

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 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 5:03 PM, those in attendance:

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

Kim Chandler joined the meeting electronically.

The following members of the administration were present:

Rich Nye	Superintendent
Todd Hauber	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President McDermott said there is need of an executive session and called for a motion.

Motion: I move we go to executive session for the purpose or real estate, safety and security and character and competence. This motion, made by Kris Nguyen and seconded by Connie Burgess, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The board convened an executive session at 5:07 p.m., those present were Connie Burgess, Kim Chandler (virtual), Nicole McDermott, Clarke Nelson, Kris Nguyen, Karyn Winder, Todd, Hauber, Rich Nye, Ben Horsley, Leslie Bell, John Welburn, and Don Adams. Chief Randy Porter joined the executive session at 5:33 p.m.

Motion: I move we recess our executive session until after regular board meeting. This motion, made by Kris Nguyen and seconded by Connie Burgess, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The executive session recessed at 5:57 p.m. The meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:03 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 except Julie Jackson were present. President McDermott invited those representing organizations to introduce themselves.

Gayna Breeze GAEOP

Pledge of Allegiance: Kim Babka led the pledge.

Reverence: Nicole McDermott

GOOD NEWS MINUTE

Kim Chandler recognized even though school is out for the summer, educators continue their work through the summer, and she thanked all who are still working for our students.

Connie Burgess thanked other board members for their work and contributions while she was gone on vacation.

Kris Nguyen thanked everyone who worked to make the graduation ceremonies run so smoothly. Cyprus patrons appreciated having graduation at the Maverik Center. The board retreat was a great time to talk and reconnect. She enjoyed the time they spent together. She recognizes and appreciates teachers for working during the summer to prepare for students. She gave a shout-out to the communications office staff who arranged board member's and school participation in local parades.

Karyn Winder hopes teachers are taking time to refill their cups this summer. We appreciate everyone doing their best at their jobs. The board met on Friday to look back on how they are doing, discuss goals going forward, look at the strategic plan, and work with our administrative team. There were good conversations to plan and prepare for the future.

Clarke Nelson said the Granite Youth Symphony (GYS) has been on tour this past week, during summer there are opportunities for our students. Transitions are happening this summer with principals moving to new schools. He encouraged parents to embrace change because it can lead to great opportunities that benefit our students. He appreciates parents who accept change with a positive attitude.

Nicole McDermott thanked employees who work through the summer to work with students in various programs and to prepare for the new year. She appreciates the Granite Youth Symphony and the summer arts camp; she appreciates the investment in these programs.

RECOGNITIONS

The following individuals and team were recognized.

Lizzy Anderson, teacher at Hunter High, Regional Latinos in Action teacher of the year.
Skyline High Debate Team, 5A champions, coached by Timothy Henry. Jeffrey Zo, Skyline High, Debate state winner National Extemp and Valencia McCartney, Skyline High Debate Captain of 5A Championship Team.

Wilson Harding, Informative, Taylorsville High, Maylan Jessop, Student Congress, Skyline High
Jeffrey Zou, National Extemp, Skyline HS, Kate Wilkins, Student Congress, Jack Catten,
Lincoln Douglas, Zachery Affleck, Impromptu, Rimsha Sameen, Informative, Jack Catten,
National Extemp, Cottonwood High

Hector Lara, a Safety Patrol student at South Kearns Elementary, was recognized for his heroic life-saving effort to intervene in a dangerous situation, pulling a student back from oncoming traffic.

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION TIME - none.

PATRON PARTICIPATION TIME

Amy Call, of Millcreek, thanked the board for their time and service to the community. She addressed the board regarding special education services. She said many parents are unclear about the diploma and transition services available to students and changes made by the state in recent years. It would be helpful to have clear definitions and instructions available to parents so that families can make informed decisions for their children.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes - June 18 and 28, 2024

Purchases as outlined in the agenda.

Personnel:

Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports as outlined in the agenda.

Early Literacy 2024-2025

GESPA 2024-2025 Tentative Agreement

Property Purchase

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

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

INFORMATION ITEMS

Trauma Informed Behaviors and Practices

Leslie Bell, Assistant Superintendent and Scott Bell, College and Career Readiness director presented. Trauma informed practices support all students, help to establish and maintain a safe learning environment, and recognize the impacts of trauma on student learning. The effects and possible impacts of trauma were discussed. The three tiers of support and interventions were summarized. This summer, principals and Special Education teachers received training on trauma informed practices. Principals will provide professional learning to teachers in the coming school year.

Board Comments:

Connie Burgess said she appreciates the focus and priority on this topic. Kim Chandler asked if we are assuming all students need trauma interventions. She worries that parents may surrender their responsibilities to the state and would prefer to stay away from intervening. Ms. Bell responded, the district seeks parental permission before implementing Tier II or III interventions.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Rich Nye reviewed the Graduate of Granite strategic plan. The board mission and vision guide the work of the district. Schools ask students what characteristics mean to them. One student said hard work is when he wants to give up, but he doesn't. Dr. Nye shared the strategic impact of academic, social skills and dispositions, and talent development goals. Over the last three years the graduation rate has grown by 4%, By 2027 the graduation rate will be 83% or above. In 2023, 77% of students participated in advanced coursework. Other celebrations include a significant increase of English learners meeting their targets based on WIDA performance, demonstrated sustainability score of 74 % on Positive Behavioral Interventions, tired fidelity inventory, and 92% retention of non-retiring licensed educators. Other outcomes and goals were included in the presentation. The work of the District Improvement Steering Committee (DISC) will continue to refine measures, adjust actions, and evaluate the academic return on investment. Each school designs their continuous improvement plan to align with the priorities, objectives and strategies outlined in the Graduate of Granite strategic plan.

ACTION ITEMS

Population Analysis Committee (PAC) Boundary Study Update

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries Director, presented the 3500 S. Corridor Study and recommendations. A Dual Language Immersion (DLI) task force was asked to consider options and make recommendations to the PAC. Two issues emerged, first solving the DLI 3100 Corridor issue, and second the enrollment problem in the entire area. The recommended options for these issues include:

Option 1 discontinuing the DLI program at 2 of the 4 schools, beginning in 2025-26 and offering placement in the DLI program and the other school for students who want to continue DLI

Option 2 uses one of the 4 DLI schools on the 3100 South corridor as a Spanish DLI magnet school and discontinues DLI in the other schools beginning in 2025-26.

Schools under study for closure are Orchard Elementary and Redwood Elementary. Schools affected by the DLI/closure study are Valley Crest, Monroe, Hillsdale, and Stansbury. Other schools may undergo boundary adjustments as closure decisions are determined.

Motion: I move to accept the recommendation to continue this study. This motion, made by Connie Burgess and seconded by Karyn Winder, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Weapons Detection

Don Adams presented the objectives for continuation of weapons detection at Hunter High. Granite will work to increase security measures as we implement HB84. Continuing the Hunter pilot is a part of that effort. For the 2024-25 school year we will test existing and alternate technologies, modify staffing, create systems to aid in continuity of implementation, look for ways to replicate best practices in other locations, and increase data to guide future decisions. The administration recommends continuing the pilot with one-time funding.

Motion: I move to continue the security pilot using the systems available to the district. This motion, made by Clarke Nelson and seconded by Kris Nguyen Carried.

Board comment: Kim Chandler said she does have some reservations about the long-term liability of this option, but she would like to see results from continuing the pilot, so she will vote in favor.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

FIRST READING

Article X.A.6. Learning Materials

This is an update to our existing Learning Materials policy that takes into account HB29 – Sensitive Material Review Amendments. This policy clarifies the review process for both objective and subjective sensitive material reviews. The policy and corresponding administrative memoranda contain the process for creating the review process for all types of instructional materials.

Motion: I move to approve Article X.A.6. Learning Materials as a first reading. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

SECOND READINGS

Article VIII.A.34. Dual Language Immersion and other School-Based Programs

Motion: I move we approve Article VIII.A.34. Dual Language Immersion and other School-Based Programs as a second reading. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Connie Burgess, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Article V.C.12. School Support Organizations

Superintendent Nye recommended this policy should go back to committee.

Motion: I move we move this policy back to Law and Policy committee for additional clean up. This motion, made by Clarke Nelson and seconded by Karyn Winder, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Nye thanked the board for their work at the board retreat. High schools are working with students towards summer graduation, content recovery, and gearing up for the new school year.

Connie Burgess said Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation has a new director. The Taylorsville pool should be open now and free student summer passes are available.

Kris Nguyen said the budget committee will resume meetings in August.

Nicole McDermott said Law and Policy will be meeting in a couple of weeks. She reminded board members that they received Vector training in an email.

Motion: I move that we reconvene our executive session for the purpose of character and competence. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

President McDermott excused those who will not attend executive session and the board took a 5-minute break at 9:21 p.m.

The board reconvened an executive session at 9:27 p.m., those present were Connie Burgess, Kim Chandler (virtual), Nicole McDermott, Clarke Nelson, Kris Nguyen, Karyn Winder, Todd, Hauber, Rich Nye, and Ben Horsley,

ADJOURN

Motion: I move to adjourn executive session. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Executive session adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

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

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

Results: Motion passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

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

APPROVED: August 6, 2024