

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 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, online.

The following members of the administration were present:

Ben Horsley	Superintendent
Todd Hauber	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Mitch Nerdin, Chief of Staff, Doug Larson, General Counsel, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Athletic Participation Report

Aaron Whitehead, Athletic Specialist, explained the Interscholastic Athletics Report which was provided to board members. It includes all the information required by HB420. The rubric created by Granite's committee helps to make the data actionable for schools. This is the third year of reporting this information and it will be helpful to review the data over time.

Superintendent Horsley thanked Mr. Whitehead and the committee for their work to compile this information in a way that is comprehensive and useful.

Capital and Construction Update

Don Adams and Justin Naegle gave an update on the opening of two recently constructed schools, West Lake STEM and Skyline high school. Chris Kartchner, BDK representative, reported on progress at the Cyprus site and explained the reasons for the change orders on the consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion: I move to go into executive session for the purpose of character and competence of an individual and litigation. This motion, made by Kim Chandler and seconded by Kris Nguyen, 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

The board convened an executive session in the Boardroom and 6:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Karyn Winder, Julie Jackson, Kim Chandler, Connie Burgess, Kris Nguyen, Ben Horsley, Todd Hauber, Clarke Nelson, Mitch Nerdin, Doug Larson, and Nicole McDermott.

Motion: Move to adjourn executive session, made by Clarke Nelson and seconded by Kris Nguyen, 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

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:02 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.

PTA- Kimberly Swensen, Amy Warren, and Liz Shellum

GEA- Michele Jones

Granite Office Professionals- Diana Pennington and Amanda Pennington

Granite Ed. Foundation- Chrisi Green

Pledge of Allegiance

Leslie Bell led the pledge of allegiance.

Reverence

Kearns High Marching Band

GOOD NEWS MINUTE

Karyn Winder said it has been fun to check in with schools and principals. She is receiving positive feedback on the cell phone policy. Elementary principals in her area are concerned about declining enrollment.

Clarke Nelson attended a community council meeting this morning, he left with a great sense of optimism and appreciation for the role they play. The new chair asked the group what they want to accomplish which generated a good conversation.

Kris Nguyen was excited to see students and teachers at the start of school. She went to Elk Run - learned the herd call (school cheer) and to Whittier's family movie night. She thanked GEF for the event at the maintenance department where they celebrated those who worked so hard this summer. She thanked PTA for their kickoff meeting and encouraged parents to get involved.

Connie Burgess appreciated the board and superintended for two extra days of preparation

teachers were given at the beginning of school. She enjoyed the Utah International Charter school open house. She understands the challenges teachers face with overcrowded classes, hopefully this will work out once the enrollment count is finalized October 1.

Kim Chandler was out of town during August. She is looking forward to attending Constitution Month events.

Julie Jackson said the new Skyline building is so nice with big bright windows. We are looking forward to legislators in the classroom later this month. A charter school asked to meet with one of our schools to learn how we got high scores on RISE testing.

Nicole McDermott there are many ways to get involved in PTA by joining and serving in various ways. School community councils positively impact their schools.

RECOGNITIONS

Todd Hauber introduced Jared Gardner, Purchasing Director, who then introduced his staff; Skip Foster, Julie Fisher, Jessica Brophy, and Angela Pontius, staff not in attendance include Rose Elkins, Danielle Kitchen, Adar Livni, Cherilyn Bramall, and Lesa Campbell. The purchasing department received the 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.

Anne Reese introduced Sayeed Sharifi, Granite Teacher of the Year.

GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION TIME - None

PATRON PARTICIPATION TIME - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, August 6, 2024

Purchases as outlined in the agenda.

Change Order as outlined in.

Personnel:

Employee Hires and Separations

LEA Specific Licenses

Leaves of Absence

Financial Reports as outlined in the agenda.

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

Kim Chandler said there are software contracts in the consent agenda that she does not support.

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 ITEM

Update on the 3500 S. Corridor Study

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries Director, presented the study areas recommended by the Population Analysis Committee (PAC). Although this was presented and voted on previously, it is necessary for the board to vote with specific language, which is outlined in H.B. 341, included in the motions. One study area has been expanded to include Olene Walker and Wilson elementaries in anticipation of a family shelter opening later this year.

Motion: I move that we approve a motion to initiate the notification required for the potential school closure of Redwood Elementary and Orchard Elementary, under Subsections(23).(b).(ii) through(iv) of H.B. 341. This motion, made by Karyn Winder and seconded by Julie Jackson, 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

Motion: I move that we initiate the notifications required for boundary adjustments as described in the 3500 S. Corridor Study under Subsections(23).(b).(ii) through(iv) of H.B. 341. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Kris Nguyen, 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

Motion: I move to initiate the notifications required to potentially alter school programs at Valley Crest, Monroe, Hillsdale and/or Stansbury Elementary Schools under Subsections(23).(b).(ii) through(iv) of H.B. 341. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Connie Burgess, 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

SECOND READING

Article IX.A.1.c Employment and Supervision of Relatives

Motion: I move to approve as a second and final reading Article IX.A.1.c. Employment and Supervision of Relatives. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Kris Nguyen, 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 Horsley said it had been an incredible start to the school year. He was invited by teachers to visit several classrooms. He is grateful for the efforts to get this school year underway. It has been good to see student engagement as a result of the cell phone policy. There are amazing and incredible things happening in our schools and he is grateful to be a part of it. Clarke Nelson said it is awesome to be back in our schools. He attended five community council meetings.

Kris Nguyen met with the budget and finance committee where there was a presentation on the capital plan. Schools in her area will be experiencing changes next year. There are lots of meetings and effort to make these changes as smooth as possible.

Connie Burges said that County Parks and Recreation has plans for improving the area around the Jordan River between 2100 South and 5400 South. Tracy Aviary has a place near Walker Elementary.

Kim Chandler agreed with Kris, there are many changes coming to the Magna area and patron feedback is welcome. District Community Council meeting is scheduled for the end of October.

Julie Jackson USBA fall policy webinars are available. The regional fall meeting is September 25th. Legislators will be invited to classrooms September 23-27. Julie will be working on assignments so please share input with her. The evaluation committee will be reconvening.

Nicole McDermott invited Jordan District board members to Granger High to see how they are implementing the cell phone policy and pouches. Maturation and Sex Education materials are available for review online.

ADJOURN

Motion: I move to adjourn. This motion, made by Kris Nguyen and seconded by Kim Chandler, 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 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: October 1, 2024