

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting February 5, 2013

A board meeting for Granite School District was held in the board room at the Granite School District offices, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Julene Jolley	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member

Excused:

Terry Bawden	Vice President
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The following members of the administration were present:

Martin W. Bates	Superintendent
David F. Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
David Gourley	Assistant Superintendent
Jim Henderson	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley and Steve Powell, Communications Department, and Merilynn Boekweg, Board Recorder, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Preliminary Budget Discussion

Mitch Robison, Director, Budget Development, presented the Preliminary Budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year (FY). He reviewed Governor Herbert's proposed budget and its impact on education. The Governor proposed an increase in the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) of 1.16% (\$33 per student) and a tax levy guarantee which would increase funding to schools by \$890,631.00. Required spending increases, a district improvement reduction (No Child Left

Behind Waiver), and negotiation considerations will negatively impact the budget by \$6,931,610.00. It is unclear at this time what monies will be needed to fund the second year of the Board's Five Year Framework. Mr. Robison reminded the Board that this was a preliminary budget and as the legislature progresses through the current session more information would be made available to the schools. (Exhibit #13-37)

Mrs. Meier expressed her frustration with the legislature. She was concerned that the increases did not cover the required spending. The Board discussed the importance of being informed and contacting legislators with input.

Dr. Bates commented that the topic of discussion for the February 19th Study Session will include the Affordable Care Act currently being proposed.

2. Educator Support and Development Services

Assistant Superintendent Jim Henderson explained the rationale behind the formation of Educator Support and Development Services. The charge and responsibility of his division is to "recruit the best people, support and develop all educators, retain top talent, grow future leaders, see funding and evaluate program effectiveness, to fully prepare students for college, career and life in the 21st Century." They serve principals, assistant principals, teachers and para-professionals.

The services provided by his division are offered by:

- Donnette McNeill-Waters is the Director of Human Resources. She and her staff take great care in recruiting, hiring, and retaining employees.
- Annette Brinkman leads the Educator Induction and Support portion of the division. Her team helps new teachers and administrators develop successful skills and strategies to achieve greater student learning. They are developing a means of identifying why the retention rate of educators in Granite is only 73%.
- Bill Kenley covers Talent Development. He works to identify and grow future leaders in the system.
- Dr. Rob Averett directs the Resource and Development. He support schools through grant writing and grant administration to ensure that all students obtain a high quality education.

- Research and Evaluation is in the process of being added to the division to provide credible research and evaluation to support school improvement and high quality program implementation.

(Exhibit #13-38)

Dr. Henderson concluded that the success of his division is accredited to his staff and how efficiently they do their assignments.

The Board briefly discussed the resources for educators. They expressed the importance of these programs and thanked the staff that worked with the teachers and administrators.

3. 2013 Legislative Session

Ben Horsley reported on the bills that were now being studied and discussed in the 2013 Legislative session. He commented he would update tracking sheets as often as changes are made. (Exhibit #13-39)

The Board adjourned for a dinner break at 6:20 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:08 p.m. in the board room. President Gayleen Gandy welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Dawn Warner	PTA, Region V
Brent Sever	GEF
Kathy Newton	
Midge Treglown	
Susen Zobel	GEA
Holly Slade	
Tracy Atkin	GESPA
Elese Salmond	
David Shell	
Jane McClure	GASA

Paul Hanson, High School Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Michele Callahan	Principal, Granite Peaks Alternative High
David Holt	Principal, Valley Junior
Rod Horton	Principal, Bennion Junior
Jane McClure	Principal, Valley Crest Elementary
Vicki Ricketts	Principal, Spring Lane Elementary
Ernie Broderick	Principal, Stansbury Elementary
Lynn Cooper	Principal, Fox Hills Elementary
Judy Giles	Principal, Farnsworth Elementary
Christi Christensen	Principal, Truman Elementary
Danny Stirland	Assistant Principal, Skyline High
Ryan Oaks	Assistant Principal, Granger High
Scott Bell	Assistant Principal, Matheson Junior
Christine Straatman	Assistant Principal, Evergreen Junior
Trent Hendricks	Assistant Principal, Gourley Elementary/ West Kearns Elementary

Pledge of Allegiance: Rod Horton, Principal, Bennion Jr.

Reverence: Connie Anderson shared quotes she had used in her classroom encouraging individual responsibility in making choices.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: January 8, 2013 & January 22, 2013

Purchases:

1. White Multi-Purpose Copy Paper for Warehouse Stock, Costco - \$77,515.20
2. Carpet for Armstrong Academy, Shaw Contract Group - \$77,715.05
3. ESL Programming for Refugees, English Skills Learning Center - \$73,428.63

Personnel:

Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summaries - \$2,309,405.10
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$15,373,653.31
3. Principals Cash Report – December 2012
4. Monthly Budget Report – December 2012

Negotiation Team for GEA

Negotiation Team for GESPA

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

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Julene Jolley

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Granite Education Foundation Santa Sacks

Kathy Newton, representing the Granite Education Foundation (GEF), reported on the “Santa Sacks” program. These bags went to students K-6 who were, as determined by their school’s social worker, in need. The Foundation, with the help of many volunteers from businesses and the community, assembled 1,273 sacks. Each sack was valued at approximately \$50.00. Each sack contains 1 hat, 1 or 2 pair of gloves, 1 book, a fleece blanket, toy, school arts supplies, 2 pairs of socks, 1 toothbrush, toothpaste, and a certificate for a haircut at the CTE School of Cosmetology. Request for coats, boots and shoes had risen drastically and gift cards were made available to help through the Quarters for Christmas program. Mrs. Newton expects the number of sacks for the 2013 Christmas season to reach 1,500.

Superintendent Bates and the Board expressed their gratitude for this program. Dr. Bates commented on how many employees had been surprised and touched by the size of the program and the sacks that were assembled in Auditorium A at the district office.

2. Holladay City Redevelopment Areas

Mr. Garrett introduced Randy Fitts, Holladay City Manager, and Jonathan Springmeyer,

Bonneville Research. He explained that they would be presenting information on two development areas in Holladay City: Canyon Slope Community Development Area (CDA), and Village Center Redevelopment Area (RDA). He reminded the Board that these were Information Items and no action would be taken in this meeting.

Mr. Springmeyer first presented a proposal to change the already existing Village Center RDA. This was originally approved on February 7, 2006. The project has been subjected to delays due to environmental issues, community input and economic recession. The City is proposing an extension of the project from 15 to 20 years. Granite's participation would not change. (Exhibit #13-40)

Mr. Springmeyer was asked to define a tax increment. He said the difference of property tax before and after the project completion is the tax increment. A property that has been improved will raise the tax revenue as well as improve the area in which it is located.

The Board asked if this project would go forward without the extension approval. Mr. Fitts stated that it could move forward some but would not be able to be finished. The project would collapse and property values would not increase as much as if the project was completed.

Mr. Lofgren suggested that the scope was much broader than just construction. He asked if a neutral third party could review the project and present their findings when the RDA is brought back to the board for approval.

Canyon Slope CDA is located on former federal land that was surplused and purchased by a developer. It sits within the boundaries of the original Olympus (Millrock) Economic Development Area (EDA). Granite is not participating in the Olympus EDA because it has fulfilled its agreement. Salt Lake County is contributing its Transit Room Tax (TRT) and a interest-free loan. Holladay City is contributing sales tax, TRT Tax and waiving all fees associated with the development. The project has some extraordinary and expensive issues in land development. The proposal is to have Granite participate in the CDA through an interlocal agreement. They are asking for a pass through of an estimated \$55,000.00 per year for 5 years or \$250,000.00 whichever comes first. (Exhibit #13-41)

A discussion followed Mr. Springmeyer's presentation. The Board received clarification on how Holladay City is using the funds and how Granite would benefit from participating. The project could be completed without Granite's participation but would make a significant impact on Holladay City. Mr. Garrett asked them to give a definition of a CDA. Participation is voluntary. Tax increments and property taxes are the same as in other development projects.

3. 2014-15 School Calendars

Mr. Hansen reviewed options A & B for the proposed school calendars for school year 2014-2015. The calendars are designed by the Calendar Committee which is made up of administrators, classified employees, district office employees, Granite Education Association (GEA), parents, Parent Teachers Association (PTA), teachers and transportation.

Option A would have school begin August 18, 2014, have 2 full weeks of Winter Recess, 2 days of Spring Recess (with snow day) and school would end May 29, 2015. Option B would begin school August 25, 2014 and end school June 5, 2015. The Winter and Spring Recesses would be the same as in option A.

Mr. Hansen asked for permission to take these two options to the public and return at the April 9 board meeting with final recommendations.

The Board asked that the calendars be carefully checked to make sure they do not interfere with the Advanced Placement (AP) test and CRT Testing. Mr. Hansen said the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) has not released their CRT testing dates and if there is a conflict the calendars can be adjusted. Dr. Bates asked that the term "Snow Day" be changed to "Emergency Closure Day". They agreed the proposed calendars could be posted for the public. (Exhibit #13-42)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Population Study List

A. Arcadia Elementary

Director Bryce Holbrook, Planning and Boundaries, reviewed Granite's policy Article VII.G.1., Annual Student Population Review Procedures. He reported the Population Analysis Committee included members of district administration, directors, principals, and GEA representatives. The study cycle starts in December when information, ideas, concerns, feedback and suggestions are considered. In February a presentation is made to the Board to propose new boundary study lists for approval. February through June the school committees meet and study the lists.

Members of the community of Arcadia Elementary requested a feeder network change. Currently they are in the Cottonwood Network feeding to Bonneville Junior and Cottonwood High. Their desire is to be moved to the Taylorsville Network feeding into Bennion Junior and Taylorsville High. If the network change is approved, the 197 students leaving Bonneville Junior would bring their enrolled population to 634 and the building would be at 54% capacity. Bennion Junior would gain 197 students bringing their enrollment to 1154 and the building at 108% capacity. The network change would take 156 students from Cottonwood High leaving their enrollment at 1440 and 73% building capacity. Taylorsville high would increase their enrollment to 1876 and the building capacity would be 93%.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Gary Mower, 4832 South Simper Lane, Taylorsville, member of Arcadia School Community Council (SCC), addressed the Board and gave rationale for the change. He stated their assigned schools are not good for the community. Busing is a problem and students being so far from their secondary schools are a burden to many families who wish to be part of extracurricular activities. Having the students attend schools in the Taylorsville Network would be more convenient for families and allow more involvement for students, as well as make a better connection to the community as a whole. He suggested adjusting boundaries of junior highs in the Valley Junior areas to even out boundaries.

Mr. Holbrook summarized Mr. Mower's statement. Having Bennion Junior and Taylorsville High as neighborhood schools would make a closer community connection. The students would have an enhanced possibility of participating in extracurricular activities. There would be a savings in transportation costs.

Mrs. Meier referred to changes made in the past. With schools being built and enrollments changing because of growth and new schools opening she did not think now was a good time to consider this change. Families could use the special permit option to try and change the schools they attend. There was concern from the Board regarding the building capacity of the network schools. Making the change would leave some enrollments very low and others higher than capacity leaving no room for possible growth in the existing boundaries.

Mrs. Burgess thanked Mr. Mower for coming and participating. The input from SCC was greatly appreciated.

Motion: **I move we do not put this area on the study list.**

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Mr. Lofgren asked that a special effort be made to help the community understand their options. This situation should be revisited in one year.

B. Walker Lane Resident Students

Currently students living on Walker Lane are included in the boundaries of Oakwood Elementary. They feed to Bonneville Junior and Cottonwood High. Parents have requested that a study be conducted to move their area into the Olympus Network which would assign them to Cottonwood Elementary and then feed into Olympus Junior and Olympus High. There are 33 elementary students living in this area of which 9 attend Oakwood Elementary, 21 are special permitted to Cottonwood Elementary and 3 attend other schools. Junior high students total 19. Two students attend Bonneville Junior, 16 permitted to Olympus Jr. and 1 student attends another school. Nineteen high school students live in the area and 12 attend Olympus High, 1 to Cottonwood High, 3 to Skyline High and 3 to other schools. Concerns regarding transportation costs and the need to change Cottonwood Elementary starting time to accommodate busing were addressed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ryan Church, 5340 Cottonwood Lane, Salt Lake, reported that he had contacted his neighborhood regarding the school boundary in their area. A petition had been drafted and signed by all the neighbors. They are requesting the boundary be moved placing their homes in the Olympus Network. The present enrollment shows that a majority of the students have already accessed special permits and were attending in the Olympus Network. The present boundaries divide the neighborhood and students are unable to do the same sporting activities. He commented that parents were willing to transport their students which would avoid a change of starting time and a transportation cost.

Michele Reynolds, 5340 South Cottonwood Lane, Salt Lake, told the Board her students are attending Olympus Junior on special permit. Her children are unable to participate in youth conference athletics unless they are in Olympus Junior boundaries. Most of her neighbors are in the Olympus Junior boundary. She feels her children are being left out of activities because they are not in the Olympus Network.

Mr. Holbrook commented that this change would connect the community. The small number of students and the fact that the majority is special permitting to the Olympus Network was a strong case for the parent request.

The Board discussed the transportation issue and the possibility of reimbursing parents for providing the transportation. Mr. Lofgren said that by looking at the numbers and the natural boundary it was easy to approve the study.

Motion: **I move we put this on the formal list to study.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Mr. Holbrook told the Board that the 30 signatures on Mr. Church's petition constituted 100% of the involved families. If approved, Mr. Church and Ms. Reynolds were concerned about waiting to change boundaries until the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Holbrook will see if there is a way to fast track the change if approved.

C. Redwood Elementary Feeder Pattern

A request to have Redwood Elementary students west of the Jordan River currently feeding into Granite Park Junior and Cottonwood High be reassigned to West Lake Junior and Granger high had been received. At the time this boundary was approved West Lake was experiencing a high enrollment and at building capacity. With 9th grade in the Granger Network being moved into high school the 55 7th and 8th grade students now attending Granite Park would fit into West Lake's capacity. The additional 29 9th grade students would bring the enrollment of Granger High up but not beyond building capacity. (Exhibit #13-43)

Mrs. Anderson had concern about the boundary move and its effect on the Granite Park Community. She asked who had requested the study. Mr. Holbrook said it was West Valley City. The Board discussed the appropriateness of the request and the change.

Mrs. Meier commented that special permits were available to students wishing to change to West Lake and Granger High. The Board agreed that the possibility of bringing the students in that area into the Granger Network was probably bettered studied in another year. It would be best to see the projected enrollments after the new Granger High opens.

Motion: **I move that we not study this at this time.**

Made by: Connie Anderson

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2. Resolution regarding Teaching, Learning, and Mastering the State Core Curriculum Standards

This resolution was presented at the January 8, 2013 board meeting. There have been no changes since the First Reading.

Motion: **I move we approve this resolution.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Mrs. Burgess thanked Fine Arts Specialist Tamara Burnside for the efforts put into the Student Art Night. It was well attended and an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Meier invited the Board to lunch on Friday, February 8th at 11:30 at the Capitol. She reminded them to watch for legislative actions and become involved. She reported that a Face to Faith class was being held with students from Jakarta, Indonesia, at Bennion Junior on February 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the media center. She also commented that she had judged a Science Fair at Westbook Elementary and was impressed with the projects she saw.

President Gandy suggested that the Board take 10 minutes at the February 19th study session for the annual Open Meeting Act Law training. Mr. Larson will facilitate the training.

Mr. Lofgren expressed appreciation to Mr. Larson, Mr. Fraser and Ms. Mariotti and other administrators for the interaction he has had during the last few weeks. They have been accommodating and pleasant to work with. The Board agreed.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.