

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

March 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 5:07 p.m., those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Terry Bawden	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Julene Jolley	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	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, Director, Communications Department, and Merilyn Boekweg, Board Recorder, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Student Support for Math Students

Several board members had been asked how Granite was implementing the new math standards. Dr. Bates explained the Utah State Office of Education has set the timetable for implementation. Some students have struggled with keeping up during the changeover. He asked Ms. Mariotti to review the steps Granite is taking to assist students needing additional help with the transition.

Ms. Mariotti explained that some students are struggling with the more rigorous math curriculum. Those who are failing are still moved on to the next scheduled math course. How

does the student make up the areas in which they are deficient and pass the course they are currently in? Credit recovery in secondary is an issue that will have to be addressed.

Teachers also face issues. First, instruction for new curriculum is challenging and different than it has been in the past. An additional \$40,000 has been set aside to provide training specifically for secondary teachers on how to use the tools provided to improve their instruction. In checking with teachers who use these tools it has been found that the students are generally doing better and progressing at a better rate. Some junior high schools have used the instructional materials to provide before and after school programs. A double blocking student with a math class and a math lab gives students additional time to understand the concepts. Ninth grade in both junior high and senior high are also using the double blocking. In secondary Math I through Math III the teachers are using more strategies. Cyprus High is having Saturday school to help students and is planning to have a June summer school. Teachers need to be using the helps and teacher editions provided to them for the students to be successful with this new type of instruction. Funding is coming through school sources such as Trustlands and is not being supplied with district funds. She commented that additional classes are an elective credit and not mandatory.

Rick Anthony, Adult High School and Community Education/Granite Connections, has developed modules that students may pass one at a time for credit recovery. Credit recovery will work best when a student is in Secondary Math II.

The Board discussed the students using elective credit for the math lab, the pros and cons of taking concurrent enrollment Math 1010 in the place of Math III. As the math standards are incorporated at all levels the students' understanding will be better and they will be able to grasp the concepts more readily.

2. Freshman Academy

Freshman Academy, a new semester course, will be offered in the fall of 2014 at Kearns and Granger High Schools. The course will be available not only in high schools with the 9-12 configuration but will be offered in the near future to all 9th grade students. The course is an elective that will give students the opportunity to learn about achieving success in high school and preparing for college and careers. The course will have specific curriculum to help the students as they start their high school experience, give them mentors, and encourage them through to graduation. The class will be taught by highly qualified teachers and have a online tutorial in Canvas. Judy Peterson, College and Career Readiness, is chairing the committee of administrators and teachers to build the curriculum.

3. Legislative Report – Ben Horsley

Mr. Horsley provided the Board with current tracking sheets providing information on House and Senate bills. A brief discussion regarding the educational bills followed.

The Board adjourned for a dinner Break at 6:05 p.m.

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:

Dawn Warner	PTA, Region V
Kris Nguyen	
Anne Reese	GEF
Colleen Lynch	GAEOP
Tracy Atkin	GESPA
David Shell	
Else Salmond	
Tina West	GASA

Launa Harvey, Elementary Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Mark Manning	Principal, Olympus High
Mary Rhodes	Principal, Eisenhower Junior
Leslie Bell	Principal, Redwood Elementary
Malynda Cloward	Principal, Rolling Meadows Elementary
Jennifer Reed	Principal, Roosevelt Elementary
Tina West	Principal, Rosecrest Elementary
Marilyn Laughlin	Principal, Sandburg Elementary
Paula Sorensen	Principal, Silver Hills Elementary
Alison Tanner	Principal, Orchard Elementary
Geoffrey Murdock	Assistant Principal, Cottonwood High
John Workman	Assistant Principal, Hunter High

Aaron Wilson	Assistant Principal, Granite Park Junior
Shauna States	Assistant Principal, Valley Junior
Christine Straatman	Assistant Principal, Evergreen Junior
Afton Lambson	Assistant Principal, Valley Crest Elementary

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance and Reverence: Lake Ridge Elementary Honor Guard Flag Ceremony provided by students in grades 4-6.

RECOGNITIONS

State Tennis Champions

Mr. Horsley introduced Megan Bill and Haleigh Downing, students at Olympus High who were Tennis 1st Doubles State Champions. Also recognized was Sarah Cassell from Skyline High as 3rd Singles State Champion. Coach Kevin Watts from Olympus was in attendance and was congratulated along with the students. The parents of the students were also acknowledged. The champions were presented to the Board who applauded their success.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tracy Bodily, 2117 East 3300 South, SLC, representing Team Mill Hollow, a parent group concerned with the possible closing of Mill Hollow, addressed the Board. She explained that Team Mill Hollow was working toward finding funds that could allow Granite to keep the Mill Hollow program. They understood that \$350,000 would need to be raised annually. The Team is determined to try and save the program for their families and students in the future.

Superintendent Bates and President Gandy thanked her for her participation and acknowledged the community concern. They assured her that all avenues are being explored in keeping Mill Hollow a viable program.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: February 4 & February 18, 2014

Purchases:

1. New Lockers at Kearns High School, Midwest D-Vision Solutions - \$56,650.00

2. Carpet for West Kearns Elementary, Shaw Contract Group - \$84,716.80
3. Dust Collector Systems for Brockbank Junior, Kearns High, & Kearns Junior, Avani Environmental - \$92,968.00
4. HVAC Controls for Jefferson Junior, Wilson Mohr – \$50,807.72 & Utah Controls - \$13,437.52
5. Computer Equipment for Information Systems, Summit Partners - \$124,006.00
6. GoalView Software Renewal, Public Consulting Group - \$75,900.80
7. SuccessMaker Education Software, NCS Pearson - \$165,986.40

Award of Contract

1. Teacher Observation and Evaluation Software, ObserverTab LLC - \$150,567.00

Personnel:

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

<u>Appointments</u>		Effective
Donald L. Adams	Assistant Superintendent, Support Services	3/5/14
Mark Manning	Senior High Director, School Accountability Services	7/1/14
Jonathan Adams	Elementary Director, School Accountability Services	7/1/14
Afton Lambson	Principal, Lincoln Elementary	7/1/14

<u>Transfers</u>		Effective
Malynda Cloward	Principal, Roosevelt Elementary	7/1/14
Jennifer Reed	TBA	7/1/14
Karen Gregory	TBA	7/1/14

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$2,543,424.98
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$32,839,922.39
3. Principals Cash Report – January 2014
4. Monthly Budget Report – January 2014

Sale of Water Shares

Utah Real Estate Development Property Easement

GEA Negotiation Team

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

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

Dr. Bates introduced Donald Adams, newly appointed Assistant Superintendent in Support Services. He shared Mr. Adams' extensive educational and professional background. The Board welcomed him to Granite District. Mr. Adams thanked the Board and introduced his guest.

Mr. Fraser presented Mark Manning as the new Senior High Director in School Accountability replacing Paul Hanson who is retiring. Jonathan Adams will be replacing Launa Harvey as the new Elementary Director upon her retirement at the end of this school year. Afton Lambson has been appointed as the principal at Lincoln Elementary. Each introduced their families and thanked the Board for the opportunities given to them.

FIRST READING

Facility Use, Guidelines and Rules - Article VII.B.2

“This policy has been updated to include an express non-discrimination statement and a statement disclaiming the District's affiliation with outside entities using District facilities. The update also includes federally mandated language regarding access to District facilities by the Boy Scouts of American. The changes align with the rental memorandum and other policies pertaining to the use of District facilities.” After a brief conversation the Board concurred that the changes brought the policy in line with federal language.

Motion: **I move we approve as a first reading of the Facility Use, Guidelines & Rules.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

High School Graduation Requirements – Article X.A.4ii

“This policy has been updated to reflect the myriad ways students can obtain credit toward graduation. Since the first reading, the policy has been modified to include a statement about how students and parents can obtain information on this subject.” There was no further discussion on this item.

Motion: **I move approval the High School Graduation Requirements as a second reading.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Dr. Bates reported on a meeting held with the STEM Action Center regarding Mill Hollow becoming a STEM center. The challenge at this time is getting students to the facility and it is being looked at. He values the Mill Hollow experience. He reminded the Board of the Town Hall Meeting scheduled at Cottonwood High on March 11.

Mr. Lofgren stated his observation while attending high school graduations was that it is unnecessary for board members to address the graduates. People do not come to hear from them. He suggested that a letter be sent to principals from the Board stating it is not the expectation of board members to be asked to speak. A discussion followed with board members expressing their opinions. Mrs. Gandy asked that they email her their opinions and she will gather the information and then get back with them.

Mrs. Anderson reported she had the opportunity to visit with a district employee while shopping in the community. She was pleased that the employee expressed the positive experience of working for the District and the importance of participating in keeping students safe.

Ms. Jolley had attended a dance concert at Granger High. She reported the students did

an amazing job. At her work the “Read Today” program held an event and she was pleased to see so many Granite people in attendance.

Mrs. Meier reminded the Board of the regional meeting of the Utah School Board Association on April 9.

President Gandy attended a Shakespeare Festival at Brockbank Junior and had a fun evening. She thanked the Superintendent for coaching her in ways to communicate with faculties and staff as she visited schools. She better understands that many times people who are critical are just missing pieces of information.

Board Study Session scheduled for March 18 will be held for one hour starting at 5:00 p.m. This will allow participants to attend their local caucus meetings scheduled for later that evening.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.