

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 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 5:02 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

Board Member Oath of Office

Todd Hauber administered the Oath of Office to Kim Chandler, newly elected Board of Education member, as well as re-elected members: Connie Burgess, Karyn Winder, and Kris Nguyen. Newly elected board members introduced their guests.

Construction & Capital Update

Don Adams and Justin Naegle, Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Director, presented information about current construction and capital projects. (Exhibit 2326)

Audit Report, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Todd Hauber discussed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which includes full accrual accounting and fund accounting. There was a significant change to reporting this year, GASB 87, which is associated with leases. Mr. Hauber introduced Matt Geddes from Squire & Company, they provide services to the district; audit financial statements and issue a clean opinion. They conduct an audit of federal funding in accordance with the Single Audit Act which checks for compliance in specific programs. They found the district complied with the requirements outlined. The final audit they complete is in line with the state compliance audit guide issued by the state auditor. (Exhibits 2327a-b)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Winder said there is need of an Executive Session for the purpose of character and competence and called for a motion.

Motion: **I move we adjourn to an Executive Session for the purpose of character and competence of an employee.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for voice vote: President Winder

Results:

For:

Connie Burgess
Kim Chandler
Nicole McDermott
Clarke Nelson
Kris Nguyen
Karyn Winder

Against:

The meeting adjourned and the board convened an Executive Session in B-217. President Karyn Winder called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., those in attendance: Karyn Winder, Nicole McDermott, Connie Burgess, Kim Chandler, Julie Jackson, Clarke Nelson, Kris Nguyen, Todd Hauber and Rich Nye.

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 6:53 p.m.

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. Karyn Winder introduced those representing organizations:

Carol Rednour	Region V PTA
Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Gayna Breeze	GAEOP
Michele Jones	GEA
Haley Kelley	GEA
Shantelle Ford	GEA

Carrie Johnson	GEF
Brian Breeze	Middle Manager
Quinn Kotter	State Representative (5:00 session)
Amy Winder-Newton	Salt Lake County Council

Pledge of Allegiance: Rick Anthony

Reverence: Bennion Elementary Shine Choir

ACTION ITEM

Election of Board Leadership

President Winder said she was elected as board president in January 2019, the past four years have been unprecedented. During this time the board made hard choices about school closures, they faced impossible choices in response to a pandemic, and conducted superintendent and business administrator searches which resulted in hiring Dr. Rich Nye and Todd Hauber. Board communication has increased, we have felt more empowered, and more accountability at the administration level is occurring. She is proud of the hard work the board accomplished over these difficult but rewarding years. She thanked the board for the opportunity to lead. She concluded her remarks saying “There is no growth in the comfort zone and no comfort in the growth zone. I’ve lived in the growth zone for four years and it is time to hand over the gavel.” President Winder called for a motion to appoint a new board president.

Motion: **I move that we appoint Nicole McDermott as board president.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

President Winder called for a motion to appoint a board vice president.

Motion: **I move that we appoint Kris Nguyen as the board vice president.**

Made by: Clarke Nelson

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION – None

PATRON PARTICIPATION

Leah Jensen, Skyline student, represented the student coalition for clean energy. She thanked the district staff for their work to build a sustainable future. She suggested a modified clean energy commitment could be adopted by the Board of Education. She asked for board input on the student proposal.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, December 6, 2022

Purchases:

1. Architect & Engineering Services, Air Conditioning Mail and Auxiliary Gymnasiums, Taylorsville High, Olsen & Peterson Engineers - \$56,800.00
2. Dugout Remodel, Taylorsville High, Achieve Contracting - \$157,872.00
3. Gym Floor, Jefferson Junior, Croft-Beck Floors - \$146,959.00
4. HVAC Controls Upgrade, Bridger Elementary, Commercial Mechanical Systems - \$653,086.00
5. HVAC Controls Upgrade, Hunter Junior, Ralph Tye & Sons - \$709,711.00
6. Security Guard Services, Police Department, Palamerican Security - \$103,265.28
7. Security Remodels, Oakwood and Woodstock, Old Granite Innovations - \$574,914.75

Award of Contracts:

1. Math Curriculum Adoption and Professional Development, Grades 6-8, Curriculum and Instruction Department, Curriculum Associates - \$2,465,244.89
2. Math Curriculum Adoption and Professional Development, Grades 9-12, Curriculum and Instruction Department, Carnegie Learning - \$2,919,554.92

Change Orders:

1. Change Order 2, i-Ready Math, Curriculum and Instruction, Curriculum Associates - \$63,000.00
2. Change Order 18, Cyprus High, Westland Construction - \$80,407.21

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Leave of Absence
3. LEA Specific Licenses

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers
3. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds
4. Change Order Summary Report
5. Monthly Budget Report – November 30, 2022

CTSO Travel

GEA Negotiation Team

LAND Trust Amendments

Property Sale, CTE home at 503 E Millcreek Way, South Salt Lake City, Utah

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

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President McDermott
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

Population Analysis Committee (PAC) Process Review

Steve Hogan, Director of Planning and Boundaries, provided a review of the process they use to evaluate school enrollment and recommend schools for boundary change and school closure. In a recent legislative audit, Granite School District was highlighted as an example of using a sound process to evaluate population and school closures. The district's bond rating is better when we show fiscal responsibility by keeping our schools right sized. Students benefit from more opportunities when small schools are consolidated. The committee will continue to study areas of the district identified by consultants, Davis Demographics. The PAC believes a phased approach to these studies is the best option given the size and diversity of our district. (Exhibit 2328)

Legislative Preview

Ben Horsley presented the legislative calendar, revenue projections, funding, and topic areas. Bills related to safety and mental health and curriculum and instruction were highlighted in the presentation. The communications office creates a legislative tracking sheet for bills that impact education. The tracking sheet will be available on the Granite website. (Exhibit 2329)

SECOND READINGS

Article II.L. Implementation of Standards and Objectives

Doug Larson said the changes to this policy have been vetted by a District committee on academic and citizenship requirements. After last Board meeting, members of the committee made slight modifications to further align graduate of Granite School District standards with academic standards.

Board discussion: Kim Chandler said it is too early to implement a policy since the strategic plan is still in a planning phase. As she reviewed the development of the Graduate of Granite strategic plan, she has concerns and she asked for an opportunity for further study, discussion, and review prior to voting on this policy. According to public meeting guidelines the strategic plan cannot be discussed further in this meeting because it is not an agenda item.

Superintendent Nye said the strategic plan could be discussed with Ms. Chandler and board leadership. If the board chooses, the strategic plan could be reviewed in a study session.

President McDermott asked when the policy would be implemented. Mr. Larson said it will start with students who are in 9th grade and continue yearly until it is fully implemented in high schools.

The discussion continued and board members expressed a desire to move forward with the policy instead of delaying for an additional reading.

Motion: I move we approve Article II.L. Implementation of Standards and Objectives as a second and final reading.

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Motion passed 6-1 (voting yes: Connie Burgess, Julie Jackson, Nicole McDermott, Clarke Nelson, Kris Nguyen, Karyn Winder; voting no: Kim Chandler)

Article X.A.4. Senior High School Graduation Standards and Requirements

Doug Larson said this policy is in alignment with the Article II.L. Based on concerns expressed by Board members, changes were initiated to the policy by the district committee on academic and citizenship requirements. The changes reformatted the policy to read more efficiently and added accommodations for special programs.

Motion: I move we approve as a second and final reading, Article X.A.4. Senior High School Graduation Standards and Requirements.

Made by: Karyn Winder
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Motion passed 6-1 (voting yes: Connie Burgess, Julie Jackson, Nicole McDermott, Clarke Nelson, Kris Nguyen, Karyn Winder; voting no: Kim Chandler)

Article V.C.10. Advertising and Distributing Information

Doug Larson said this policy was updated to clarify the private student program advertising requirements. Small changes were also made to clarify provisions of the prohibitions section.

Motion: I move we approve as a second and final reading, Article V.C.10. Advertising and Distributing Information.

Made by: Karyn Winder
Seconded by: Kim Chandler

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye said the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals recognized Rob McDaniel as principal of the year. There are 56 principals and principal supervisors involved in the University of Utah Principal Leadership Academy. Principals have appreciated the opportunity to invest in themselves and receive information to help them in their leadership roles. He welcomed new board leadership and looks forward to working with them. He thanked Karyn Winder for her leadership over the past year and a half that he has been superintendent.

Clarke Nelson welcomed Kim Chandler and thanked Karyn Winder for her leadership. He looks forward to working with new board leadership. He was involved in the Christmas Extravaganza at Cottonwood and appreciated the efforts of many people to provide service to students. He appreciates the sincere welcome to all students in our community.

Karyn Winder thanked the board for the opportunity to lead, their support, and kind comments. She looks forward to working with new board leadership. She welcomed Kim Chandler and looks forward to having her on the board and working together.

Kris Nguyen thanked Ms. Winder and Ms. McDermott for their leadership and all they taught her. She welcomed Kim Chandler to the board. She visited a school today and was impressed with the amazing job teachers are doing. She congratulated Rob McDaniel on his recognition, she enjoyed attending the celebration today. She is excited to work with the superintendency in her new role.

Connie Burgess thanked Karyn Winder for her leadership. She has confidence in Ms. McDermott and Ms. Nguyen as board leadership. She values dignity and believes we need to dignify all our interactions. She is impressed with principals as they guide students and teachers in our schools.

Kim Chandler enjoyed the conference last week and could see that each board member cares deeply about students and education. A quote that stood out to her was “simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.” – Leonardo da Vinci. She hopes to live by this principle. Her children have had wonderful teachers and they have learned to love school because of their teachers.

Julie Jackson thanked Karyn Winder for her four years of service as board president. She is excited for Ms. Chandler to be on the board and looks forward to hearing her perspective. She substituted today, she values her time in the schools and it is a reminder to listen to teachers. She is excited to be on JLC where they will be working on creative solutions

President McDermott appreciated board’s camaraderie and the training sessions at the USBA conference. She looks forward to getting to know Kim Chandler. She visited Vista elementary. She is amazed by the job elementary teachers do. She thanked Karyn Winder for all she has taught her, and she looks forward to working closely with the superintendency.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Clarke Nelson

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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