

# GRANADA HILLS CHARTER

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2022 4:00 PM

Via Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953

## Minutes

### In Attendance:

Brian Bauer, Executive Director (non-voting)  
Lorene Dixon, At Large Member  
Jody Dunlap, At Large Member

Chris Hutton, Retired Teacher Member  
Joan Lewis, At Large Member  
Jim Salin, At Large Member (Chair)

Absent: Supriya Chakravarty, At Large Member  
Richard Nolan, At Large Member

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Jim Salin and roll call was taken by Karla Diamond. Jody Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No public comment was requested or heard.

### LCAP Advisory and Update

**Action Item #1** - Frank Tarczynski presented the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Expenditure Plan for approval. This grant is a one-time grant that shall be used for activities that directly support pupil access to and successful completion of the A-G course requirements.

**Jody Dunlap made a motion to approve the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Expenditure Plan. Chris Hutton seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Absent		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Absent
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

### High School Operations Committee Report (Ron Korb, Chair)

Ron Korb reported that the committee is recommending a bell schedule for spring testing to be approved today. The committee continues to review the current inventory of outdoor furniture on the campus and is hoping to get some bids on the purchase of additional outdoor furniture that will allow more seating space and more shaded areas for students.

**Action Item #2 - Lorene Dixon made a motion to approve the spring testing schedule. Jody Dunlap seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Absent		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Absent
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

### High School Curriculum and Instruction Report (Wendy Woodburn, Chair)

Wendy Woodburn reported that the committee viewed a presentation by a student club called Act Now whose mission is to raise awareness and motivate student action towards ending the social and political practice of oppression worldwide.

### Student Services Committee (Maria Villalpando, Chair)

There was no report from the Student Service Committee since there has not been a meeting since the last Board meeting.

Chief Financial Officer’s Report (Tammy Stanton)

- **Action Item #3** – Ms. Stanton presented the Financial Report as of February 28, 2022 for approval. The report summarizes revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, a balance sheet account summary, and an updated cash flow report/projection for 2021-22. The Cashflow projection includes actuals through February 28, 2022, with bank reconciled cash balances. The financial report included:
  - Period Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
  - Balance Sheet (consolidated by all funds)
  - Cash Flow Projection
  - COVID Relief Entitlements

**Lorene Dixon made a motion to approve the YTD Financial Report. Jody Dunlap seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Absent		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Absent
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

**Action Item #4** – Administrative Director David Bensinger presented a request to approve the purchase of 6,000 HP Chromebooks for students at a cost of \$2,578,290 from SHI International using ESSER III Funds. These Chromebooks will provide every GHC student with a new device and is the scheduled “refresh” of the 1:1 Chrombook program. Delivery is expected by June 15, 2022. The current Chromebooks that the students use were purchased in 2018 and will be out of warranty at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

**Chris Hutton made a motion to approve the Chromebook purchase as requested. Jim Salin seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Absent		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Absent
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Facilities and Operations Update (Norm Holloway, Administrative Director, Operations)

Norm Holloway reported that he continues to develop a deferred maintenance schedule for both campuses. New roofing will be necessary for most of the Zelzah campus among other items. With the recent rains we have discovered several areas in need. We have still not received our Certificate of Occupancy for the Devonshire campus but are expecting it very soon.

Executive Director’s Report

- TK-12 Program Updates
  - Brian Bauer introduced Jana Davenport, Administrative Director TK-8, who in turn introduced Jordan Berger and Andrea Chavez, the middle school physical education teachers. Ms. Chavez and Mr. Berger shared a video and presentation showcasing the main focus of the program – teaching students about physical activity by having them learn through movement. The ultimate goal is to have students develop physical literacy, so they can continue to live a healthy lifestyle long after they leave school. The curriculum is developed using both national and state standards, as well as the International Baccalaureate guidelines. Students are taught to collaborate, communicate and have fun while confidently participating in physical activity.
  - Mr. Bauer introduced Joy Kasper, Administrative Director Special Programs, who presented an overview of the GHC special education department. There are currently approximately 532 students with IEPs on both campuses which is about 9.3 percent of the total student population. In addition, the department serves another 107 students who have 504 plans. Ms. Kasper shared additional data about the number of IEP meetings that are held each year and the number of referrals received. For the last three years the School has had almost no significant due process cases which reflects an excellent record of complying with our legal responsibilities to serve these students, including the year and months the school was on remote learning. We are currently providing additional tutoring

that is coordinated by Michele Andrus, Special Education Coordinator. Our SDP2 program serves 11 of the highest needs students, and has a wonderful teacher, Jozelda Delos Reyes. Ms. “Jo” as she is affectionately called, has created a weekly newsletter that is sent to all the parents of her students, summarizing what took place this week and what to look forward to the next week. Most of these students are at a cognition level of no more than third grade, but under her tutelage they have grown in both skills and verbal communication.

- High School Accountability Metrics – Mr. Bensinger presented the 2021-22 High School Accountability Metrics that were shared with the LAUSD Oversight team in February. Typically, most of the information is available as part of the CA School Dashboard published each year in December. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Dashboard was not published in its entirety. Highlights include:
  - The percentage of students completing the University of California’s A-G course requirements is significantly higher than neighboring and comparable schools, LAUSD, and California. The A-G completion rate increased slightly to 80 percent for the class of 2021 (page 7).
  - The percentage of students completing at least one Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course in four years at GHC increased to 76 percent (page 9).
  - Since the class of 2010, 95-96 percent of GHCHS graduates return to college for their sophomore year, significantly outperforming California and the United States (both approximately 70 percent) (page 10).
  - In lieu of the Smarter Balanced California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), GHC administered the Northwest Evaluation Association Measure of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) to all students in grades six, seven, and eleven. In the spring of 2021, these tests were completed off campus. Compared to 2019 (administered in person), nearly every student subgroup demonstrated a slight increase in math scores and a slight decrease in reading scores (pages 3-6).
  - Over 95 percent of all students in grades 9-11 completed the PSAT or PSAT 8/9 with valid scores in October 2021. All student subgroups except English Learners (9-11), Students with Disabilities (9-11), and African American (gr. 9) exceeded the college readiness benchmark determined by the College Board (pages 1-2).

**Lorene Dixon made a motion to approve the 2/28/22 and 3/14/22 Board meeting minutes. Jody Dunlap seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Absent		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Absent
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:20 p.m to discuss:

- ◆ CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
  - Name of case: Let Them Choose v. Granada Hills Charter School, Case No. 22CHCP00001
  - Name of case: Iris Arnold, et al v. Brian Bauer, et al, Case No. 22STCV01783
- ◆ CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
  - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): one case
- ◆ CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - Agency negotiator: Brian Bauer
  - Employee organization: UTLA
- ◆ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
  - Title: Executive Director

Meeting returned to open session at 5:50 p.m. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

