

# Granite School District

## Board of Education Meeting

June 17, 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
Julene Jolley	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member

Excused:	
Connie Burgess	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**

#### Initial Report of Annual Student Population Analysis Committee

Bryce Holbrook, Director, Planning and Boundaries, reviewed the process taken by the Committee annually when considering boundary changes. He reported on two areas that had been studied.

A request was made by a director from School Accountability to study the boundaries of Fox Hills Elementary and South Kearns Elementary who share a boundary. There is a large discrepancy in their enrollment numbers which does not balance with their building capacities. Fox Hills Elementary houses a Gifted and Talented (GT) Magnet program (167 enrolled). The ability to special permit the siblings of the GT students into the school (78 enrolled) bring their enrollment up to a total of 845. The school building capacity is 700 making it necessary to maintain 7 relocatables. South Kearns Elementary has a total enrollment of 396 and their building capacity is 535. They maintain 2 relocatables

Mr. Holbrook met with the School Community Councils (SCC) at each school. The Fox Hills SCC stated the GT program has a positive influence at the school and was concerned about the perception of the program if they became a Title 1 school with a boundary adjustment and if a reduction in population would affect specialist time at the school. The South Kearns SCC was okay with the adjustment but were cautious about not losing their Title I status.

Mrs. Meier, who represents the area, had not heard any concerns from patrons.

**Motion: I move that the study be terminated and a report be made to Fox Hills SCC and if they are concerned the study will be taken up again.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

A member of the District Community Council (DCC) brought this issue to Mr. Holbrook's attention. At the present time Bennion Elementary and Westbrook Elementary feed into Bennion Junior High. When the students advance to high school all of Westbrook Elementary boundary students go to Cottonwood High and 50% of Bennion Elementary students go to Cottonwood with the remainder going to Taylorsville High. It was proposed that all students from Bennion Junior feed into Taylorsville High.

In studying the issue Bennion Junior's SCC remained neutral but requested more information as the study was continued. Taylorsville High SCC was in favor of the adjustment in order to keep the students together and unify the community. Their enrollment is now where they could accommodate all of the incoming students. Cottonwood High's SCC was concerned that the smaller enrollment would impact academic and athletic programs. They asked if existing students would continue to be bused until they graduated or would they be expected to attend Taylorsville.

Post cards with survey instructions were mailed to 115 families that would be directly affected by the change and 40% responded. Ninety-four families (82%) were in favor of the adjustments and 21 families (18%) were against it. The survey indicated those in favor of the adjustment were influenced by the convenience of Taylorville High being close to their homes. Those against the change preferred Cottonwood High because they liked the programs and offerings found there. (Exhibit # 14-33)

The Board discussed the impact moving the boundaries would have on possible 9-12 configurations at both Taylorsville and Cottonwood High Schools. Will there be transportation for students who prefer to graduate from Cottonwood if they are allowed to finish their high school there? Mr. Bawden asked if the Bonneville Junior community had input on the decreasing size of Cottonwood if the change was made. They had not been but would be if this study is continued.

**Motion:**            **I move we continue this study.**

Made by:            Sarah Meier  
Seconded by:      Julene Jolley

Called for vote:    President Gandy  
Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

The Board thanked Mr. Holbrook, who is retiring, for his many years of dedication and support he had given Granite. Mr. Holbrook expressed his appreciation for those he had worked with and the positive experience he had in Granite.

President Gandy indicated a need for an Executive Meeting.

**Motion:**            **I move we go into Executive Meeting to discuss personnel, land transaction and collective bargaining?**

Made by:            Dan Lofgren  
Seconded by:      Sarah Meier

Board polled:      President Gandy  
Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:05 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. Connie Burgess was in attendance for this session. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Kris Nguyen	Region V PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Kari Parry	
David Clark	GESPA
Terri Roylance	GASA

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

Devon Hartley	Principal, GTI
Ike Spencer	Principal, West Lake Jr. High
Mardel Higginson	Principal, Western Hills Elementary
Lynette Golze	Principal, Whittier Elementary
Tysen Fausett	Principal, Woodrow Wilson Elementary
Doug Johnson	Principal, Gearld Wright Elementary
Mark Ellermeier	Assistant Principal, Skyline High
Jim Rice	Assistant Principal, Bennion Junior
Janet Thorpe	Assistant Principal, Whittier Elementary
Emily Liddell	Administrator, Young Parent Program

Candidates for Board of Education elections were acknowledged:

Karyn Winder, Precinct VI  
Terry Bawden, Precinct V  
President Gayleen Gandy, Precinct VII  
Connie Burgess, Precinct III

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Devon Hartley, GTI

**MAYORS PARTICIPATION** - None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes: May 6, 2014

Purchases:

1. Textbooks for the 2014-15 School Year, Mountain State Schoolbook Depository
2. Online Testing for Advanced Learners, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - \$51,338.50
3. Computers for the 2014-15 School Year, Varied Manufacturers
4. Computer Servers for Information Systems, Summit Partners - \$91, 441.00
5. LANDesk Software Licenses, Network Consulting Services - \$167,043.20
6. Learning Management Licenses, Utah Education Network - \$165,486.00
7. Comm Vault Backup Software for District-wide Services, Valcom - \$55,830.12
8. Microsoft Azure Software, En Pointe Technologies - \$101,808.00
9. Two School Buses, Bryson Sales and Service - \$238,362.00
10. Vehicle Fuel Purchase for 2014-15 School Year, State of Utah Dispensing Program
11. Custodial Equipment, Brady Industries - \$101,344.39 & Waxie Sanitary Supply - \$39,023.76
12. Carpet Cleaning Services, Double Take Carpet Cleaning - \$172,000.00
13. Annual Linen Needs for the 2014-15 School Year, G & K Services
14. Food Purchases for the 2014-15 School Year, Varied Vendors
15. Upgrade Narrowbanding & GPS to Mobile Radios, Radio Communications - \$53,696.00

Award of Contracts

1. Parking Lot Improvement for sSTEP Program, Kilgore Paving - \$99,842,.00
2. School Bus Parts, Bryson Sales & Service - \$50,000.00
3. Annual Purchase of Milk Products for the 2014-15 School Year, Meadow Gold - \$1,925,000.00
4. Food Services Management Company, Sodexo America - \$1,139,501.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments – Effective July 1, 2014

Alison Tanner	Principal, Jones Center
Leona Chandler	Principal Orchard Elementary
Ann Kane	Assistant Principal, Valley Crest Elementary

4. Reappointment of Superintendent

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summaries  
2014 Fiscal Year - \$3,976,457.59  
2015 Fiscal Year - \$784,625.27
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$89,292,407.12
3. Principals Cash Report –April 2014
4. Monthly Budget Report – April & May 2014

Ratification of Negotiations with Granite Education Support Professionals Association (GESPA)

Approval of Salary Schedules for Other Employees Groups

August 2014 Board of Education Meeting Date Change

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

Made by:                    Connie Burgess

Seconded by:             Sarah Meier

Called for vote:           President Gandy

Results:                    Carried Unanimously

Administrative appointment introductions were made by Ms. Mariotti and Mr. Fraser. The Board wished the newly appointed administrators well.

Reverence: Alex Napoles, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Kearns High School, read his winning essay from the Silent Heroes Essay Contest held at Kearns Junior High.

**ACTION ITEMS**

School Community Council Policy (Article VIII.A.23)

Mr. Horsley presented the newly updated School Community Council (SCC) Policy. Several parts of the original policy had been removed and reference was made to the State law

(see Utah Code 53A-1a-108 et seq.). The State law includes many of the items in the original Granite policy. This revision will bring us into compliance by using the updated State Code. (See June 17 Agenda for complete revision)

The Board asked that this SCC policy be made available to all schools.

**Motion:**            **I move we approve the School Community Council Policy as a First Reading.**

Made by:            Sarah Meier

Seconded by:     Connie Burgess

Called for vote:   President Gandy

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

**BUDGET HEARING – 7:30 p.m.**

Mitch Robison, Director, Budget Development, presented the 2014-15 Annual Budget for Granite School District.

The total budget for the 2014-15 year is \$551.6 M. The General Fund is the district largest fund at \$463.1 M. The other funds are the Capital Outlay Fund (\$22.4 M), Bond Projects (\$6.4 M), Debit Service (\$16.9 M), School Lunch (\$29.9 M), District Activity (\$11.6 M), and Granite Education Foundation (\$1.3 M).

Revenue sources for the General Fund include State restricted funds (24.5%), State unrestricted funds (38.8%), property taxes (25.8%), federal funding (8.7%), and local funding (2.2%). Each year the State funds a Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) which provides money based on enrollments. The WPU is up 2.5% (\$2,899) this coming year. Total new revenue is \$6,452,222.

Salaries and benefits consume 89.2% of the General Fund. Other expenditures are supplies (3.3%), utilities (3.5%), and miscellaneous expenses (4%). Required spending increases (\$3,877,777) and negotiation considerations (\$3,313,627) leave the budget at -\$739,182. Also the negotiated investment in teacher professional development requires additional funds (\$2,980,712). The total needed to balance the budget is \$3,719,894.

Mr. Robison proposed a tax rate adjustment to 0.006898. This would increase taxes on a \$250,000 residence by \$22.24 a year and a business to \$40.43. At the present time Granite's tax rate is below the State average and with the increase it would still remain near the State average. If approved, a date and time for a Tax Hearing must be set. A budget book was provided to each

board member (Exhibit #14-34a & 34b)

President Gandy asked for public comment. There were no comments. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the funds school districts are required to contribute to charter schools. Dr. Bates will keep the Board updated as further information about charter schools is made available. He asked Mr. Robison to specify the mandated amount that Granite contributes to charter schools at the August 7<sup>th</sup> Tax Hearing. President Gandy called for motions.

**Motion:**            **I move we approve the revised 2013-14 budget as detailed in the budget book.**

Made by:            Julene Jolley

Seconded by:      Connie Anderson

Called for vote:    President Gandy

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

**Motion:**            **I move we adopt the tentative 2014-15 budget and set the tax rate equal to 0.006898 subject to the following:**  
**-The Basic Levy will be adjusted to the rate to 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:            Terry Bawden

Seconded by:      Sarah Meier

Called for vote:    President Gandy

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

**Motion:**            **I move we set date and time for the Tax Hearing to be Thursday August 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

Made by:            Connie Burgess

Seconded by:      Julene Jolley

Called for vote: President Gandy  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

## **REPORTS**

Connie Anderson attended the Holladay City Scholarship Dinner and it was a great event.

Several members of the Board commented on the graduations they had attended and how they appreciated the opportunity to participate.

Mrs. Meier will be attending the Utah School Board Association Delegate Assembly. Granite has three votes. The alternates will be Ms. Jolley, Mrs. Burgess, and Mrs. Anderson.

The board was reminded of the new date for board meeting and the Tax Hearing. Both will be held on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>. That date is set by the Tax Commission.

**Motion: I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren  
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy  
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.