

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 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 5:01 PM, those in attendance:

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

Kim Chandler, Board Member, participated virtually.

The following members of the administration were present:

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

Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, was in attendance. Mitch Nerdin, Chief of Staff, and Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, were excused.

WELCOME

Pledge of Allegiance – Mandy Chapple

PATRON PARTICIPATION TIME - none

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchases as outlined in the agenda.

Motion: **I move to accept the consent agenda.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

STUDY ITEMS

Student Services Update

Jared Reynolds, Student Services and Prevention Director, shared an overview of services provided by this department. The department handles open enrollments, oversee alternative

school programs, safe school issues, violations, and youth court. Specialists coordinate prevention and intervention support for bullying, gang activity, substance abuse, and absenteeism.

Access and Opportunity Update

Karly Chavez, Access and Opportunity Director, reported on department responsibilities which include multilingual student education (Title III) support and translation services. The Tumaini Program serves refugee and newcomer students by providing a safe place to connect and share academic information and processes. The department manages the Title VI Indian Education program, coordinates Section 504 training, coaching and compliance district-wide, and facilitates Title IX informal resolution. They provide ESL endorsement courses which give educators tools and strategies to support multilingual learners.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Update

Dr. Mandy Chapple, Career and Technical Education Director, shared updates and data showing the impact of CTE programs which are available to students. Offerings in junior high, high school and at the Granite Technical Institute provide students with opportunities to explore career pathways, take specialized classes, earn concurrent enrollment credits, and obtain industry certification. Dr. Chapple highlighted plans for a student-led commercial hospitality enterprise funded by the APEX grant that was awarded Spring 2026.

ADJOURN

President Nicole McDermott adjourned the meeting at 6:00 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 6, 2026