

Granite School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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 Nicole McDermott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., those in attendance:

Connie Burgess:	Board Member	Present
Kim Chandler:	Board Member	Present
Julie Jackson:	Board Member	Present
Nicole McDermott:	President	Present
Clarke Nelson:	Board Member	Present
Kris Nguyen:	Vice President	Present
Karyn Winder:	Board Member	Present

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	General Counsel
Stacy Bushell	Executive Assistant

## 1. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

### 1.A. Capital and Construction Update

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

### 1.B. Audit Report, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Todd Hauber thanked the board for reviewing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and audit. He then introduced Matt Geddes from Squire & Company, to talk about the audit. They audit district financial statements and issue an opinion which is that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the district. In addition, they audit federal awards on a yearly rotation. This year they audited the Education Stabilization Fund; ESSER and GEARS, Child Nutrition fund and Medicaid. The state auditor specifies compliance areas to be audited. Their opinion is the district complied in all material respects. Mr. Geddes complemented the accounting team for the good work they do and said that district finances were in order.

**1.C. Bond Refunding**

Todd Hauber explained an opportunity to refund General Bond Series 2012 and 2013 which are callable at this time. This will save the school district approximately \$650,000.00 over the next ten years. His team will work with our financial advisors on a bond resolution for a future board meeting.

**1.D. Board Ethics, Open and Public Meetings Act**

Doug Larson led the annual training for board ethics and Open and Public Meetings.

**2. Executive Session - none**

**3. Introductions**

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. President Nicole McDermott welcomed all in attendance for this session and called for a roll call of board members; all board members were present. President McDermott invited those representing organizations to introduce themselves. Those representing organizations were:  
GEA - Michele Jones and Shantelle Ford  
GAEOP - Gayna Breeze and Monica Tovar  
GESPA - Joined online

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ande Miller, Kennedy Junior Intern Assistant Principal, lead the pledge.

**5. Reverence – Kennedy Junior High Mariachi Band**

**6. Good News Minute**

In the interest of saving time, board members did not make Good News Minute reports.

**7. Recognitions**

The following elementary schools were recognized for 2022-2023 High Median Growth Percentile (MGP): Robert Frost, Eastwood, Cottonwood, Fremont, and Morningside. The following secondary schools were recognized for 2022-2023 High MGP: Churchill Junior, Evergreen Junior, and Skyline High.

Cottonwood High student, Elliot Payne, was recognized for his heroic efforts to extinguish a fire on the stage at the school.

**8. Granite Elected Official Participation Time – None**

**9. Patron Participation Time -None**

## 10. Consent Items

I make a motion to remove just the Millcreek CRA piece for a separate vote because I have a conflict of interest as stated in last month's meeting, I would love the opportunity to abstain on that vote while still supporting the rest of the agenda items on the consent. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.A. Minutes, December 12, 2023

10.B. Purchases: As detailed in the agenda.

10.C. Personnel: As detailed in the agenda.

10.D. Financial Reports: As detailed in the agenda.

10.E. Property Sale, 2023 CTE student-built home.

I move to approve the consent agenda as amended. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.F. Olympus Hills Community Reinvestment Area Agreement

I move that we approve the Millcreek CRA. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Connie Burgess, Carried.

Karyn Winder: Abstain (With Conflict), Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

John Welburn introduced the newly appointed administrators, Kathlyn Anderson and Darren Johnson, who then introduced their guests.

## 11. Information Items

11.A. Annual Assessment Report for 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Joan Bramble, Student Assessment Director, provided the annual student assessment report. The data presented was from the 2022-2023 school year. The report included state accountability indicators in the areas of graduation, ACT performance, advanced coursework, English learner progress, proficiency, growth, and early literacy.

11.B. Legislative Preview

Ben Horsley presented the legislative calendar, revenue, and interim bills. Todd Hauber gave an overview of the proposed funding. The communications office creates a legislative tracking sheet for bills that impact education. The tracking sheet will be available on the Granite website.

## 12. Action Item

### 12.A. Mission and Vision

President McDermott lead a discussion with board members to share thoughts about the feedback received from stakeholders on the mission and vision. Board members discussed the two vision statements and variations that were proposed by stakeholders. Kim Chander made new suggestions for the mission and vision statements as alternatives to the two versions that were shared with stakeholders. Board members discussed these and noted that there was no stakeholder feedback to consider on board member Chandler's suggestions.

Kim Chandler commented, " I appreciate the discussion on all of this, I really do. I love the academic excellence part of that, I just feel strongly about certain wording, so I'll vote no on that."

I motion that we approve a vison statement that reads as follows: Graduate every student with academic excellence for lifelong success. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Kim Chandler: Nay, Connie Burgess: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 1

Kim Chandler: Nay

Kim Chandler said, "I'll just add again, there are things I feel strongly about. If I vote no, I hope that doesn't cast a negative light. I really appreciate again the time that we've spent, your willingness to accept so much feedback, Nicole, you really have, and I've been impressed by all of the work you've put in. So I just want to make that clear, that my voting no on that does not dismiss all of that. I feel like we have come a long way and put some good work in so thank you."

I motion that we make as our mission statement, Working together with families and the community to empower students to achieve their highest potential by fostering a safe, inclusive, and innovative learning environment to inspire lifelong success, critical thinking, and responsible citizenship. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Karyn Winder, Carried.

Kim Chandler: Nay, Connie Burgess: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 1

Kim Chandler: Nay

### 13. First Readings

#### 13.A. Article IX.A.1.y. Access and Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities

President McDermott asked to change the wording in C.6 to say *animals that are trained and licensed*.

I move that we approve as a first reading, with the recommended change to C.6, Article IX.A.1.y. Access and Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities. This motion, made by Kim Chandler and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### 13.B. Article IX.A.1.z. Employee Health and Safety, Immunization, and Workplace Accidents

I move we approve Article IX.A.1.z. Employee Health and Safety, Immunization, and Workplace Accidents as a first reading. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Connie Burgess, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 14. Second Readings

#### 14.A. Article V.C.5. Religious Belief, Expression, and Exemptions

I move to approve as a second reading Article V.C.5. Religious Belief, Expression, and Exemptions. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### 15. Superintendent and Board Reports

Superintendent Nye discussed procedures for inclement weather. We work to decide by 5:00 a.m. If a distance learning day is implemented, teachers will provide education for students, principals and custodians report to the school location, all other employees work with their administrator to determine if work can be accomplished in person or remotely. In the case of a snow day when school is canceled, we are required to make up the school day.

Kim Chandler enjoyed visiting elementary Christmas programs.

Connie Burgess thanked everyone who will work this week because of the snow.

Kris Nguyen said the Region PTA held reflections awards last night, and she thanked the PTA for supporting this program.

Clarke Nelson was impressed at the Utah School Board meetings with remarks by the keynote speaker regarding degradation of trust in education. This caused him to commit to a personal goal to find ways to restore trust.

Nicole McDermott enjoyed the holiday concerts. She thanked Kim and Julie for their work on the Law and Policy committee. Other districts at the conference liked the idea of having this committee.

16. Adjourn

I move to adjourn. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Clarke Nelson, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Meeting ended at 10:05 p.m.

APPROVED: February 6, 2024

ATTESTED:

Business Administrator

President, Board of Education