

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting, Truth in Taxation Hearing
Tuesday, August 18, 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 6:00 PM, those in attendance:

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

The following members of the administration were present:

Ben Horsley	Superintendent
Todd Hauber	Business Administrator
Mitch Nerdin	Chief of Staff
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
Tyler Howe	Assistant Superintendent

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

WELCOME

Pledge of Allegiance: Michele Jones

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

Truth in Taxation Presentation

Todd Hauber began with a summary of the items he will cover in the presentation. Mr. Hauber then made the required statements. (3:00)

- The 2026-27 budget includes a proposed tax increase that exceeds the certified tax rate per 59-2-919(4)(a)(ii).
- The approximate amount of tax increase is \$21,115,465.
- The purpose of the tax increase is to fund various operational and capital priorities — see the published Property Tax Impact Schedule for further details.
- The approximate percentage of tax increase will be 10.26% higher than the certified tax rate.

The remainder of the presentation covered the property tax impact schedule, the Salt Lake County Notice, budget highlights and priorities, a sample property tax notice, and property value appeals and statutory tax relief process. Tax relief forms and copies of information were available at tables outside of the meeting room.

Public Comment

President McDermott opened the public hearing and stated the guidelines for public comment, each patron who wishes to comment has 3 minutes to speak. A total of 15 residents commented expressing concerns, opposition or support of the tax increase. Monty Hawkins participated online, Michele Jones, Street Fortenberry, Heidi Jensen, Jay Blain, Lance Parker, Liz Shellum, Danielle Housman, Mike Glower, Monica Wilbur, Janelle Williamson, Jeff Larson, and Kylie Jones participated in person. There were technical difficulties for the final online participant, so he emailed his comments and President McDermott read them aloud. One patron emailed their comments which are included in the agenda backup.

President McDermott made a final call for comments. President McDermott closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Superintendent Horsley thanked everyone for coming to this hearing. He invited attendees to leave their contact information if they had additional questions.

ACTION ITEMS

Set the Certified Tax Rate

President McDermott stated the recommended motion and then called for a motion.

Motion: **I move that we set the 2026 property tax rate to be 0.006133.**

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Board Discussion: Board members thanked residents for their attendance and participation. They shared reasons why this is a difficult decision and their rationale for supporting or opposing the tax increase.

Called for vote: President McDermott
Results: Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Nay, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole
 McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea
 Yea: 6, Nay: 1
 Motion passed.

Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget.

Motion: **I move we adopt the 2026-27 budget as published on the district web page.**

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President McDermott
Results: Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Nay, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole
 McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea
 Yea: 6, Nay: 1
 Motion passed.

There was a question of whether the restatement of the first motion was correct. President McDermott called for the earlier motion to be replaced by a new motion.

Motion: **I move that we set the 2026 property tax rate to be 0.006133.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Nay, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole
McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 1
Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

President Nicole McDermott adjourned the meeting at 7:59 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: September 1, 2026