous work is showing in student impact data, he will go into greater detail in a report at a later time.

Each board member sincerely thanked Ben Horsley and Steve Hogan for their personal commitment and sacrifice to conduct meetings and lead the work of the Population Analysis Committee. They also thanked their families for supporting their efforts as it has required much of their time.

Clarke Nelson talked about the visit to the community where refugees live, it was life changing for him. It was profound; he thinks of those students and their needs constantly but does not stop thinking of the needs of all students.

Kris Nguyen said her heart goes out to those students who are impacted by the board's decision. Our goal is to have positive impact on all students. This was not an easy decision, but she feels that communities will benefit. It will provide positive change for schools that need it.

Nicole McDermott thanked the PTA for all they do. She oversaw Red Ribbon Week at her daughter's school where community leaders were invited to speak. At the Taylorville trunk or treat event Safe UT cards were distributed.

Terry Bawden feels honored to work with such great people on the board. He thanked board members for their courage to do what they need to do.

Karyn Winder said this night has been long and brings anxiety. This is what the board is elected to do to make hard choices. Board members have feelings and emotions; they take these decisions seriously. She hopes communities will work together to embrace change.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

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