

**Granite School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

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 5:00 p.m., those in attendance:

Nicole McDermott	President
Kris Nguyen	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Kim Chandler	Board Member
Julie Jackson	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

Clarke Nelson, board member, was excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

Rich Nye	Superintendent
Todd Hauber	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Construction & Capital Update**

Don Adams and Justin Naegle, Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Director, presented information about current construction and capital projects. Chris Kartchner, BDK Management discussed progress on the Cyprus and Skyline projects. (Exhibit 2350)

#### **Dual Language Immersion Update**

Rick Anthony described the continued effort to balance school autonomy and ensure program stability and equity. He reviewed plan of action ideas related to regrouping and the possibility of requiring schools to use this solution. The regrouping strategy presents complexity and enough challenges that it is best to continue with each school determining whether this strategy will work based on the specific situation. (Exhibit 2351)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President McDermott said there is a need for executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining and potential litigation and called for a motion.

**Motion: I move that we move to Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining and potential litigation.**

Made by: Kim Chandler

Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for voice vote: President McDermott

Results:

For:

Against:

Connie Burgess  
Kim Chandler  
Julie Jackson  
Nicole McDermott  
Kris Nguyen  
Karyn Winder

The meeting adjourned and the board convened an Executive Session in room B-217. The following were present, Rich Nye, Todd Hauber, Ben Horsley, Patrick Flanagan, Nicole McDermott, Kris Nguyen, Connie Burgess, Kim Chandler, Julie Jackson, and Karyn Winder.

President McDermott called for a recess of the executive session. The session will resume following the general board meeting.

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:02 p.m. in the Boardroom. President Nicole McDermott welcomed all in attendance for this session and called for a roll call of board members; all board members were present; Clarke Nelson joined the meeting remotely. President McDermott invited those representing organizations to introduce themselves:

Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Gayna Breeze	GAEOP
Dawnette Dial	GAEOP
Michele Jones	GEA
Kelly Collett	GEA

Flag Ceremony: Troops 410 and 8410

Reverence: Granite Technical Institute, Emergency Medical Technician students

### **RECOGNITIONS**

#### **2023 Friends of Public Education**

Representative Karianne Lisonbee was recognized for her work on school security issues and House Bill 304 which has a significant impact on juvenile justice reform.

#### **Career and Technical Student Organizations, First Place Winners and CEO Pitch winners**

**DECA:** Anhkhoa Le, Mindy Phan, Arivan Verma, Jeffrey Zou (Skyline)

**DECA National:** Shaza Abdelrasoul (Taylorsville)

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** Xinying Bi, Sophia Cheng, Jonah Fearnley, Anhkhoa Le, Kyle Lin Nhan, Joyce Wang, Calvin Webb, Ivy Zhao, Jeffrey Zou (Skyline), Skylar Anderson, Sydnie Archer, Darian Archibeque, Rayanne Burnside, Angelina Chheng, Nicholas Sasaki, Grant South (Hunter)

**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA):** Sariah Tryon (Cyprus), James Miller (GTI/Skyline), Zena Altawallbeh, Tracy Ngo, Nandhini Ramanathan, Brandon Winters (Skyline), Nathaly Aguilar, Sarah Aguilar, Coco Hobson, Maize Smith (Olympus Jr.)

**Future Health Professionals (HOSA):** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Vinay Kalva (Skyline)

**HOSA:** Silvana Moya Gonzalez (Taylorsville)

**Skills USA:** Evan Heyborne (GTI/Cyprus), Ava Weimer (GTI/Granger), Paul Black, Jayden Wilkins (GTI/Olympus), James Miller (GTI/Skyline)

**Technology Student Association (TSA):** Sam Chelemes, Landon Fan, Abhinaya Gopinath, Alex Ikeda, Alice Leppert, Keira McNamara, Luke Oliver (Skyline), Marcos Alfaro, Cole Anderson, Logan Pugh, Everest Roush (Evergreen Junior), Clair Reichert (Olympus)

**Future Farmers of America (FFA):** Makenna Robertson, Vanessa Vos (Cyprus), Hope Ramirez, Edward Zacarias (Granger), Logan Cook, Jerica Harrow, Emma Putman, Isaac Russell (Hunter)

**Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO), National Pitch Competition:** Harleen Saini - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Nadia Ferguson – 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Skyline), Austin Beverley – Honorable Mention (Cottonwood)

### **2023 Sterling Scholar Recipients**

Aaron Wang, Computer Science and Overall General Sterling Scholar, Keira McNamara, English, Ellie Grieves, Visual Arts, Caroline Hill, Dance (Skyline), Katherine Kaufman, Science (Olympus), Lora Larson, FCCLA (Cottonwood)

### **Utah Underwater Robotics Competition Winners**

First Place – Master Division, Kaia Hospodarsky, Mara Hospodarsky, Dillon Nguyen, Clara Pitts, Braden Tolman, (Taylorsville), 2nd Place Henry Forbush, Isaac Kasteler, Jaren Roberts, (Bonneville Junior High)

### **Utah FCCLA New Advisor of the Year 2023**

Zahaia Cuevas, Family and Consumer Science teacher at Cottonwood High

### **Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching**

Joanne Brown, Science teacher at Olympus Junior

### **Granite Police Officers**

Heroic Service Award: Phillip Alfonzo

Distinguished Service Award: Sargent Gabriel Johnson and Detective Christopher Mitchener

**Administrative Office Professionals** - video presentation

**Teacher Appreciation** - video presentation

**GRANITE ELECTED OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION** – None

## CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, April 11 & 18, 2023

### Purchases:

1. Creek Stabilization Project, Skyline High, Strong Solutions - \$293,470.00
2. K-12 Severe Curriculum Tools, Special Education, DJC Holdings LLC dba N2Y - \$71,000.00
3. Mobile Classroom Chassis, GTI, Western Recreation - \$60,410.00
4. Special Education Curriculum Material, Mountain State Schoolbook Depository - \$317,075.00
5. Staff Training and Compliance Management Software, Policy and Compliance, Scenario Learning LLC dba Vector Solutions - \$71,760.00
6. Tables and Chairs, Matheson Junior, School Specialty - \$57,106.58
7. ViewSonic Board, Taylorsville High, Bluum USA Inc. - \$70,609.54
8. Vehicles, Granite Police, Young Auto - \$117,328.00

### Awards of Contract:

1. Classroom Remodels, Oakwood, William Penn, and Woodstock Elementary Schools, Wasatch West Contracting - \$1,806,883.00
2. Continual Improvement Consulting Services, Educator Support Services, EdDirections - \$314,463.00
3. Contracted Services to Improve AP/IB Participation and Scores, Curriculum and Instruction Department - \$132,250.00
4. Partitions; Furnish and Install, Oakwood, William Penn, and Woodstock Elementary Schools, Alder Sales - \$140,412.00
5. Teen Center Construction, Cottonwood High, PJF Corporation - \$708,912.73

### Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Leave of Absence
3. Administrative Appointments

Administrative Appointments, effective July 1, 2023

Sharla Bynum  
Allison Gosch

Principal, Truman Elementary  
Open Contract

Administrative Appointment, effective May 15, 2023

Luke Allen

Associate Director Communications & Community  
Involvement

### Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$6,419,784.04
3. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$2,672,94480

4. Direct Electronic Transfer of Funds
5. Change Order Summary Report - \$93,291.34
6. Principals' Cash Report – March 2023
7. Monthly Budget Report – March 2023

Foreign Exchange Agencies  
Granite Education Foundation – Memorandum of Understanding  
LAND Trust Amendments  
School LAND Trust Plans, 2023-2024

**Motion:**           **I move that we approve the Consent Agenda but with the exception of a couple of items, the Contracted Services to Improve AP/IB Participation and Scores and the Teen Center Construction items.**

Made by:           Kim Chandler  
Seconded by:    none, motion failed

**Motion:**           **I move to approve Consent.**

Made by:           Karyn Winder  
Seconded by:    Kris Nguyen

Kim Chandler shared the reasons for her motion to remove items from the Consent Agenda.

Called for vote:    President McDermott  
Results:           The motion passed with Karyn Winder, Kris Nguyen, Nicole McDermott, Connie Burgess, Julie Jackson, and Clarke Nelson voting in favor and Kim Chandler voting against.

John Welburn introduced newly appointed principal, Sharla Bynum who then introduced her guests. Ben Horsley introduced newly appointed associate director, Luke Allen.

## **FIRST READINGS**

### **Article X.A.6. Learning Materials**

This is a new policy and brings the District into compliance with SB55. This policy eliminates a memorandum and two other board policies and creates a more concise statement of policy. This policy defines the broadest category of materials used for student learning as “learning materials.” Under that broad category are two sub-categories. Curriculum adopted by the board are considered “instructional materials.” All other materials use for teaching and learning are considered “supplemental materials.” The policy addresses both categories and describes how specific resources are adopted and used.

**Motion:**           **I motion that we approve Article X.A.6. Learning Materials for a First Reading.**

Made by:           Julie Jackson  
Seconded by:    Karyn Winder

### **Patron Participation**

Michele Jones, Granite Education Association President, Salt Lake City, addressed the board in support of Article X.A.6. which establishes a clear processes and opportunity for parent and teacher input.

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

### **Article IX.D.1. Continuity of Education for Homeless Students**

This is a policy that has to do with the offering of education to our students who are, or who become homeless. The language of the policy tracks the McKinney-Vento Act, which is a federal law that prescribes how the District addresses and supports the needs of students who are homeless. Law and Policy Committee reviewed this policy in detail and provided some minor suggestions.

**Motion: I move we accept Continuity of Education for Homeless Students, Article IX.D.1. as a First Reading.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

### **Article VIII.A.15. Student Dress Standards**

This policy replaces the former dress policy, which was intended to address the adoption of uniforms. It also replaces a very old memorandum that provided only cursory guidance on dress standards. Board members asked for this policy to be addressed because schools wanted more guidance. This policy is intended to be broad and is intentionally not specific about sex, religion, or culture. It allows for schools to create their own site-specific policy for student handbooks but recognizes that dress code policies should remain general.

**Motion: I move that we approve Article VIII.A.15. Student Dress Guidelines for district schools as a First Reading.**

Made by: Julie Jackson

Seconded by: Kim Chandler

Called for vote: President McDermott

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

### **SECOND READING**

#### **Fiscal Policy, Section 15. Tokens of Appreciation, Employee Incentives, and Gifts**

There were no changes to this policy since the First reading.

**Motion:**            **I move to approve the Second and Final Reading Fiscal Policy, Section 15.**

Made by:            Karyn Winder

Seconded by:      Kim Chandler

Called for vote:    President McDermott

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

## **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS**

Superintendent Nye appreciates office professionals and teachers. Graduation reviews will take place later this month and will address the federal four-year cohort, graduation rate, participation in advanced coursework, CTE pathways, and post-secondary plans. Schools are administering end of year tests and will use results of these assessments to evaluate student learning. The Utah School Superintendents Association elected Dr. Nye to a four-year leadership position.

Clarke Nelson thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the meeting remotely.

Karen Winder attended the Pioneer community council meeting; it was good to hear how things are going. She thanked teachers and administrative professionals. Working to address classified and paraprofessional pay is a priority. The LAND Trust plans represent a lot of hard work.

Kris thanked teachers and office professionals. Three teachers from her area were honored at the Excel Award banquet. It was a privilege to job shadow paras at Hartvigsen, she can't appreciate these employees enough and the experience was life changing.

Connie Burgess thanked teachers and office professionals. Principals are dedicated and they prepare for the unexpected. Thanks to the Excel award winners, nominees should feel proud of being nominated.

Kim Chandler thanked everyone as we are approaching the end of the school year. She enjoys meeting with the policy committee. She attended the West Valley elementary play and loves what they are doing. Cyprus unites event had a great turnout with teachers engaging students. She observed a math class, Michele Jones at Cyprus, it was a good learning experience.

Julie Jackson spent a day substituting at Matheson Junior where students reported that they feel like they learn a lot in school, she is proud to be a part of this. She thanked Granite Police Department for 50 years of service. She expressed gratitude to teachers for their vast expertise.

Nicole McDermott mentioned upcoming events; Granite Police recognition open house May 12<sup>th</sup>, teacher appreciation fair, PTA awards this Thursday, and board retreat on June 20<sup>th</sup>. She thanked teachers who are in schools every day working with students and office professional in schools and the various district departments. She thanked testing coordinators and parent volunteers who offer their time to help with proctoring tests.

**Motion:**            **I motion that we saunter for five minutes and then return to reconvene our Executive Session.**

Made by: Julie Jackson  
Seconded by: Kim Chandler

Called for vote: President McDermott  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The Executive Session reconvened at 9:20 p.m. with Clarke Nelson and Don Adams joining the session.

**Motion: I move we adjourn the Executive Session.**

Made by: Karyn Winder  
Seconded by: Julie Jackson

Called for vote: President McDermott  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

**Motion: I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Karyn Winder  
Seconded by: Julie Jackson

Called for vote: President McDermott  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>