

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

December 1, 2015

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 Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Director Communications Department, and Danielle Kitchen, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Gifted Program Relocation Update

Superintendent Bates began by reminding the board that a letter was sent to the administration from the Morningside School Community Council regarding population challenges. In looking at solutions, one of the possibilities was to relocate the Advanced Learning Center Program to Oakwood Elementary. The board was given this information at the November 10, 2015, board meeting and a letter was sent to patrons in the magnet program before Thanksgiving Recess. These letters sparked several concerns and conversations. Dr. Bates recommended that any plans for relocation be tabled and that the administration continue to look at options, gather more information and have conversations with the school communities. Therefore, this topic does not require further discussion at this time.

President Bawden asked the patrons in attendance if they had any questions. The patrons indicated they were never asked for their opinion and were told the program was moving. They indicated teachers and students were told that the decision was made to move the program to Oakwood. They also requested that future discussions on this topic be made public.

Support Services Update

Don Adams started by introducing the departments that make up the Support Services division, the number of facilities that they maintain and the number of employees within the division. Their underlying goal is to always create and maintain the safest learning environment possible for all students and staff members.

He shared information regarding the Granite Builders program, which is an in house general contractor program, and highlighted their accomplishments. One significant benefit of this program is that projects are being completed for 30-40% less than an outside contractor would charge, even when salary and benefits are included. He shared information regarding 76 projects that were completed this past summer. Granite Builders come up with creative solutions, for example, goats were used to clear the undergrowth at Oakridge Elementary for much less than manual labor. Mr. Adams also shared information about relocatables, field rentals and the transportation department.

Mr. Adams reported on the ongoing facility assessment project. A company (MOCA/MHTN) has been hired to evaluate the condition of our schools. The data entry for this project will be completed mid-December. The findings will be presented to the Board at the study session in January.

President Bawden thanked Mr. Adams and his division for the great work they have done and continue to do. (Exhibit #1623)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Bates said that he will remind administrators that when Granite schools are closed, due to weather, some kids will not eat and will be home alone. Therefore, if it is safe, the decision will always be made to hold school. Since the weather patterns in the district can vary by location, principals may implement a 2 hour late start. Parents can always make judgement calls based on their own situations. Dr. Bates is committed to opening school, if it is safe. Dan Lofgren suggested this information be communicated to parents.

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break at 5:51 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. President Bawden welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations:

Sydney Johnson	Region V PTA
Leanne Helbling	GAEOP
Stephanie Rees	GAEOP
Judith Simmons-Kissell	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Barbara Antonetti	GEA
Michele Jones	GEA
Caryn Burns	GEA
Crista Holt	GEA

Gail Howe, Director School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Rick Anthony	Director, Granite Peaks
Ernie Broderick	Principal, Stansbury Elementary
Malynda Cloward	Principal Roosevelt Elementary
Matt Goebel	Principal, Rolling Meadows Elementary
Dawn Hauser	Principal, Matheson Junior High
Jolynn Koehler	Principal, Redwood Elementary
Julie Lorentzon	Principal, South Kearns Elementary
Nykola Patton	Principal, Silver Hills Elementary
Danny Stirland	Principal, Granite Park Junior
Tina West	Principal, Rosecrest Elementary
Ben Anderson	Assist Principal, Cottonwood High
Scott Bell	Assist Principal, Matheson Junior
Teri Daynes	Assist Principal, Fox Hills & Westbrook Elem
Philip Morris	Assist Principal, Kearns High
Brett Hansen	Intern Assist, Jefferson Junior
Ruth Jackman	Intern Assist, Pioneer & Wilson Elem
Josh Moore	Intern Assist, West Lake Junior

Pledge of Allegiance: Ben Edjal, Senior Patrol Leader Troop 230

Reverence: Rosecrest Elementary Choir, under the direction of Mariann Lucy, performed three musical numbers.

RECOGNITION

Skyline Soccer 4A Champions

Dave Vande Veegaete, Curriculum Specialist for PE and Athletics, introduced Doug Bingham, Principal at Skyline High, who then introduced the coaches and students of the Skyline High Soccer Team. Yamil Castillo, coach, took a few minutes to recognize and thank the players for all their hard work.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Becca Lloyd, 3321 Splendor Circle, Holladay, Utah, 84124, addressed the Board because of a letter that she received regarding the relocation of the Advanced Learning Center Program from Morningside Elementary to Oakwood Elementary. It upsets her that the district thinks this program is portable. She received emails from at least 50 other parents that she will forward to Linda Mariotti. She indicated that the impact on families is huge and it is difficult to find affordable day care in the area. Oakwood parents are concerned about moving the program, too. She believes the communication has been poor and the parents want to be included in finding a sustainable, long term solution.

Lisa Garland, 3921 Sunnydale Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84108, told the Board that she appreciates the advanced program. However, she is concerned about the process used implement

the relocation of the program and uprooting children from their elementary school. She is concerned that current first graders in the advanced readers program could be moved to three different schools. For her family, driving to Morningside is a huge commitment, moving the program would mean more commute time. The parents and students in the magnet program love Morningside and don't want to leave; they just want repairs and upgrades to the school. Eventually, the building needs will have to be addressed. Finally, the avenues of communication between the community and are district are poor and the parents want openness and transparency. Ms. Garland proposed that the program be relocated in phases so current students at Morningside could remain at Morningside.

Lisa Schneider, 6424 E. Lefthand Fork Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84108, started by thanking the board and district for the program at Morningside. Her son is fully engaged in school and that has increased his confidence. They love Morningside for a number of reasons. She was very disappointed to receive a letter during holiday weekend and was very concerned that the evaluation process was not transparent and did not include parental input. They have created a network in the Morningside area and with the relocation of the program, they would have to recreate a network in the Oakwood area. She would like to know what other options were considered. And she was surprised to learn that this action doesn't require Board approval. She feels the elements of inclusion, transparency and partnership are critical because schools are publicly supported. She requested that parents be included in the decision making process.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, November 10, 2015 and November 17, 2015

Purchases:

Microsoft Premier Software Support, Microsoft - \$91,215.00
Driver Education Cars, Young Chevrolet - \$122,610.60
School Buses, Bryson Sales and Service - \$1,150,065.50

Award of Contracts:

ESL Programming for Refugees, Asian Association of Utah, \$50,500.00 and English Skills Learning Center - \$88,500.00
Architectural and Engineering Services for Carbon Monoxide Detection and Monitoring, GSBS Architects - \$105,838.00
Architectural Services for Cottonwood High Interior Remodel & Partial Roofing Project, NJRA Architects - \$132,800.00
Architectural Services for West Lake Junior STEM Remodel Project, Naylor Wentworth Lunch Architects - \$256,500.00
Solar Panel Project for Cottonwood High School, Hunt Electric - \$56,250.00
K-6 Math Textbook Adoption, Houghton Mifflin - \$2,349,256.00

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Administrative Appointments/Transfers

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary = \$2,614,944.25

2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers = \$46,076,288.21
3. Principals' Cash Report

School LAND Trust Amendments

Motion: I move that we accept the items that are on the consent agenda.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Mr. Fraser introduced the administrative appointees:

Tyler Howe, Principal, West Lake STEM Jr. High
Connie McCann, Principal, Rolling Meadows Elementary
Monica Thayer, Principal, Diamond Ridge Elementary
Eric Bailey, Assistant Principal, Hunter High School
Kent Nixon, Assistant Principal, Armstrong Academy & West Kearns Elementary
Megan Madsen, Assistant Principal, Granger Elementary

INFORMATION ITEMS

Annual Assessments Report

Dr. Rob Averett, Student Assessment Director, presented information regarding the 2014-15 annual assessment report. Dr. Averett discussed how the assessment data will be reviewed. Comparisons will be made at the national, state and district levels. He presented information regarding trends in participation and test taker success and how Utah student success in AP exams compared nationally.

In the Advanced Placement tests (AP) Granite's percentages of success are higher than the national averages and Utah is in the top 10 of states with student success in the AP exams. Ninety percent of colleges and universities award credit or advanced placement for successful test results.

He presented information about the components that make up the school accountability suite, which are all available to the public on the USOE Data Gateway. All schools use Student Achievement and Growth (SAGE) results. High schools also use College and Career Readiness (ACT) and graduation rate. He discussed the correlation that can be made with ACT scores and college readiness and what needs to be done to improve ACT scores.

All students in Utah are required to take the ACT or an alternate. The ACT benchmarks are rigorous and are indicators of students who are ready for college-level coursework. In order for a school to get points, students have to achieve each benchmark by subject. Although the benchmarks are high, there is some science behind that that relates to the probability of student success in college credit-bearing courses. Dr. Averett stated that in the second year of statewide mandatory testing, our scores continued to go up. He shared the school grade points from the ACT that each school received and shared the ACT analysis regarding score improvement. Sarah

Meier asked if the ACT is aligned with core curriculum. Dr. Averett shared three items that indicate alignment.

Dr. Averett informed the board that the graduation rate release has been delayed by the USOE and should be published by December 7, 2015.

Using data from the SAGE, Dr. Averett shared the scatterplot analysis with the board. Two schools that are exceeding expectations are Rolling Meadows Elementary and Monroe Elementary. Currently, the administration is examining what those two schools are doing in order to replicate at other schools.

The last item Dr. Averett presented was a graph showing a three year trend in school grades. He noted that during this reporting period, Granite received more A grades than in previous years. He also encouraged the board to review the additional information that was provided to them and contact him if they have any further questions. (Exhibit #1624)

2017-18 School Calendar Recommendations

Gail Howe and Alan Parrish, School Accountability Services Directors, presented information regarding calendar options for the 2017-2018 school year. After taking into consideration several factors which include the recent general survey results, religious holidays and the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017, in Wyoming, the calendar committee has created two calendar options. Ms. Howe reviewed the two options with the board. Draft A will begin school on Monday, August 21, 2017, and end on May 25, 2018. Recesses would include 2 days for Fall Recess, 3 days for Thanksgiving Recess, 11 days for Winter Recess and 4 days for Spring Recess. Draft B will start school on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 and end June 1, 2018. Recesses would include 2 days for Fall Recess, 2 days for Thanksgiving Recess, 11 days for Winter Recess and 7 days for Spring Recess. These calendars will now be posted on the district website and feedback concerning the calendar options will be solicited from patrons during the next couple of months. (Exhibit #1625)

FIRST READING

2016-17 Secondary Student Fee Schedule

Alan Parrish and Dave Vande Veegaete presented information regarding recommended increases to the 2016-2017 secondary student fee schedule. The fee committee recommends the extracurricular participation fee be increased \$20.00 for each activity. The basic costs to purchase and maintain equipment have risen substantially and schools have realized a decrease in discretionary (vending) funds, which have been used to assist with athletic costs. By increasing this fee, we can help maintain viability of Granite Sports Programs and lessen the amount of student funds spent to support cost of equipment maintenance and uniforms.

The committee also recommended that the musical instrument rental fee be increased to \$75.00, for the first instrument. Currently, the fee of \$60.00 doesn't adequately cover the cost to repair instruments or purchase new instruments. The instruments are aging and the cost to repair or replace these instruments has increased substantially.

Dan Lofgren asked how to get input from patrons about this item. Superintendent Bates asked Ben Horsley to work with the PTA and the School Community Councils to get information to and feedback from patrons.

Motion: I move to accept the fee schedule as presented as a first reading.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

West Valley City Urban Renewal Area, South Redwood Road Project

David Garrett welcomed Jeff Jackson, West Valley City, and Jon Springmeyer, Bonneville Research. Mr. Garrett reminded the Board of the presentation on November 10, 2015, regarding the South Redwood Road Urban Renewal Project (3500 South to 4100 South). President Bawden asked Mr. Garrett if the administration has a recommendation regarding this project. Mr. Garrett reviewed the process and a guiding caps form with the board. Based on the points this project received, it is one point away from the “likely to approve” and is in the “may approve” category. The recommendation of the administration is to approve this project.

At the request of Sarah Meier, Mr. Springmeyer reviewed some of the anticipated projects for the area and why developers are anxious to see this approved.

Motion: I move that we direct our representative on the TEC to vote in favor of this project based on these parameters, including the maximum amount. (\$1,508,469)

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Burgess
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Population Analysis Committee Recommendations

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries Director, reviewed the process, maps and recommendations that were presented to the Board at the meeting on November 10, 2015, regarding the Cyprus Network and 4800 West Corridor Studies. Mr. Hogan met with all the School Community Councils and held open houses. He has received no new feedback. In response to safe walking routes, Mr. Hogan met with traffic engineers from Salt Lake County and West Valley City and will be meeting with UDOT. He is confident that solutions will be made. (Exhibit #1626)

Motion: I move that we accept as a second reading the approval of the Cyprus Network and 4800 West Corridor Study.

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates: He thanked the Board for what they do and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Sarah Meier: She attended two musicals and they were delightful.

Karyn Winder: She shared a text from her husband that said “Granite has been praised a couple of times by Speaker Greg Hughes, Dave Doty and others for innovation with early childhood stuff.” She said it is nice to know that good things are being said about Granite. And her neighborhood collected item for Candy Cane Corner and is impressed by this program.

Connie Burgess: She attended some musicals and enjoyed them very much and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Connie Anderson: She attended the art night fund raiser at Oakwood and was impressed with enthusiastic parents who volunteer at the school. She also attended the melodramas at Matheson Junior and Mary Poppins at Cottonwood High. She thinks it is great that kids can be involved in these activities at school and parents get so excited about seeing their kids participating. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Gayleen Gandy: She attended the musical productions at Brockbank Jr., Cyprus High and Hunter High. She is impressed with the community support and talented students. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Dan Lofgren: He thanked the Board and Superintendent for their support of Candy Cane Corner.

Terry Bawden: He reminded the Board of the USBA Conference at the Little America January 7-9, 2016, and thanked the board for all they do and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Motion: **I move we go ho ho home.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.