

## **Granite School District**

### **Board of Education Meeting**

**October 6, 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 5:04 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
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Director Communications Department, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

David Garrett, Business Administrator, was excused.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Financial Literacy Proposal**

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) will require an endorsement for teachers of Financial Literacy. Linda Mariotti shared the administration's thinking on this new mandate. Currently we have 30 teachers teaching at least one section of Financial Literacy. Some of these teachers may be interested in pursuing an endorsement, others may not. The Financial Literacy course is a graduation requirement so all students must take this class at some point. Many students opt to take it online, making it our most popular online class.

The administration is proposing to embed an online component to the Freshman Academy (a course available to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students) and this could very easily be Financial Literacy. Students need to have an online class experience (how to successfully complete and pass an online course) to better prepare them for future life experiences. Teachers holding a Financial Literacy endorsement will back-up the online class, while non-endorsed teachers continue to teach the Freshman Academy course.

Board members discussed the idea. While they agree that having a teacher in a classroom is preferred, they support the concept of this online experience. Superintendents Bates clarified

that teachers who earn a Financial Literacy endorsement can still teach the class in a traditional setting. The online class will not be the only option for Financial Literacy.

### **Turnaround Schools and Process**

John Welburn shared this information. As part of the 2015 legislative session, the USOE is required to identify the lowest 3% of performing schools, state wide, based on SAGE results. Those schools (identified as “turnaround schools”) are then required to form a school turnaround committee, select an independent school turnaround expert and then the board must review and approve a school turnaround plan created by the committee and the turnaround expert. Ten Granite schools have been identified as turnaround schools. Some of the schools are SIG (School Improvement Grant) schools who already have a consultant working with them. The USOE has indicated that the same consultant can consult for both programs.

Expectations of the turnaround program are that schools have three years to improve their school grade and the principal will be required to participate in a school leadership development program. Teachers and the school can receive financial rewards based on the school improving its grade. Schools can petition for a two-year extension if their school grade has not improved within the three year period. If a school fails to improve over the three years, the State could contract for management of the school, convert it to a charter school or take over the school.

Board members discussed this new designation and process. It was suggested that guidance be given to the schools who receive financial rewards as to how the extra money is spent. As with any new program, we need to embrace it and then do it better than anyone else. (Exhibit #1612)

### **SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:**

NFUSSD Conference begins this weekend for the superintendent and board members. We’re looking forward to hosting a great conference.

A study session is scheduled on October 20, 2015. The West Valley City Community Education Partnership is holding an event at Granger Elementary that same day at 4:40 p.m. West Valley City Council members, the Mayor, legislators and United Way administrators will be in attendance; it would be a good idea for us to be there as well. It was agreed to cancel the October study session and move the agenda items for that meeting to the November study session.

There has been a State audit underway that is looking at school districts’ participation in submitting financial information to the state’s transparency website. Of the 41 school districts in Utah, all but two (Granite and Ogden) have student information included in their financial reports. This is good news for us, however we should prepare for public outcry about the protection of student records.

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break at 6:14 p.m.

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. President Terry 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
Arlene Bryce	PTA President, Cyprus Council
Brent Severe	Granite Education Foundation
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Traci Pritchett	GAEOP
Darla Williams	GAEOP
Judith Simmons-Kissell	GASA
Cindy Formeller	GEA
Kathleen Riebe	GEA
Crista Holt	GEA
Michele Jones	GEA

Jane Lindsay, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Dave Holt	Principal, Valley Junior
Naomi Hopf	Principal, Eastwood Elementary
Shauna Jensen	Principal, West Valley Elementary
Rocky Lambourne	Principal, Bonneville Junior
Jane McClure	Principal, Valley Crest Elementary
Brent Nelson	Principal, West Kearns Elementary
Jolene Randall	Principal, Vista Elementary
Jennifer Reed	Principal, Upland Terrace Elementary
Craig Stauffer	Principal, Hunter High
Danny Stirland	Principal, Granite Park Junior
David Beck	Assistant Principal, Cyprus High
Renee DeHaan	Assistant Principal, Elk Run & Smith Elementary
Emme Liddell	Assistant Principal, Taylorsville High
Jason Rosvall	Assistant Principal, Kearns Junior
Mandy Chapple	Intern Assist Principal, Bennion Junior
Kent Nixon	Intern Assist Principal, Roosevelt & Lincoln Elem
Erin Tanner	Intern Assist Principal, Hunter High

Pledge of Allegiance: Emme Liddell

Reverence: Sydney Johnson, Region V PTA, shared several quotes from Nelson Mandela

### **RECOGNITION**

#### Principals' Week

Mr. Horsley acknowledged Principals' Week October 12 through 23.

A video was shown highlighting an outstanding administrator (John Anderson, Wasatch Junior Principal), that exemplifies the administrators in Granite District.

Ms. Gandy read a proclamation acknowledging the importance of principals in our schools. The Board asked all principals in attendance to stand and they thanked them for their work to make our schools a better place for our students. (Exhibit #1613)

**MAYOR PARTICIPATION** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes, September 1 and 15, 2015

Purchases:

Lighting Upgrade at Oakridge Elementary, Peerless Electric - \$159,720.00

Boiler Replacement at Cyprus High, Carson Plumbing - \$327,745.00

Cab and Chassis Trucks for Grounds Department, Ken Garff Ford - \$81,161.56

Award of Contracts:

Charging Carts, Troxell Communications - \$119,500.00

Remodeling at Olympus High, CRC Construction - \$50,810.00

Change Orders:

IT Programming Services - \$100,000.00

Football Fields Projects - \$268,452.46

Restroom Remodels - \$551,811.15 and \$881,998.19

Interior Painting at Hunter High - \$344,499.95

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Administrative Appointments, effective November 2, 2015

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary = \$4,684,953.56
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers = \$36,458,279.48
3. Principals Cash Reports – September 2015
4. Monthly Budget Report – September 2015

Utah Retirement Systems Resolution

LAND Trust Amendment

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

Made by:            Sarah Meier

Seconded by:      Connie Burgess

Called for a vote: President Bawden

Results:            Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Fraser introduced the administrative appointees:

Alan Parrish, Director, School Accountability Services  
Terri Roylance, Principal, Cottonwood High School  
Joshua LeRoy, Principal, Churchill Junior High School

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **Population Analysis Committee (PAC) Recommended Expansion of Study**

Steve Hogan explained that currently of our 16 junior high schools 13 feed into 1 high school, 2 feed into 2 high schools and 1 junior high (Granite Park) feeds into 3 high schools. There are 7 elementary schools that feed into Granite Park.

The recommended expansion from the PAC is to change the boundary for two of the Granite Park elementary feeder schools (Fremont & Plymouth) so they feed to Eisenhower Junior. It is also recommended that all of Redwood Elementary feed to Granite Park. (Exhibit #1614)

**Motion:**            **I move that we add to the study as outlined.**

Made by:            Dan Lofgren

Seconded by:     Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote:    President Bawden

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

At the Board's direction, Mr. Hogan will gather information regarding whether the Redwood Elementary students would attend Cottonwood or Granger for their high school years.

## **FIRST READINGS**

Ben Horsley presented two policies:

### **Article V.C.10. Advertising and Distributing Information**

It is proposed that this policy be renamed to fit the intent of the policy. This policy governs distribution of information, including advertising. Because state statute now allows for advertising on buses, this policy has been modified to provide guidance on that issue consistent with the law.

Board discussion included a suggestion that we prohibit sexually explicit materials or things that are contrary to community standards or are unlawful for minors. Mr. Horsley reiterated that the only advertising on buses now is from our CTE students for the CTE program, but will make that addition.

**Motion:**            **I move that we accept this policy as a first reading.**

Made by:            Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by:     Connie Anderson

Called for vote:    President Bawden

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

### **Article VIII.A.14. Yearbooks and Literary Publications**

In the past, Board policy has distinguished that yearbooks are designated for secondary students and picture books are designated for elementary students. This policy is now updated to eliminate the unnecessary semantics and clarify the substantive requirements of these

publications in both secondary and elementary schools. Any publication with a picture in it is now referred to as a yearbook. Since elementary schools have no fees, any yearbook or publication with pictures, must be made available to elementary students at no cost.

Discussion: Section D - School administrators and advisors shall review and approve school publications. There should be more specific identification of who is ultimately accountable for the publication.

Section B - Cost "is" rather than "should be" limited to the board approved fee schedule.

**Motion: I approve as a first reading the yearbook and literacy publications policy.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Sarah Meier is so impressed with new school fields, the communities love them. USBA Regional Meeting is on Wednesday.

Connie Burgess was given a graduation advertisement from Jostens and was surprised at the content. She will give it to Mike Fraser for his review.

Connie Anderson attended the University of Utah grand reopening of the Sill Center, a student service center. This center provides mentors for freshmen students. She appreciates that we are also looking at mentors for our own students.

Terry Bawden thanked all district workers for what they do. We're fortunate to have such great employees in our district.

**Motion: I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.