

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting January 6, 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 Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Terry Bawden	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
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. Oath of Office

Sherrie Swenson, Salt Lake County Clerk, administered the oath of office to recently elected Karyn H. Winder, and reelected board members Connie Burgess, Gayleen Gandy, and Terry Bawden. Each introduced family members in attendance.

2. Digital Conversion

Ms. Mariotti and Patrick Flanagan, Director, Educational Technology, presented

information regarding the educational move to Digital 21st Century Learning. Mr. Flanagan explained how this conversion will support “The Granite Way”. Educators often focus on the identified best practices. He said the next best practice to develop is adopting a different way of approaching the changing needs of a digitally enhanced education.

Mr. Flanagan compared the 20th Century practices with the 21st Century digital teaching. A 21st Century learner needs to be technology literate and adept, media savvy, flexible, a multitasker, creative, adaptive, and a lifelong learner. A connected educator will need to be a digital teacher. The presenters emphasized that Granite will be a leader in the digital conversion with a few other districts in the State (Park City, Wasatch, Washington, and Iron).

A five year plan that goes through 2017 has been developed as follows:

1. Provide connectivity and bandwidth (1:1 in every school)
2. Provide access to current and appropriate technologies
3. Expand student access to education through technology
4. Provide 21st Century tools to support curriculum and learning

Improving student achievement and evaluating the financial impact of technology on budgets were researched by Project Read Research. They studied 997 schools nationally in 2010. Mr. Flanagan suggested Granite use the results of this project in implementing digital conversion.

The Chromebook was recommended as the device best suited for the project. A discussion with the board followed regarding the cost (\$235) and the ability to have software that would be updateable and cost effective. In closing comments it was stated that technology will never replace great teachers, but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational. (Exhibit #15-20)

3. Title I Service Pattern

Mr. Welburn and Mitch Nerdin, Director, Research Development, reviewed the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Title I was the most funded portion of that legislation. Title I funds were established to support impoverished communities by providing increased educational opportunities and close the achievement gap that existed with wealthier communities. Schools with 40% or more students living in poverty are eligible to become “school-wide” Title I schools. The percentage of approved free and reduced lunch applications at individual schools is the qualifying factor for Title I funds.

Granite is serving 19 qualifying schools. Currently \$1500 per pupil is provided to the identified schools. Mr. Nerdin proposed that six schools be added. These schools would be identified by expanding the range of qualified students. Title I allocations to schools would then be adjusted to \$1200 per student. (Exhibit #15-21)

The Board discussed the impact proposed changes would make on schools. President Gandy suggested that if the Board chooses to approve this as an action item next month the process should be revisited in a year to see how it is working and if it would be beneficial to expand it further.

President Gandy reported the need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion: I move that we adjourn to Executive Session for the item of personnel.

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy
Results: Board Polled - Carried Unanimously

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

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

Brent Severe	GEF
Jen Wunderli	
Peter Hoj	
Dawn Warner	PTA, Region V
Susen Zobel	GEA
Crista Holt	
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Stephanie Rees	
Tracy Atkin	GESPA
Bobbie Bringham	
David Shell	

Else Salmond
Julie Lorentzon GASA

The Sandy/Granite Scout Troop was introduced.

Mr. Fraser introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Rick Anthony	Director, Granite Connection/Granite Peaks High Schools
Doug Wagstaff	Principal, Hunter Junior
Leona Chandler	Principal, Orchard Elementary
Brittany Gilson	Principal, William Penn Elementary
Karen Marberger	Principal, Oquirrh Hills Elementary
Sharon Prescott	Principal, Pleasant Green Elementary
Marie Rose	Principal, Pioneer Elementary
Carol Cabanillas	Assistant Principal, Hunter High
Heather Sonne	Assistant Principal, Kearns High
Emily Grunig	Assistant Principal, Kennedy Junior
Jason Rosvall	Assistant Principal, Kearns, Junior
Renee DeHaan	Assistant Principal, Elk Run/Smith Elementary Schools
Jolynn Koehler	Assistant Principal, Granger Elementary
Mary Beth Schmidt	Assistant Principal, Fox Hills/Monroe Elementary Schools

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Thomas Johnson, Sandy/Granite Scout Troop

Reverence: Student body leaders (Rose Nguyen, Noel Munguia, Anjelus Lettig, Jelena Dragicevic) from West Lake Junior High spoke on diversity and paid tribute to Martin Luther King. Assistant Principal Ibarra helped with the presentation.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP

Motion: **I move that we elect Terry Bawden as Board President & Connie Anderson as Vice President.**

Made by: Karyn Winder

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

The Board thanked Mrs. Gandy and applauded her many contributions while serving as president.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: December 2, 2014

Purchase:

Discovery Software Support, Education Solutions Development - \$91,211.00

Award of Contract

Grant Evaluation Services, Spectrum Research, Evaluation and Development LLC -
\$432,500.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$1,872,097.56
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$32,106,353.50

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

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Carried Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Comprehensive Guidance Update 2015

Judy Peterson, Director, College and Career Readiness (CCR), presented the state required annual update reporting the program progress. The theme for 2015 is “Reach Higher”. The Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance (CCGP) provides the structure. CCR Counseling is the emphasis. Looking at data for equity and opportunity is their mission. Reaching every student through individual planning and classroom instruction is the work they do.

College Application Week was held in November 2014 at all nine high schools. Application to colleges was made by 61% (2578) of the seniors. The Granite Education Foundation provided application funding for 143 students.

CCR data shows progress is being made. In comparison to previous years a large increase has been made in the number of Utah Scholars (8th grade) registrants. These students commit to the rigorous program of study to graduate. Also, a sharp increase in Regents’ Scholarship Awards was received. Data confirmed an increase in Advanced Placement exams being taken with 65% being passed. Granite’s graduation rate is at 70% compared to 66% in 2011. (Exhibit #15-22)

2. Upcoming Legislative Preview

Mr. Horsley keeps the Board updated on legislation and its progress during the legislative session with tracking sheets. He will provide information as bills are updated and he will send them to the Board and district administration via email. The Governor presented his proposed budget on location at Granite Park Junior. The proposed budget called for a large increase in the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). It would increase to 6.25%. Overviews of the education bills that have been filed were discussed. (Exhibit #15-23)

An invitation to the Parent Empowerment Conference was given to the Board. It is scheduled for January 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the district offices. This is a free event for parents. Lunch will be provided. More information will be posted.

Mrs. Meier reminded the Board that every Friday during the legislative sessions there will be update sessions held by the Utah State Board Association (USBA) at the Capitol.

REPORTS

Superintendent Bates reported pipes had leaked at Hunter High and several other schools over the Winter Recess. He thanked all the employees that took time from their holiday to repair the buildings and have them ready for the opening of school.

The USBA Conference is scheduled for January 8 and 9 at Little America in Salt Lake.

The Board Study Session scheduled for January 27 will be a discussion on the SAGE testing and School Community Councils. Dr. Bates asked the Board to study the information that will be sent to them prior to the meeting. If they have any questions they should email Dr. Bates for answers.

President Bawden reminded the Board of the District Community Council (DCC) to be held on January 20 at 6:30 p.m. A board member will be assigned to attend DCC will be made prior to the meeting.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.