

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
March 1, 2016

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 5:00 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 Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Director Communications Department, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

English Language Arts Adoption

Linda Mariotti explained that *Imagine It!*, our current curriculum text, was adopted in 2008 prior to the new State Standards. A Granite committee reviewed new materials which had been approved by the State Office. Our committee had additional criteria: We wanted the materials to be K-6, to have a digital component, and needed a copyright date of 2014 or later. The committee selected McGraw's *Wonders*, a comprehensive tool that is very supportive of the Utah Core Standards. There are many parts to this tool: a reading component, writing standards, speaking & listening standards, grammar standards and also *WonderWorks* for special education. Materials are available digitally (which will be continuously updated) and also in hard bound books. This text aligns to the core much better than our current adoption. Professional Development will be offered during the summer and next school year to help our elementary teachers become familiar with this new tool.

Turnaround School Update

John Welburn and Mitch Nerdin, Resource Development Director, presented an update on our ten Turnaround schools. After reviewing the SB235 requirements for a Turnaround school

designation, the selection of an external provider was explained. Of the five State approved providers, our schools selected the best fit for their own specific needs. The end result was that eight of our schools selected Education Direction and two schools selected Catapult Learning. The providers have conducted school appraisals and each school has written a Turnaround plan with the provider. The plans at this time are very brief and throughout the summer during leadership training and next year during the follow up progressive training sessions, the plans will become more detailed. Based on this year's SAGE data, each school will select an evidence based instructional strategy. This will become the core area of focus for the school and also an emphasis for coaching. (Exhibit #1638)

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 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:

Sydney Johnson	Region V PTA
Roxanne Probst	Cottonwood PTA Council
Karen Bowden	GAEOP
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Darla Williams	GAEOP
Judith Simmons-Kissell	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA
David Clark	GESPA

Alan Parrish, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Jared Broderick	Principal, Jackling Elem
Amber Clayton	Principal, Granger Elem
Marilyn Laughlin	Principal, Sandburg Elem
Kayla MacKay	Principal, Hunter Elem
Allesen Peck	Principal, Gourley Elem
Steve Perschon	Principal, Olympus High
Sharon Sonnenreich	Principal, Hillside Elem
Marla Wharton	Principal, Hillsdale Elem
Dottie Alo	Assist Prin, Granger High
Brett Bawden	Assist Prin, Farnsworth & Morningside Elem
Sherri Branch	Assist Prin, Eisenhower Junior
Amber Paul	Assist Prin, Evergreen Junior
Lynda Tierney	Assist Prin, Skyline High
John Workman	Assist Prin, Olympus High
Ben Johnson	Intern Assist, Matheson Junior

Pledge of Allegiance: Ben Johnson

Reverence: Hunter Elementary Choir, accompanied by Rachel Pearson, a school volunteer, performed *The Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*.

RECOGNITION

Academic All State Athletes for Winter Sports

Dave Vande Veegaete, specialist, athletics/P.E., introduced students who have excelled in academics as well as athletics. Students recognized included those who participated in Swimming: Rachel Anders, Sarah Ratzlaff from Cottonwood and Casey Rasmussen from Taylorsville; Drill: Abigail Barney and Marissa Castillo from Taylorsville; Wrestling: Caleb Monson from Skyline, and Ethan Kerr from Olympus; and in Basketball: McKenna Miller from Hunter, Oscar Hoggan from Olympus and Camiryn Toeun from Taylorsville.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Aaron Weight, 3723 Rhinestone Circle, Magna, member of the Copper Hills School Community Council. He is concerned about the condition of the educational facilities in Magna. He suggests building a new campus for the Magna community that meets technology demands and safety concerns.

Chris Scott, 8551 Elk Mesa Road, Magna, member of the Copper Hills School Community Council. Magna parents are interested in obtaining a school bond to fund a new school campus. He is interested in finding out what parents can do to help the process move along and to encourage other parents outside the Magna area to support such a bond.

Terry Whipple, 4459 S 2700 E, SLC. There is a once in a lifetime opportunity of a total solar eclipse, happening on August 21, 2017, within driving distance from Salt Lake City. The best views will be north of Rigby, Idaho, the Teton National Park or in Casper, Wyoming. He urges consideration of this date when adopting a school calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, February 2 and 16, 2016

Purchases:

Asphalt Repairs, Fox Hills Elementary, Peckham Asphalt Paving – \$97,006.14
Roofing Repairs, Gourley Elementary, Perkes Roofing – \$259,610.00
Roofing Repairs, Skyline High, Utah Tile and Roofing – \$150,986.00
Security Upgrades at Three Elementary Schools, Copper Valley Construction – \$275,203.00
Computer Equipment for IS Department, CenturyLink – \$119,747.33
Network Storage Equipment, Summit Partners – \$78,009.80
Chromebooks for Warehouse Stock, GovConnection – \$527,940.00
Rational Ovens, Restaurant & Store – \$77,600.00
Architectural Services, Bates Kitchen Freezer Remodel, NJRA Architects – \$124,500.00

Award of Contract:

K-6 ELA eTextbook/Materials Adoption, McGraw Hill – \$3,646,031.20

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments/Transfers, effective July 1, 2016

Appointments:

Rick Anthony, Assistant Superintendent, Educator Support & Development Services
Leslie Bell, Director, School Accountability Services
Natalie Hansen, Director, School Accountability Services
Tina West, Director, School Accountability Services

Transfers:

John Welburn, Assistant Superintendent, School Accountability Services
Patrick Flanagan, Associate Director, Human Resources
Michelle Love-Day, Associate Director, Educational Equity

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$1,837,266.72
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$36,283,399.98
3. Monthly Budget Report – January 2016

School Student Achievement Plans

GEA Negotiation Team

GESPA Negotiation Team

Summer Construction Projects

LAND Trust Amendments

LAND Trust Final Reports (2014-15)

School Improvement Plans for Turnaround Schools

Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Agenda

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Superintendent Bates and Mr. Fraser introduced the new administrative appointees, who then introduced their guests.

FIRST READINGS

Student Travel Policy

Doug Larson presented this modified student travel policy opening up out-of-state travel to all states bordering Utah and the West Coast states. This recommendation also generates a change

to the fee schedule, section 5: travel shall not exceed \$999, adding “including food and accommodations.” Board discussion followed regarding group and/or individual fundraising and the \$400 out-of-pocket maximum expense. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed to amend the policy to include the provision that school community councils develop a policy with the principal, allowing every student the opportunity to fundraise and that the sponsor of the trip must provide the opportunity.

Motion: **I move we adopt this policy, adding a phrase that it is the responsibility of the School Community Council with the advice of the principal, that every student have the opportunity to fundraise up to and including the entire amount of the trip and that it is up to the sponsor of the trip to provide the fundraising opportunities.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Board members also discussed the minimum per diem allowance for food; \$25 per day was determined to be a reasonable amount.

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Utah International School Charter Amendments

Superintendent Bates introduced Steve Winitzky and Angela Rowland from the International School. No changes have been made in the amendments since the First Reading.

Motion: **I move we approve this as a second reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2017-18 School Calendar

Alan Parrish and Gail Howe reviewed the two calendar options which were presented in December. Since that time a survey has been open for parents, employees and students to respond. The survey received 3,128 responses, 58% voted for Option A. (Exhibit #1639)

Motion: **I move we adopt Option A based upon the preponderance of the data shown.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Board Ethics Policy

Doug Larson presented the amended policy which resulted after adding in the suggestions and recommendations received from the board. Drafting an ethics policy is a perpetual job because there will always be circumstances that evolve over time, requiring a change.

Motion: I move we approve the policy.

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

A review of this policy will be added to the board's event calendar as it is a good idea to examine it each year.

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates:

Shared a copy of the Annual Report which was mailed to every home in the district. (Exhibit #1640)

We need to develop a long-range capital outlay plan. After conversation with board leadership, it was determined that three board members will serve on the long-range planning committee. Dan Lofgren, Gayleen Gandy, and Connie Anderson will participate, with Terry Bawden as an alternate.

Sarah Meier:

Attended the Jefferson Jr. play and it was great.

We are approaching the last week of the legislature, one more Friday to participate.

Karyn Winder:

Today is National ACT day for all juniors. Next year we may want to communicate to schools not to have any other "tryout" type events happening on the same day so we don't add to the anxiety students are already experiencing from taking the ACT.

Connie Burgess:

Attended the play Annie at Moss Elementary and is so grateful for patrons who helped and donated to make the event possible. Residents from a care center were invited to the performance and it was so wonderful for them.

Connie Anderson:

Also attended Annie at Moss Elementary. She was so impressed that this production involved all the kids in the school, either having a role in the play, designing programs or making the scenery.

Attended a sporting activity at a high school which was fun.

Recognizes and appreciates that we have an amazing board, we may not always agree, but we can talk and work through differences. Other boards do not always have such a good relationship.

Gayleen Gandy:

Matheson is performing Beauty and the Beast.

Fine Dining lunches are delightful.

Terry Bawden:

Reminder of study session on March 15.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.