

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

May 5, 2015

A board meeting for Granite School District was held in the board room at the Granite School District offices, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin W. Bates	Superintendent
David F. Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Excused:
Linda Mariotti Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Director, Communications Department, and Merilynn Boekweg, Board Recorder, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Elementary Security

Mr. Adams introduced Kevin Miller and Valarie Nagasaw from GSBS Architects who were selected to research building security in Granite's elementary schools. Mr. Miller commented that the first information needed was to identify the potential threats and evaluate their threat risk. Developing and evaluating improvement strategies and putting them into schools is the direction of their research.

GSBS thought the main threat was an active shooter or a kidnapping. Although important, what they heard from schools was unauthorized entry, assault, breach of the access control point, theft and vandalism were their threat concerns. Main entrance containment became the primary focus.

The spaces must provide for students to be inside a secure perimeter. Visitors must pass by or through the office and interaction would be face to face with the office staff. The access would be remotely controlled. They supplied examples by showing existing school floor plans for Bridger, Moss, and Upland Terrace Elementary Schools and provided proposed reconfiguration plans that would allow main entrance areas to become more secure for the students and school staff. The average costs to the district capital outlay would be \$30,000 to \$40,000 per school. (Exhibit #15-36)

Mr. Adams explained the need for all elementary schools to be evaluated and security projects planned. He acknowledged the need for secondary schools to be evaluated also. Working with the elementary schools will give them the experience to more effectively evaluate secondary. High schools will be the most challenging.

The Communication Department will help get the information of the upgrades out to the communities. President Bawden reminded the Board of the importance of checking in at the office when visiting a school and following visitor procedures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: **I move we move into Executive Session to discuss land transactions and collective bargaining.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Board Polled - Motion Passed Unanimously

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:06 p.m. in the board room. President Terry Bawden welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Dawn Warner	Region V PTA
Jon Tingey	GEF
Susen Zobel	GEA
Eddie Berrest	
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Carol Berlin	
Tracy Atkin	GESPA
Else Salmond	
David Shell	
Bobbie Bringhurst	
Dave Gatti	GASA
Dona Harris	

Jane Lindsay, Elementary School Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Alison Tanner	Principal, Granite Transition Services (Jones Center)
Dave Holt	Principal, Valley Junior
Dona Harris	Principal, Elk Run Elementary
Paul McCarty	Principal, Fremont Elementary
Naomi Hopf	Principal, Eastwood Elementary
Mike Douglas	Principal, Driggs Elementary
Debbie Koji	Principal, Diamond Ridge Elementary
Teri Cooper	Principal, Crestview Elementary
Paulette McMillan	Principal, Cottonwood Elementary
Janice Flanagan	Principal, Copper Hills Elementary
Dottie Alo	Assistant Principal, Granger High
Dave Gatti	Assistant Principal, Granger High
Geoff Murdock	Assistant Principal, Cottonwood High
Trent Hendricks	Assistant Principal, Churchill Junior
Cathy Thompson	Assistant Principal, Jefferson Junior
Ann Kane	Assistant Principal, Valley Crest Elementary

Pledge of Allegiance: Doug Wagstaff, Principal Hunter Jr.

Reverence: Hunter Jr. Hawk String Quintet, Performing “Einekleine Nacht Musik”
Jacob Bahr, Director

Quintet:
Sarah Jarrett-Violin
Ashley Archer-Violin
Hannah Curtis-Viola
Elyse Farley-Cello
Mikayla Nelson-String Bass

RECOGNITION

1. National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4-8, 2015 has been proclaimed National Teachers Appreciation Week. Mrs. Winder read a proclamation acknowledging National Teachers Appreciation Week signed by the Superintendent and President Bawden.

2. State PTA Award Winners

Mrs. Warner announced the PTA award winners for the school year.

Golden Apple Educator – Tevor Black
Spirit of PTA – Bryce Siepert
PTA Involvement Award – Eastwood Elementary Cultural Celebration, Nicole Berry
Development Award – Matheson Junior
Spirit of Inclusivity – Swap a Heart – Olympus High
Spirit of Inclusivity Honorable Mention – JaNeanne Dazley

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tonya Morris, 4713 West Garden Drive, West Valley City, Utah is a parent of a Kennedy Jr. Student. She explained that her son had been in special education and was not comfortable in front of others. He became part of the theater program at Kennedy Junior and it made all the difference in his junior high experience. He became more confident and progressed academically better than he had before becoming involved in theater. She had heard they were cutting the program at Kennedy and wanted the Board to know she was opposed to the cut.

Sarah Johnson, 3079 Lincoln Street, SLC, is the current theater teacher at Kennedy Junior. She told how important the program was and the influence it had in students' education and future successes. She agreed that music and dance are important. She does not agree that the theater portion of fine arts is less important and it should not be cut. She explained that her enrollment numbers had been up and students were excited to go into the advanced class.

Dr. Bates asked Mr. Fraser if he had information about this issue. He explained that enrollments drive if and when an elective class will be taught. Junior highs subsidize the program and it is not always possible to support it. It may be being offered as an afterschool activity. He will contact the principal and get back to Dr. Bates and President Bawden with more information.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: Minutes April 7, 2015 & April 21, 2015

Purchases:

1. CNC Routers, for Cottonwood, Hunter & Kearns High Schools, Forest Scientific Corp - \$138,747.00
2. Downloadable E-Books, Overdrive Inc., \$59,000.00
3. Server Upgrade for Info Systems, Summit Partners Utah - \$53,946.72
4. Content Filtering Equipment for Info Systems, Proactive Network Management - \$78,056.00
5. Carbon Monoxide Monitoring Systems, State Fire DC Specialties - \$119,708.00 **

Award of Contracts

1. Roof Replacement on Cyprus High Auxiliary Gym, North Face Roofing - \$136,700.00 **
2. Electrical Upgrades at Hunter High, Sturgeon Electric - \$180,516.00
3. Remodeling Work at Hunter High, CRC Construction - \$598,050.00
4. Soccer Field Restoration at Hunter High, RBI, Inc. - \$270,000.00
5. Restroom Remodels at Seven Elementary Schools, DTL Builders - \$328,029.00
6. Security Upgrades at Eight Elementary Schools, Veritas, Inc. - \$359,520.00
7. Natural Gas and Additional Meters, Summit Energy - \$110,000.00

**A correction on the funding for this item was made. The funding will come from Support Services Capital Outlay Budget.

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments and Transfers Effective July 1, 2015

Appointments:

Rocky Lambourne	Principal, Bonneville Junior
Wes Cutler	Principal, Evergreen Junior
Brenda Zimmerman	Assistant Principal, Cyprus High
Christopher Griffiths	Assistant Principal, Cyprus High
Kristie Reather	Assistant Principal, Olympus High
Cindy Dunn	Assistant Principal, Jefferson Junior

Transfers:

Mark Grant	Principal, Olympus Junior
Cathleen Thompson	Assistant Principal, Bonneville Junior

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$4,150,256.76
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$23,232,616.08
3. Principal's Cash Report – March 2015
4. Monthly Budget Report – March 2015

Foreign Exchange Agencies

School LAND Trust Revisions

Motion: **I move that we accept the Consent Agenda**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Carried Unanimously

Mr. Fraser thanked those teachers and principals that were leaving the district. He introduced the new appointments and transfers. They introduced their families that had attended with them. The Board congratulated them on their achievement.

INFORMATION ITEM

Proposed Budget Presentation

Mitch Robinson, Director of Budget Development, presented preliminary information on changes made in State funding for the 2015-2016 school year. The Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) will be increased by 4%. This increase is the largest since the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Senate Bill 97, Property Tax Equalization, increased the Basic Rate to generate \$75 M in additional property taxes statewide. State wide distribution of the funding will be 75% to Voted and Board Local Levy Guarantee and 25% to Capital Outlay Foundation and Enrollment Growth Programs. This would increase taxes on a \$225,000 home by approximately \$43. Estimated revenue changes for the upcoming fiscal year would be \$14,968,803. Required spending increases \$1,167,699, and negotiation considerations \$5,079,732 leaving a balance of \$8,721,372 of new money.

The Debt Service Fund is property tax dollar payments on the district's general obligation bonds. The District currently has \$25 M of bond authorization left on the \$256 M authorized by voters in 2009. The remaining \$25 M is still available and is not being encumbered for addition building projects at this time. Mr. Robison presented two options for handling the Debt Service Fund. First, not change the Debt Service Tax Rate and issue the remaining \$25 M for building projects. Debt service payments would be structured to use the excess tax revenues and fund balance. Second, reduce tax rate and shift part of it to the Capital Outlay Fund. This would require a tax hearing but would not increase a homeowner's tax bill. (Exhibit #15-37)

The Board agreed they would prefer option two, shifting part of the tax rate to the Capital Outlay Fund. Mr. Robison thanked them and with their instructions he will return in June with the proposed 2015-2016 budget.

ACTION ITEM

Article VIII.A.29. - Student Head Injuries & Concussions

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services presented the Student Head Injuries and Concussions Policy for Board Approval.

“This policy has been updated since last month's Board meeting to make it more straight-forward. Feedback from the Board included identifying some convoluted language, some redundancy, and an internal inconsistency. The

District Athletics Director and I stripped away unnecessary provisions to make the policy more concise and more readable... The Policy is consistent with Utah Statutes and rules and has been reviewed by State Risk Management.”

Mr. Lofgren suggested some language change to clarify section D.1. He also asked for clarification of H.1.2.ii which required a written statement of a health care professional regarding the care rendered. Mr. Larson explained it is a requirement of the state to include the wording in district policy.

Motion: **I move that we approve the Student Head Injuries and Concussions Policy.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: Vice President Anderson

Results: Carried Unanimously

President Bawden was excused early.

REPORTS

Superintendent Bates reminded the Board of the Retirement Dinner on Thursday, May 7, and the Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, at Kearns High. On May 26 a study session will be held at 5:00 p.m. followed by a District Community Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Meier related a positive experience she had with the Inter-Connections program taught by Elizabeth Perez at Cyprus High.

Mrs. Winder commented on the West Lake Junior 50 Year Celebration. She said she had attended junior high there and enjoyed seeing former teachers and friends.

Mrs. Anderson also attended the West Lake Junior 50 Year Celebration and was impressed with all that had been done. She visited Smith Elementary for a choir concert. This choir is an after school activity which is taught by volunteers for ½ hour one day a week. While visiting Woodstock Elementary she noted that the TrustLand goals are posted on the front door and parents are to review them at any time.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: Vice President Anderson

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.