

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

February 4, 2014

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 Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., those in attendance:

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

Excused:	
Julene Jolley	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin W. Bates	Superintendent
David F. Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Jim Henderson	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SAGE Status Report

Ms. Mariotti introduced Dr. Rob Averett, Director, Student Assessment, and Karen Tohinaka, Specialist-Computer Based Training, to give an update on the new Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) test.

SAGE has been developed as a computer interactive test to replace the previous state mandated Criterion Referenced Test. SAGE will be given during a scheduled window of March through May of this year. The test items, 400 in each subject, have been developed and reviewed by parent-educator committees. Students will be tested on a subset of items and should be prepared to test for the full session. The questions used this year will be normed for adaptation in the 2015 school year.

Dr. Averett alerted the Board that scores will probably drop the first year because of the rigor of the test materials. SAGE questions are taken from the new core curriculum that has only been taught two or three years and because of the relative short time for instruction students may score lower. Information and practice tests may be found at <http://sageportal.org>.

Principals will need to be familiar with planning testing dates, time requirements, and their schools will need to be prepared for required new technology. The tests adapted to “text to speech” with required hearing devices.

Teachers should become familiar with the type of questions that will be on the test and the expected types of responses. Mrs. Tohinaka has developed a power point to assist teachers preparing students for the SAGE.

Students will need to know, as per grade level tests indicate, how to select and copy, manipulate “hot spots”, draw graphic responses, conduct virtual experiments and enable the “text to speech” option.

Mrs. Tohinaka demonstrated the practice test for elementary language arts and Dr. Averett explained other skills used for a science test. School Technology Specialists (STS), principals, and teachers are being trained on how to administer this computer based testing. As a department their goal is trying to get more teachers involved so they feel like they have ownership in the test. Individual school STSs will be available to proctor teachers in the labs. Acuity benchmark testing, which is currently being done in Granite schools, is a good training for the SAGE. (Exhibit #14-22)

The Board discussed the impact SAGE would have on students and teachers. They adjourned for a dinner break at 6:10 P.M.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:03 p.m. in the board room. President Gayleen Gandy 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	PTA, Region V
Jill Healey	GEF
Wendy Jones	
Susen Zobel	GEA
Christa Holt	
Kathleen Riebe	
Teresa Himmelberger	GEAOP
Leanne Helbling	

Tracy Atkins GESPA
 Else Salmond
 David Shell
Maile Loo GASA
 Craig Stauffer

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

Maile Loo	Principal, Kearns High
Doug Wagstaff	Principal, Hunter Junior
Christine Judd	Principal, Wasatch Junior
Tyler Howe	Principal, Armstrong Academy
Dianne Phillips	Principal, Oakwood Elementary
Karen Marberger	Principal, Oquirrh Hills Elementary
Brittany Gilson	Principal, Penn Elementary
Marie Rose	Principal, Pioneer Elementary
Steve Perschon	Principal, Hilda B. Jones Center
Craig Stauffer	Assistant Principal, Hunter High
Wes Cutler	Assistant Principal, Olympus High
Trent Hendricks	Assistant Principal, Churchill Junior
Kirby Bauer	Assistant Principal, Hunter Junior
Cathleen Thompson	Assistant Principal, Jefferson Junior

Pledge of Allegiance: Brittany Gilson, Principal, Penn Elementary

Reverence: A String Quintet under the direction of Amber Tuckness of Cottonwood High performed two numbers. The students participating were Conor Stewart, Isaac Leyva, Melinda Pehrson, Marche Ramirez, and Rachel Metcalf.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: January 7 & January 21, 2014

Purchases:

1. White Multi-Purpose Copy Paper for Warehouse Stock, Costco - \$79,632.00
2. Discovery Software Support, Education Solutions Development - \$91,211.00
3. Lift Track and Guardrail at Hartvigsen School, Copper Valley Construction - \$53,170.00

Change Order

Granger High, Expansive Soils Stabilization

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointment

John Welburn, Assistant Superintendent, Educator Support & Development Services –
Effective 7-1-14

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$1,891,145.76
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$44,506,706.19
3. Principals Cash Report – December 2013
4. Monthly Budget Report – December 2013

Declaration of Surplus Property – Canyon Rim Elementary

Purchase of Property at 3013 South Buccaneer Drive

Motion: **I move that we accept the Consent Agenda as presented.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

Dr. Bates acknowledged the appointment of John Welburn to serve as the new Assistant Superintendent over Educational Support and Development Services upon the retirement of Dr. Jim Henderson in July. Mr. Welburn is currently the principal at Hunter High School. He has a long and distinguished career in Granite. Mr. Welburn introduced his family and the Board congratulated him on his appointment.

FIRST READING

High School Graduation Requirements Policy (Article X.A.4ii)

Doug Larsen, Policy and Legal Services, presented proposed updates to the High School Graduation Requirement Policy. The updates do not change the requirements for graduation but better identifies how students can earn credit toward graduation. High school credit was earned primarily by classroom experience, attendance and work turned in. Now they can earn credit through other avenues including computer technology and credit recovery. It is important to note that as long as they are earning credit through the right channels and executing it the correct way it should be included in the policy.

The Board discussed the age of students who take high school credit and have it count toward graduation. Mrs. Meier asked for clarification in the policy on where parents can get information regarding alternate credit. It was suggested that the policy refer to the student SEOP/SEP conferences with councilors as a place to get information regarding accredited classes outside of the student's regular classroom.

Dr. Bates commented that when children demonstrate high school level competency they should be awarded credit for that class.

Motion: I move we accept the High School Graduation Requirements Policy as a first reading with clarification language added to C.1.

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Population Study List

Bryce Holbrook, Director, Planning and Boundaries, reviewed policy (Article VII.G.1.) which directs the Population Analysis Committee to recommend study lists to the Board.

Fox Hills Elementary presently has seven (7) relocatable classrooms, one (1) relocatable used for an English Second Language classroom, and one (1) as a Family Center, totaling nine relocates on their school grounds. The building capacity at Fox Hills is 700 and presently their enrollment is 843 or 120% of capacity. South Kearns Elementary building capacity is 535 and their current enrollment is 396, 74% capacity. The two schools share a common boundary.

The Population Analysis Committee recommended that Fox Hills Elementary and South Kearns Elementary be placed on the study list to help balance the enrollments.

The School Community Councils (SCC) from Taylorsville High and Bennion Junior High have formally requested to have the boundaries of Bennion and Westbrook Elementary Schools considered for adjustments in their feeder school patterns. At the present time 50% of Bennion Elementary students and 100% of Westbrook students feed into Cottonwood High. The SCCs request the boundaries be changed from Cottonwood High to be aligned with Taylorsville High.

The Committee is willing to study this proposal because it comes from the SCCs. The Board discussed the proposal that had been denied last year from the Arcadia Elementary parents requesting boundary and feeder school alignments. It may have to be revisited if requested. (Exhibit #14-23)

Motion: I move we approve these recommendations to be placed on the study list.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Dr. Bates will be at the American Association of School Administrators Conference from February 12th through 14th. February 18th a study session is scheduled and the topic will be, what are schools going to look like in 2050 and how we can prepare.

Mrs. Anderson asked for clarification on how Granite's school lunch policy deals with students who go through the lunch line without a purchased lunch. Dr. Bates explained when a family does not qualify for free lunch then they need to pay for lunches their children eat. Granite schools send up to five (5) notifications to parents if a student has a negative balance. If a student does not have their lunch account current after the five (5) notices they are directed to an alternate line to pick up a partial lunch. No full trays are taken from students. .

Mrs. Meier invited the Board to attend the legislature. The Utah School Boards Association provides lunch on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. A special emphasis was given to February 21st which is scheduled to be Education Day on the Hill. She also reported on the Chinese New Year celebration she had attended at Smith Elementary. The event was sponsored by the

Chinese Immersion program.

Mrs. Burgess also attended a Chinese New Year celebration at Spring Lane Elementary in conjunction with their Chinese Immersion program.

Mrs. Gandy has been visiting the schools in her precinct and has enjoyed them all.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Sara Meier

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.