

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

June 16, 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 5:05 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

Excused:	
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
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Initial Report of Annual Student Population Study

Mr. Horsley, Population Analysis Committee (PAC) member, reviewed for the Board the scheduled timeline used when considering boundary studies. In June the PAC presents an initial report in a board meeting. There were three study areas discussed.

The Cyprus Network reported that meetings have been held with all School Community Councils (SCC) within their network. The community has been surveyed and the result was 67% favorable towards 9-12 grade reconfiguration in the network. There may be boundary changes that would affect the Matheson and Hunter Junior High Schools boundaries. The PAC Committee recommended that the study for the Cyprus Network reconfiguration move forward.

The 4800 West Corridor Boundary Study is an effort to balance out enrollment among some of our west side junior high schools who have been impacted by previous 9-12 reconfigurations. Kearns Junior, Kennedy Junior, and Hunter Junior are being considered. All three SCCs are open to a potential boundary change. PAC recommends the study go forward.

Arcadia Elementary was on the study list by request from members of the community who proposed moving Arcadia students out of the Cottonwood Network and into the Taylorsville Network. If approved, this change would reduce the enrollment at Bonneville Junior and eventually Cottonwood High. There would be a corresponding gain of students in the Taylorsville Network. Discussion was held regarding the possible Cottonwood High reconfiguration. If approved, the Arcadia boundary change would drop enrollment at Bonneville Junior to approximately 400 students.

Mrs. Meier had spoken with the Arcadia SCC president and she indicated they had not been contacted about this proposal and they were not in favor of it. Some of the community residents who were suggesting the change have moved from the area and there does not seem to be an active group proposing the boundary change.

The PAC recommended the Arcadia boundary study be removed from the study list and revisited another year if the SCCs requested it.

Motion: **I move that we take the Arcadia boundary study off the list.**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2. Granite Education Foundation (GEF)

Brent Severe, Director, GEF, reviewed Foundation highlights and accomplishments over the year. A new focus on child hunger has resulted in partnering with Granger High in

organizing and stocking a food bank at the school. The average number of students served in four months was 328 and 54 families participated. The counselors commented that once the basic hunger need is met the students work better in school and are more secure in talking to them regarding other needs. KUTV's Christina Flores featured the program on air after which donations from communities had been received to benefit the pantry. Mr. Severe explained that no Granite School District funds are used for this program. It is being supported by donations and state funding. They are currently working with large groups (i.e. LDS Church and Arby's Restaurants) for ongoing contributions. Other school locations are being considered for the same program.

Recently the Foundation hosted the Minister of State for Refugees and Disaster Preparedness, the Honorable Musa Francis Ec Weru from Uganda. He was pleased with the soon to open refugee center and the opportunities given to refugee students in Granite. The center will temporarily be located in the Granite Education Center until permanent offices are open at a Salt Lake Community College location.

The GEF is currently working with projects that include a Boeing Grant with an emphasis on health and human services education; United Way on extending outreach programs; Unplugged summer initiative to encourage service; the LDS church in supplying basic needs, hygiene kits, and backpacks; and Utah Refugee Center and Utah State University in launching the Granite Refugee Center. (Exhibit #15-40)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: **I move we move into Executive Session to discuss litigation and land transaction.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

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 7:02 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:

Amy Fritz	Region V, PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Kari Parry	
Doug Wagstaff	GASA

Annette Duzett, Junior High Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Rob McDaniel	Principal, Cyprus High
Garrett Muse	Principal, Taylorsville High
Tyler Howe	Principal, Armstrong Academy
Julie Wilson	Principal, Bacchus Elementary
Milicent Larsen-Fogarty	Principal, Bridger Elementary
Pauline Longberg	Principal, Beehive Elementary
Lynne Rada	Principal, Bennion Elementary
Rocky Lambourne	Assistant Principal, Bonneville Junior
Melanie Roybal	Assistant Principal, Brockbank Junior
Janet Thorpe	Assistant Principal, Whittier Elementary

Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Sharon Prescott, Pleasant Green Elementary

Reverence: Connie Anderson quoted Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: May 5, 2015, May 26, 2015

Purchases:

1. Hot Well Counters, Restaurant and Store - \$164,400.00
2. Food Purchases for 2015-2016 – Varied
3. Annual Purchase of Milk for 2015-2016, Meadow Gold - \$1,650,000.00
4. Textbooks for 2015-2016, Mountain State Schoolbook Depository – Varied
5. School Lunch Credit Card Transaction Fees, PAMS - \$98,000.00
6. Vehicle Fuel Purchases for 2015-2016 – Varied
7. Purchase of Dodge Chargers for Police Fleet, Young Automotive Group - \$109,348.00
8. Computers for 2015-2016 –As per state contracts
9. Read 180 Licenses and Books, Northwest Textbook Depository - \$58,912.31
10. Overdrive Download ebooks, Overdrive – Varied
11. Language! Reading Intervention Materials, Voyager Learners, Inc - \$54,233.10
12. LANDesk Software Licenses, Network Consulting Services - \$382,888.24
13. CommVault Backup Software, Valcom - \$58,026.50
14. Canvas Instructure Learning Management System Licenses, UEN - \$122,183.83
15. Online Tests for Gifted Education, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - \$53, 974.60
16. 9-12 Science Electronic Textbook Adoption, Mountain States Depository - \$825,825.50
17. Microsoft Azure Software, En Pointe Technologies - \$101,561.88
18. Welding Booth at Taylorsville High, Jardine Malaska Construction - \$139,720.00
19. Annual Linen Needs for 2015-2016, G & K Services – Varied
20. Jacobson Mower for Grounds Department, RMT Equipment - \$79,777.00
21. Carpet for Hunter High, Shaw Contract Group - \$202,913.28
22. Carpet for Eisenhower Junior, Shaw Contract Group - \$63,709.16
23. Blue Bird School Bus Parts, Bryson Sales & Service - \$50,000.00
24. Preschool Playground at Skyline High, Wasatch West Contracting - \$128,443.00
25. Irrigation System Upgrade at Bennion Elementary, Turf Sprinkler Co. - \$79,950.00

Award of Contracts

1. Food Services Management, Sodexo America - \$1,175,061.00
2. Long Term Disability Insurance, Aetna Life Insurance Co - \$175,500.00
3. ESL Coordinator, Cutting Edge Education LLC - Approx. \$60,000 Annually
4. Safari Montage Content Management, Audio Enhancement - \$102,520.00
5. Office & Computer Lab Remodel for Cyprus High, Gailey Builders - \$615,681.00
6. Kitchen Remodels at: Bennion, Bonneville, Churchill, Eisenhower, Evergreen, Kearns

- and Valley Junior High Schools, Wasatch West Contracting - \$90,800.00
7. Restroom Remodels at: Mill Creek, Pleasant Green, Rosecrest, Sandburg, Taylorsville, Valley Crest and Vista Elementary Schools, Modern Construction - \$161,788.00
 8. Security Upgrades at: Crestview, Granger, and Wilson Elementary Schools, Veritas Inc. - \$166,485.00
 9. Football fields at: Cyprus, Hunter, Kearns and Skyline High Schools, Sprinturf - \$3,467,365.00
 10. Excess Workers Compensation Insurance, AON Risk Services - \$85,397.00
 11. Architectural Services for Elementary Building Security Updates, Varied - \$149,580.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointment – Effective Date 7-1-2015
Sheri Sorensen Associate Director, Advanced Learners & Dual Immersion Program

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$10,749,349.88
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$78,077,618.32
3. Principal's Cash Report – April 2015
4. Monthly Budget Report – April & May 2015

Ratification of Negotiations with GEA

Ratification of Negotiations with GESPA

Salary Schedules for Other Employee Groups

School LAND Trust Amendments 2014-2015

School LAND Trust Plans 2015-2016

Price Increase for School Lunch

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

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Carried Unanimously

Ms. Mariotti introduced Sheri Sorensen to the Board. Mrs. Sorensen introduced her family attending with her and the Board congratulated her on the new appointment.

Pres. Bawden thanked the schools for the excellent work done on the LAND Trusts plans.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Grade Reconfiguration, Cottonwood High School

Representatives including principals, assistant principals, and Community Councils from each secondary school in the Cottonwood network addressed the Board. They reviewed grade reconfiguring of Bonneville Junior, Granite Park Junior and Cottonwood High. In September of 2014 SCCs determined there was interest in bringing grade 9 into Cottonwood High.

The process included a letter explaining their proposal to district administration and public town-hall meetings. A survey by Y2 Analytics in April of 2015 solicited responses from 433 parents and guardians of K-10 students. Randomly selected parents were interviewed by phone or took the survey online. The results showed 62% of the community surveyed in favor of the reconfiguration. All three SCCs voted to support the move. Building needs were evaluated and it was determined no relocatables would be needed at Cottonwood High. (Exhibit #15-41)

The Board asked for clarification on how the survey was conducted. Mr. Horsley explained the survey and how it balanced the percentages when dealing with families with multi-level students.

It was stated that in the past a group from the Bonneville Junior area had opposed the changes. The Board asked about the status of the community members that had opposed the reconfiguration. Clarke Nelson, SCC and District Community Council (DCC) member, explained that by educating those with questions, the misunderstandings were cleared and many had changed their position. Some of those opposed had moved. He did say that there were still some who opposed the proposal but a greater majority were in favor. The Board did discuss the need for a standard to measure what a positive approval rating included.

2. Grade Reconfiguration, Cyprus High School

Representatives including principals, assistant principals, SSCs, and PTSA from each secondary school in the network presented the Board with information regarding the 9-12 grade reconfiguration of Cyprus High. In January of 2014 a letter was sent to the district indicating community interest in exploring the changes. Public town-hall meetings were held in April, and a presentation to Magna Town Council was given in May. Community input including a survey was collected. A letter to the administration recommending the change was sent in May 18, 2015.

SSCs from Brockbank Junior, Matheson Junior and Cyprus High are in favor of the move. The community was given information over the school year and a survey was taken in May 2015. The results showed 67% in support of the reconfiguration and 26% opposed. (Exhibit #15-42)

Rob McDaniel, Principal, Cyprus High presented the proposal and asked the Board to approve going ahead with the plans for 9-12 grade reconfiguration for Matheson Junior, Brockbank Junior and Cyprus High.

The Board discussed the possible adjustment of boundaries for the junior high schools to even the enrollment. Mrs. Gandy said constituents that live within her precinct were concerned they had not been informed about the changes. The solid data presented would be helpful in answering their questions.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BUDGET HEARING

President Bawden opened the Budget Hearing at 7:48 p.m. A roll call was taken and the following were present:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member

Excused:

Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

Mitch Robison, Director of Budgeting, presented the proposed 2015-16 Annual Budget for Granite School District. The budget has been online for public viewing since June 1, 2015. An advertisement was placed in newspapers with the time and place that the hearing would be conducted. Copies of the 2015-16 Annual Budget Book were provided to each board member.

The total budget for the 2015-16 year is \$ \$565.5 million (M). The General Fund is the district's largest fund at \$476.8 M. The other funds are the Capital Outlay (\$23.3 M), the new Incremental Tax, (\$5.3M), Debit Service (\$15.2 M), School Lunch (\$30.3 M), District Activity (12.3 M), and the GEF (\$1.3M).

The General Fund revenue sources vary. State restricted funds and state unrestricted funds supply 62%. Restricted funds are earmarked for specific uses (i.e. Special Education, CTE, TRUST Lands, & Adult Education). Each year the State funds a Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) which provide money in unrestricted funds based on enrollments. The WPU is up 4% for 2015-16. Property taxes contribute 26.9 %, Federal 8.8% and local funding is 2.5%. Salaries and benefits consume 88.3% of the General Fund. Other expenditures include supplies (3.1%), Utilities (3.6%), and miscellaneous (5%).

Mr. Robison explained the new Senate Bill (SB) 97, Property Tax Equalization, and how it will effective the 2015-16 budget year. The legislature set the Basic Tax Rate to generate \$75 M in additional property taxes statewide. Districts do not have input on the setting of the Basic Tax Rate. Seventy-five percent of the funds will be distributed to the Voted and Board Local Levy Guarantee. The remaining 25% goes to Capital Outlay Foundation and Enrollment Growth Programs. Granite will benefit from this new funding.

The budget estimates for 2015-2016 are:

Estimated revenue changes	\$14,968,803
Required spending increases	-1,167,699
Proposed tax rate increase (charter school funding)	859,119
Negotiation/contractual considerations	-14,070,396
Budget adjustments	<u>-589,827</u>
Balance	\$ 0

Budget adjustments include teacher support (\$185,000), student support and interventions (\$175,200), administrative internship positions (\$100,000), technology infrastructure and security (\$94,627), and Family Center support (\$35,000).

The proposed Tax Rate Adjustment as required statewide by the Legislature with SB 97 will be \$43.07 on a \$225,000 home and \$78.30 on a business. Granite School District will have an adjustment to their tax rate to cover charter school local replacement and will show an increase of \$4.95 for a home or \$9.00 for a business. The Debt Service (money available for bond payments) will be decreased by \$17.08 and that payment will be moved to Capital Outlay (\$17.08). In order to make the change in the Tax Rate it will be necessary to hold a Tax Hearing. (Exhibit #15-43)

Motion: I move we approve the revised 2014-15 budget as detailed in the budget book.

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: I move we adopt the tentative 2015-16 budget and set the tax rate equal to 0.007013 subject to the following:

- The Basic Levy will be established by the Tax Commission
- The Capital Local Levy will be adjusted for Tax Commission calculations on Salt Lake County equalization
- Other levies will be adjusted for changes in the calculation of the certified tax rate that may come from the Tax Commission or the Salt Lake County Auditor's office

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: I move we set the date and time for a tax hearing as Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Made by: Connie Anderson

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Superintendent Bates reminded the Board that Granite is hosting the NFUSSD conference in October, 2015. Their help will be needed to be at certain locations to assist with questions if needed. He told them that cyber insurance had been negotiated and was part of the District Policy. Each board member was given a copy of the LAND Trust audit findings and the appeal letter.

Members expressed their positive experiences while attending graduations at the close of school.

Mrs. Anderson told of visiting Granite Park Junior and the positive messages found all around the inside of the school. They were all motivational items to help the students feel valued.

Mrs. Meier shared a draft of the Utah Statewide Education Plan Development Strategy to fellow board members. (Exhibit #15-44) She suggested that the board plan to attend the Leadership Academy scheduled for September 17-19, 2015. Since NFUSSD is being held here, the travel costs could be used for the Leadership Academy. She updated the Board on changes to those who attend the State board meetings. The Delegate Assembly is scheduled the August 14-15.

President Bawden informed the board that the July 7, board meeting will include a reading of Board of Education policies. They will be sent to the members prior to the meeting and he asked that they review them before coming.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.