

**Granite School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**

**March 4, 2008**

The board meeting for Granite School District was held in Auditorium A, in the Granite School District Offices, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Sarah Meier called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m., those in attendance:

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| Sarah Meier        | President      |
| Julene Jolley      | Vice President |
| Terry Bawden       | Board Member   |
| Connie Burgess     | Board Member   |
| Carole Cannon      | Board Member   |
| Gayleen Gandy      | Board Member   |
| Patricia Sandstrom | Board Member   |

The following members of the administration were present:

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| Stephen Ronnenkamp | Superintendent                   |
| David Garrett      | Business Administrator/Treasurer |
| Martin Bates       | Interim Assistant Superintendent |
| David Gourley      | Assistant Superintendent         |
| Kevin Hague        | Assistant Superintendent         |
| Linda Mariotti     | Assistant Superintendent         |

Also present were Randy Ripplinger and Michele Bartmess from Public Relations. Merilynn Boekweg, Recording Secretary, was in attendance.

**Study Session**

**Next Steps for What Counts**

The Board discussed the next step in using the information gathered at the “What Counts” meetings held earlier in the year. The Board discussed the possibility of meetings, “Next Steps”, to be held with representatives from community leadership, parents, teachers, administrators and students.

Three focus group sessions were proposed, to be held in April and May. These meetings will take place in the board room of the District Office. After discussion, it was decided that there would be 7 tables available with assigned seats and a board member at each table to serve as a recorder. This set-up would be repeated at all three meetings with invited participants being assigned a night to attend.

It was suggested that Mossi White, president of the National School Board Association (NSBA), be hired as a consultant to facilitate these meetings. The process would also include non-affiliated and trained facilitators at each table.

Specific individuals to be invited, by letter, and divided evenly over three different meetings would be:

- City/township leaders or designee (to be appointed by mayors)
- Granite School District legislators
- Chamber of Commerce presidents or designee
- Granite Education Foundation business representatives
- PTA council chairs
- High school student body presidents or designees
- Board members would each invite six additional community members per meeting (1- teacher, 1-administrator, 4 community members)

Terry Bawden raised a concern that students may feel overwhelmed in voicing their opinions with the mixture of adults at each table. It was decided, by the board, that the students should have a separate focus meeting. The students would be chosen by student body officers, working with the principal, while considering the need to bring a broad representation from their respective schools.

Introductory comments at the beginning of each meeting would explain the purpose of the meeting. They would point to the Board's commitment to whole child education (students are safe, healthy, engaged, supported, and challenged). It should also be explained that the information gathered at the meeting would be implemented in creating district goals for student success.

The Board considered several options on the questions to be discussed by those in attendance. It was decided that the following questions will be used.

1. What is a successful student?
2. What programs or opportunities are of highest priority for student success?

Board members discussed the possibility of surveys after the meetings to be sent to district patrons and employees as part of a follow-up process. This would give the opportunity for input from those not invited to the meetings.

Connie Burgess asked that the Board consider the language in the letter of invitation. She felt it was too wordy and too long. President Meier asked her to reword the invitation and send it to her for consideration.

President Meier assigned Gayleen Gandy to develop a plan for seating those invited to the meetings. She also asked the Board to consult their calendars and contact the superintendent's office with dates they would be available for the meetings. (Exhibit # 08-81)

## Administration Reports

### **Legislative Update – Martin Bates**

Martin Bates, Interim Assistant Superintendent over Program Services/Policy and Compliance, presented an update of legislative activity. Dr. Bates explained the first Substitute Senate Bill 2 (Sub.1 S.B. 2), Minimum School Program Budget Amendments. This super bill had combined twelve educational bills. He expressed concern that two of the bills included had failed earlier in the session but were brought back and added to this bill. The Board discussed House Bill (H.B.) 278 S1 which had been included in the super bill and dealt with Charter School Funding and what the cost would be to the District. There was concern over several portions of the 1 Sub. S.B.2 and the impact it would have on budgeting in Granite School District in the future

Dr. Bates provided each board member with a tracking sheet of House Bills and Senate Bills being considered by the legislature. The tracking sheet examined their progress, at this point, in the session. (Exhibit #08-82)

### **Coming to Order – Gayleen Gandy**

Gayleen Gandy was asked to give this presentation at the March 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Motion: **I so move we adjourn to an Executive Session regarding personnel.**

Made by: Patricia Sandstrom

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Sarah Meier

Results: Carried Unanimously

Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:10 p.m. in the board room of the district offices. President Sarah Meier welcomed all in attendance for this session and a board roll call was taken. President Meier turned the time over to Superintendent Ronnenkamp for introductions. Those in attendance representing organizations were:

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Liz Zentner   | Region V PTA    |
| Sandy Straley | Skyline Council |
| Stacey Banks  | GAEOP           |
| Jay Blain     | GEA             |
| Flo Graham    | GEA             |
| Penny Tyree   | GEA             |
| Kathy Newton  | GEF             |

Paul Hansen, High School Director in School Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

|                  |                     |  |
|------------------|---------------------|--|
| John Anderson    | Principal           | Granite Park Junior High                 |
| Pauline Longberg | Assistant Principal | Monroe Elementary/<br>Redwood Elementary |
| Susan Maxfield   | Assistant Principal | Kearns High School                       |
| Jane McClure     | Principal           | Valley Crest Elementary                  |
| Allesen Peck     | Principal           | Fox Hills Elementary                     |
| Dave Rettie      | Principal           | West Lake Junior High                    |

Members of the Media: Ben Fulton, Salt Lake Tribune

Pledge of Allegiance: Wes Cutler, Teacher, Evergreen Jr. High

Reverence: Julene Jolley, Board Member

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something, and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do.” (Helen Keller)

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Paul Hansen introduced Kathy Clark, Skyline High Principal, to the Board. Mrs. Clark told the Board that the girl’s swim team and the girl’s basketball team were 5-A State Champions. She complimented both teams on their hard work and sportsmanship. She introduced the coaches and asked them to introduce the team captains.

Coach Joe Pereira introduced the three captains from the swim team: Rachel Mosier, Ally Spjut, and Marina Wertz. He said that with three teams it was often a difficult task to keep them united. He credited the team captains for their efforts to keep the girls working together.

Coach Deb Petersen introduced Danielle Petersen and Jenteal Jackson to the Board. The girls serve as co-captains on the basketball team. She commended the team for a season of dedication and hard work.

The Board applauded the coaches and captains and presented each with a token of appreciation.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes – February 19, 2008

Purchases

1. Colored Multipurpose Paper for Warehouse - \$25,905.60
2. Cab and Chassis for Central Kitchen - \$34,400

Award of Contracts

Re-roofing and Seismic Upgrade at Lake Ridge Elementary - \$481,100

Personnel

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Administrative Transfers and Appointments

Appointments:

|              |                          |                       |        |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Tina West    | Principal                | Mill Creek Elementary | 7-1-08 |
| Wes Cutler   | Assistant Principal      | TBA                   | 7-1-08 |
| Martin Bates | Assistant Superintendent |                       | 3-5-08 |

Transfers:

|                 |                    |  |        |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|--------|
| Paul Shepherd   | Assistant Director | Teaching & Learning<br>Advanced Learners | 7-1-08 |
| Cal Poulsen     | Principal          | Driggs Elementary                        | 7-1-08 |
| Victoria Thomas | Principal          | Magna Elementary                         | 7-1-08 |
| Ernie Broderick | Principal          | Rolling Meadows Elementary               | 7-1-08 |
| Tracy Rose      | Principal          | Twin Peaks Elementary                    | 7-1-08 |

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$1,824,258.94
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$6,722,705.67

Negotiation Team for the 2008 negotiations with the Granite Educational Support Professionals Association:

Dr. David L. Gourley, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services  
Mr. Lloyd Bybee, Associate Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Tom Given, Director, Transportation  
Mr. Larry Mitchell, Director, Maintenance  
Ms. Betsy Scholl, Central Kitchen Manager, Food Services

Demolition of Hill View Elementary

Demolition of House on 44 East Malvern Avenue

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

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Patricia Sandstrom

Called for vote: President Sarah Meier

Results: Carried Unanimously

Kevin Hague, Assistant Superintendent over School Services, introduced Tina West, who had been approved as principal of Mill Creek Elementary beginning July 1, 2008.

Superintendent Ronnenkamp explained the process of appointing Dr. Bates as an assistant superintendent. The position is the consolidation of two areas, Program Services and Policy and Compliance. Dr. Bates served as an assistant to the superintendent over Policy and Compliance for several years and had been Interim Assistant Superintendent over Program Services last year when Dr. Paul Sagers left the district.

Dr. Bates is well qualified for this position. He has been a teacher and a school administrator in the District. He has his Jurist Doctorate Degree, as well as a Ph.D. in Education and Administration. The Superintendent congratulated him and commented that the Board and Superintendency are looking forward to working with him in the future.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### School Lunch Program Update – Rich Prall

David Gourley, Assistant Superintendent over Support Services introduced Rich Prall, Director of School Foods. Mr. Prall reviewed for the Board the mission statement of his department which states, “Provide nutrition to students helping them meet their educational goals.” Mr. Prall introduced his team members who were in attendance.

Changes in assignments have taken place in the Food Service Department that. He felt this had made a significant improvement in the department’s effectiveness. The teams have been divided into geographical areas allowing them to work with all grade levels. This change has given the teams the opportunity to see the transition of students as they move to each new level and what their nutritional needs are. This has facilitated a better understanding of how to offer selections that students would appreciate.

New equipment has been made available to the Bates Center Kitchen replacing a portion of the outdated items. Many of the items at the kitchen are in need of replacement and these new items were greatly appreciated.

The choices of entrees have been expanded with the new healthier pizzas being a popular choice. There has been an added effort to include more fresh fruits and vegetables. Some schools are offering fresh deli sandwiches, made to order.

Mr. Prall explained to the Board the technology that has been put into place enabling an automated process for reviewing over 77,500 applications for free or reduced lunches. Over 50,000 applications are processed from July through October each year with less than a 10 day turn around time. In Granite District 31,000 students are eligible for free and reduced meals.

The amount of student lunches served this year has, in most cases, gone up from previous years. In December of 2007, the sale of donuts was suspended in secondary schools. They were a popular choice by the students. However, after consideration by the administration, it was decided that they were not a wise choice for student nutrition. It did slightly affect the revenue in secondary schools, but by adding healthier items to the menus, the department hopes to remedy the situation.

A principal survey was done this year and the school lunch programs received a 94% positive rating. The survey addressed management team, effectiveness, food and nutrition, service, atmosphere, and overall satisfaction. A Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) Audit conducted shows no major flaws in the department. They did recommend some changes in the nutrient analysis of lunches and notification of menu changes for students on healthcare plans. Both of these areas are being adjusted.

In March, the kitchen is offering an A-Z Salad Bar at six elementary school locations where there will be a selection for every letter in the alphabet. On April 29<sup>th</sup> the annual Culinary Celebration event will take place at the Granite Education Center Café. The Board was invited to attend both events.

The Board and Superintendent Ronnenkamp complimented Mr. Prall and his teams for their work. The improvements have been impressive and well coordinated. (Exhibit #08-83)

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### Nutrition and Vending Policy – Martin Bates

Dr. Bates presented the Nutrition and Vending Policy Update (Article VIII.U.) for board approval as an Action Item. The proposal incorporates all State Board requirements and recommendations. The school's Community Councils retain the authority to make decisions regarding these issues in their respective schools.

Carole Cannon questioned the wording in section D.2.B. It refers to an emphasis in offering added sugar. Dr. Bates agreed with her concern and said the wording should not include the word "added".

Motion:                   **I make a motion that we approve the Nutrition and Vending Policy with the deletion of the word "added" in section D.2.B.**

Made by:                 Carole Cannon  
Seconded by:           Patricia Sandstrom

Called for vote:        President Sarah Meier  
Results:                 Carried Unanimously

### **REPORTS**

Mrs. Cannon commented that she had visited the Young Parent Program and encouraged all board members to schedule a visit.

Mr. Bawden reported that he had been asked to serve on the Task Force on Education with West Valley City. They will start meeting monthly and he will report back to the Board.

Several members of the Board related experiences of reading to students in the schools during Dr. Seuss celebrations. They were able to visit kindergarten, special education classes, and regular education classes.

President Meier thanked the board members for their support during the legislative session. She spent a great deal of time at meetings and always could count on their support and quick response to assignments.

Superintendent Ronnenkamp took a point of personal privilege and commented on how well President Meier represents Granite District. She is well known at the legislature and she is active in all education issues. He thanked her on behalf of the Board and administration.

Motion:               **I move that we adjourn.**

Made by:             Terry Bawden  
Seconded by:       Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote:    President Sarah Meier  
Results:             Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.