

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 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 5:01 PM, those in attendance:

Connie Burgess: Present, Kim Chandler: Present, Julie Jackson: Present, Nicole McDermott: Present, Clarke Nelson: Present, Kris Nguyen: Present, Karyn Winder: 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, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Dual Language Immersion in Secondary Schools

Rick Anthony presented a summary of the Dual Language Immersion program in secondary schools. Languages offered are Chinese, French, and Spanish. Following best practice in these classes; instruction is in the target language 100% of the time, emphasis is on maximizing the time students spend speaking the language and using state-adopted curriculum materials. Students benefit from the program by attaining a high proficiency in language, cognitive flexibility and problem solving, cultural competency, college credit opportunity, and an option to earn the seal of biliteracy. The challenges facing DLI include attrition, consolidation, and program availability in all geographical areas of the district.

Board discussion: The board asked for frequent communication and reminders to families in the program regarding the DLI pathway from elementary to junior high, to high school. Further data regarding attrition and secondary program completion rates will be gathered and provided to the board.

Executive Session: Potential sale and/or purchase of land and negotiations.

Motion: I move we go to executive session for the purpose of potential sale of land and negotiations. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Karyn Winder, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The board convened an executive session in room B-216 at 5:55 p.m. Those present were Connie Burgess, Kim Chandler, Julie Jackson, Nicole McDermott, Clarke Nelson, Kris Nguyen, Karyn Winder, Todd Hauber, Rich Nye, Patrick Flanagan, and Ben Horsley.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: I move we adjourn executive session. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Julie Jackson, Carried.

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The executive session ended at 7:02 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:05 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:

Michele Jones - GEA
Leslie George - GAEOP

Pledge of Allegiance - Darrin Johnson, principal at Diamond Ridge Elementary led the pledge.

Reverence – South Kearns 5th grade Choir.

GOOD NEWS MINUTE

Julie Jackson visited a student panel where she and Kris Nguyen answered their questions about the environment, mental health, and other issues. The Skyline High Super reunion will be on May 17 and 18, it will include laser tag, a 5K, movie night, football, and a brunch.

Kim Chandler said as an immigrant to the country the song the students sang tonight would have helped her to learn the 50 state names. The eclipse was a highlight this past month. She appreciates the volume of feedback the board received regarding the cell phone policy.

Connie Burgess attended the 50-year celebration at Eisenhower Junior High, it was so nice to get together with members of the community, thanks to those who prepared for this special night.

Kris Nguyen recounted recent events, Cyprus Unites where schools in the area participated with the community. The Excel awards night to honor teachers and an administrator, she thanked the Granite Education Foundation for hosting the event.

Karyn Winder attended absolutely incredible kid recognitions at Granger High, track meets, check presentations, and Excel awards. We often recognize athletics at board meeting but don't do enough to recognize academic winners. Our schools participated in a National History Competition and there were several winners from Granger High who qualified for nationals.

Clarke Nelson attended family literacy nights, parent university, and a lecture at the Academy of Finance. The Cottonwood Community Family night is coming up Thursday at 5:30 p.m. It will be a night of celebration and performances.

Nicole McDermott thanked the foundation for their work on the Excel awards night. She attended Bennion's people of the Pacific night and a Hunter LIA presentation in a TED Talk format. This is teacher appreciation week; we have great teachers and other employee groups in our district education community.

RECOGNITIONS

State Sterling Scholars

Noelle Converse introduced State Sterling Scholars, Audrey Su – Science (Skyline High), and Dallin Soukup – General (Skyline High).

Academic All State

Boys Lacrosse: Andrew Beckstrand and George Eagleston (Olympus), Maximus Clements (Skyline).

Boys Soccer: Talmage Gilbert, Benjamin Harrison, Brandon Kehl, and Brigham Marberger (Skyline), Jasper Toothman (Skyline)

Boys Tennis: Ethan Luker (Cottonwood), Michael Albertsen and Mitchell Thomsen (Cyprus), Mark Holmes (Olympus), Rohan Menon and Weston Stutznegger (Skyline).

Boys Track and Field: Mathew Bruns (Cottonwood), Zaquel Cossa and James Taylor (Hunter), Matthew Tarr (Kearns), Kyle Berkson and Thomas Jensen (Olympus), Connor Doyle and Ezra Hall (Skyline).

Boys Volleyball: Peter Larsen, Owen Larson, and Malakai Sorenson (Skyline)

Girls Golf: Hailey Martin and Thea Maxwell (Olympus)

Girls Lacrosse: Lily Arrowood, Emma Davis, Lily Nelson, Lily Nydegger (Olympus), and Samantha Gustafson (Skyline)

Girls Track and Field: Hannah Ellis, Faith Georgeson, and Katelyn McKenzie (Cyprus), Sierra Smith (Granger), Jenna Olsen (Hunter), Eleanor Delaney, Whitney Fisher, and Susannah Harris, (Olympus), Jordyn Bryant and Jane Sundberg (Skyline).

Instrumental Music: Ethan Luther (Cottonwood)

Speech/Debate: Aiden Whitney (Cyprus)

Individual Sports Champions – 5A

Wrestling: Men's 285 lb: Skyler Armenta (Cyprus), Women's 100 lb: Rhiannon Towers (Olympus), Women's 145 lb: Leticia Garcia (Kearns)

Swim: Men 200 Medley Relay: William de la Garza, Owen Hartman, Benjamin Hatchard, Kevin Tu (Olympus), Women 200 Medley Relay: Jade Garstang, Elaine Liu, Felica Shi Shayla Zulcic (Skyline), Men 200 IM: Abe Astle (Olympus), Women 200 Freestyle: Rori Sorenson (Skyline), Men100 Butterfly: William de la Garza (Olympus), Men 100 Freestyle: Abe Astle (Olympus), Women 100 Butterfly: Jade Garstang (Skyline), Women 500 Freestyle: Rainie Moran (Olympus), Men 500 Freestyle: Alexander Stewart (Skyline), Men 200 Freestyle Relay: Abe Astle, Benjamin Hatchard, Kevin Tu and Sebastian Wrona (Olympus), Women 200 Freestyle Relay: Greta Doretto, Lauren Greenwell, Rainie Moran, and Sophie Wrona (Olympus), Women 100 Backstroke: Jade Garstang (Skyline), Women 400 Freestyle Relay: Jade

Garstang, Rori Sorenson, Isabell Williams, Shayla Zulcic (Skyline), Men 400 Freestyle Relay:
Abe Astle, William de la Garza, Miles Moran, Sebastian Wrona (Olympus)

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Youth of the Year

Superintendent Nye introduced Geovanni Rojas, Kearns High, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Youth of the Year.

GRANTE ELECTED OFFICAIL PARTICIPAION TIME - None.

PATRON PARTICIPATION TIME - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, April 9 and 23, 2024

Purchases as outlined in the agenda.

Change Order as outlined in the agenda.

Personnel - Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports as outlined in the agenda.

2024-2025 School LAND Trust Plans

Cell Tower Contracts, Cottonwood High, Olympus High and Kearns High, AT&T Wireless

Cell Tower Contracts, Cottonwood High and Hunter High, Verizon Wireless

Foreign Exchange Agencies

Property Sale and Easement, east of Olympus Junior High

School LAND Trust Amendments

Motion: I move we accept the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Kim Chandler commented regarding the 2024-2025 LAND Trust plan. One of the plans is looking to increase enrollment in Latinos in Action and People of the Pacific programs.

Regardless of the value of these programs she is concerned that this use of LAND trust funds runs a foul to State Board rule, our own policy and State statute (HB261) by promoting preferential treatment of clubs based on culture, race, personal identity, or character. Therefore, she will not vote in support of this plan.

Clarke Nelson asked how the cost of the Skyline change order would be covered. Superintendent Nye said there is a percentage of the budget that is set aside for change orders, and this will provide the funds for the change order.

Vote: Connie Burgess (yea), Kim Chandler (nay), Julie Jackson (yea), Nicole McDermott (yea), Clarke Nelson (yea), Kris Nguyen (yea), Karyn Winder (yea).

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 1

ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Appointments and Transfers

Administrative appointments effective July 1, 2024.

Jennifer Johnson	Principal	Hunter High
Eric Bailey	Principal	Bonneville Junior High
Angelee Luther	Principal	Oakwood Elementary

Administrative transfers effective July 1, 2024.

Sara Po'uha	Assistant Principal	Fremont/Upland Terrace El.
Stephanie Taylor	Assistant Principal	Diamond Ridge / Wright El.
Alison Banks	Assistant Principal	Robert Frost Elementary

Motion: I move we accept the Administrative Appointments and Transfers. This motion, made by Kris Nguyen and seconded by Connie Burgess, Carried.

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Reconfiguration in the Cyprus, Granger, and Hunter Junior High Networks

Ben Horsley said the presentation is the same as was presented in March.

Public Comment: Reconfiguration in Cyprus, Granger, and Hunter junior high networks. President McDermott asked if anyone was present for public comment. There were none.

Motion: I move to approve as a second and final reading, reconfiguration in the Cyprus, Granger, and Hunter Junior High networks. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Vote: Connie Burgess (yea), Kim Chandler (nay), Julie Jackson (yea), Nicole McDermott (yea), Clarke Nelson (absent), Kris Nguyen (yea), Karyn Winder (yea).

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

INFORMATION ITEM

Survey Results: Draft Electronic Devices and Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

Ben Horsley said the survey closed on Friday, there were over 1,000 responses which were shared with board members. The responses will be summarized further and shared with the board in the coming week. Doug Larson said the draft of this policy will be refined as the board directs. Kim Chandler and Julie Jackson deferred to the other board members for comment since they will review the draft in Law and Policy. Karyn Winder said she talked to principals and community councils at secondary schools. These groups asked for backing from the board with a policy to restrict cell phones from bell to bell. Kris Nguyen also spoke to secondary principals, junior high principals want a bell-to-bell policy, high school principals said their needs are more nuanced. She supports the draft policy. Connie Burgess said that schools need to have some allowance within the policy. She is in favor of a district wide policy. Clarke Nelson said he has received feedback of overwhelming support for a consistent district-wide policy.

FIRST READING

Article VIII.A.24. Electronic Devices and Acceptable Use of Technology

Doug Larson said the details of this policy can be discussed in Law and Policy in a way that implements tighter parameters while allowing some level of flexibility.

Motion: I move we push the first reading of this policy to our next study session. This motion, made by Clarke Nelson and seconded by Julie Jackson, Carried.

Board members talked about whether the draft policy should be approved as a first reading or if revisions should be completed before a vote. There was discussion about the timing of approvals before the new school year so implementation plans can be messaged to families.

Vote: Connie Burgess (nay), Kim Chandler (yea), Julie Jackson (yea), Nicole McDermott (yea), Clarke Nelson (yea), Kris Nguyen (yea), Karyn Winder (yea).

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 1

SECOND READING

Article V.A.4. Convicted Sex Offenders on School Property

Doug Larson said part of the last sentence in section A was removed since the first reading of this policy. This change is aligned with BCI rules. There were no other changes.

Motion: I move we adopt Article V.A.4. Convicted Sex Offenders on School Property as a Second Reading and with the change as presented. This motion, made by Clarke Nelson and seconded by Karyn Winder, Carried.

Vote: Connie Burgess (yea), Kim Chandler (yea), Julie Jackson (yea), Nicole McDermott (yea), Clarke Nelson (yea), Kris Nguyen (yea), Karyn Winder (yea).

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye recognized teachers for providing meaningful and high-quality educational experiences for our children. Graduation reviews are coming up with some changes to highlight efforts to prepare students for post-secondary pursuits. Last night he spoke at the Utah Aerospace Pathway (UAP) event. Industry partners provide externship experiences for students. Students who complete their UAP certificate are interviewed and receive employment offers.

Julie Jackson reported that USBA worked on legislative priorities at their retreat, she will head the legislative committee. There is a new initiative for a legislator day in the classroom. The delegate assembly is coming up June 7 and 8.

Connie Burgess mentioned the incredible kid ceremony for a GTI student who was recognized recently, the student is pursuing nursing at the University of Utah. Thanks to schools and all of

the committees that teachers serve on within their schools.

Kris Nguyen said there was a budget meeting today where they reviewed CRAs. The information is available to board members in Board Book.

Karyn Winder thanked PTAs for the work they are doing this time of year. She also thanked parents who serve on school community councils. All who play a role in our schools are vital to help students graduate.

Clarke Nelson reported on how remarkable our students are as he recently presented to Academy of Finance students. This experience gave him a renewed appreciation for teachers.

Nicole McDermott said the Law and Policy committee talked about many things, the DLI policy, they reviewed the flow chart for sensitive materials which will be revised per the laws passed. She recognized the hard work of students and everyone to stick with it through the end of the school year. She thanked board members for their time and engagement.

ADJOURN

Motion: I move to adjourn. This motion, made by Kim Chandler and seconded by Clarke Nelson, Carried.

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Note: A copy of related materials can be found at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/2744>
An audio recording of the meeting can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>