Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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 PM, those in attendance:

Nicole McDermott	President
Kris Nguyen	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Kim Chandler	Board Member
Clarke Nelson	Board Member

Julie Jackson, board member, arrived at 5:09 p.m. Karyn Winder, board member, was excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

Ben Horsley	Superintendent
Todd Hauber	Business Administrator
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Tyler Howe	Assistant Superintendent

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

STUDY ITEMS

Truth In Taxation Process

Todd Hauber reviewed new legislation affecting taxing entities, including HB236 and SB238. Multiple training events have been held by organizations during the past two months to ensure understanding of all requirements. The Utah State Tax Commission created an 11-page checklist. Granite administration created a new SOP to assure compliance. A list of the truth-in taxation steps and dates for each step this year was included.

Budget Update for FY27

Todd Hauber and Brian Ipson presented elements for the budget and an update on state funding. Budget reductions and new budget requests for each district division were listed. Projected property tax implications include recovery of FY26 increase and other FY 27 increases for capital and charter school levies. The property tax amounts listed were preliminary estimates. Actual numbers will be known in mid-June. A tentative budget for FY27 will be made available to board members before June 1. The tentative budget will also be posted online and presented at the June 2, 2026, board meeting. A budget hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President McDermott said we have need of an executive session and called for a motion.

Motion: **I move we go to executive session for the purposes of negotiations character and competence.**

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President McDermott
Results: Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea
Yea:6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 (Karyn Winder)

President McDermott called for a 5-minute break.

The board convened an executive session in the boardroom at 7:01 p.m., those in attendance were Nicole McDermott, Kris Nguyen, Julie Jackosn, Kim Chandler, Connie Burgess, Ben Horsley, Todd Hauber, Stacy Bushell, and Clarke Nelson.

Motion: **I move to adjourn executive session.**

Made by: Clarke Nelson
Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President McDermott
Results: Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

President Nicole McDermott adjourned the meeting at 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: June 2, 2026