



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 17, 2023, Canyons Board of Education meeting. To listen to the entire board meeting, including all comments made during the meeting, please go to BoardDocs at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf>

The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a business meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons District Office, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, Board President
Mont Millerberg, Vice President
Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Andrew Edtl, Board Member
Holly Neibaur, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Nancy Tingey, Board Member
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

1. Study Session – 4:30

- A. Proposed calendars for 2024-2025 school calendar and tentative approval for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars (First Reading) – Charisse Hilton, Student Engagement Program Administrator

Ms. Hilton reviewed the calendars proposed for 2024-2025 school calendar and tentative approval for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars. The Board discussed that next year kindergartners will start the same day as other elementary students this is a change from the past. The board also discussed the possibility of having kindergartners start a half day for the first week of school. Documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLJM56A389>

- B. Long Range Planning – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox briefly reviewed the beginning of the presentation that was discussed at the October 3, 2023, Board meeting. He reviewed the Eastmont Middle School and Jordan High School priority areas. Mr. Wilcox reviewed the differences between two funding options, which are Lease Revenue Bonds and General Obligation Bonds. The committee recommended relocating CTEC and building a new building on the Mount Jordan field area. Other areas considered for the location were remodeling current location, Crescent View building, Jordan HS or Eastmont MS. A list of priority projects and their estimated costs were provided. There were four options presented to the Board to consider for addressing funding the projects. The Board of Education discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKT5L75B34A>

2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for October 17, 2023

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the agenda for October 17, 2023. Mont Millerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLJT56A69D>

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Silver Mesa Elementary – Principal Noelle Jones
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLJW56A6A0>
- D. School Highlights - Silver Mesa Elementary – Principal Noelle Jones
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLJZ56A6A3>

4. Canyons Strong Student Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following students were recognized:

- Academic All-State recognitions were received by Alta, Brighton, Corner Canyon, Hillcrest and Jordan high schools.
- Avery Olson is the First Singles 5A State Champion for Brighton High school
- Corner Canyon 6A Boys Golf Champions and Bowen Mauss 6A State Individual Gold Medal winner
- Jordan High Unified Sports Soccer teams won the State Championships
- High School Shakespeare National competition –
 - Hillcrest won a 4th consecutive first place acting sweepstakes award
 - Brighton won a 2nd Place acting sweepstakes acting award
 - Corner Canyon won a 3rd place acting sweepstakes acting award
 - Jordan won a 2nd place music sweepstakes award
 - Alta won a 2nd place music ensemble sweepstakes award
- Mike Sirois, Middle School Intramurals
 - Albion finished 2nd place
 - Draper Park 3rd place
- 26 students have qualified for the 2024 National Merit Scholar Program as Semifinalists
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLK556A6A7>

5. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Isaac Ziegler – Eastmont Middle School
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLK756A6A9>

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for October 3, 2023
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of September Financial Reports
- F. Approval of LEA Specific Licenses and Endorsements
- G. Approval of TSSP Amendment for Silver Mesa Elementary

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve Consent Item 6A Approval of Minutes for October 3, 2023; Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports, Item 6C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6D Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 7E Approval of

September Financial Reports; Item 7F Approval of LEA Specific Licenses and Endorsements; Item 6G Approval of TSSP Amendment for Silver Mesa Elementary. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLK956A6AB>

7. New Business

A. Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: Human-Centered Supports – Dr. Brian McGill, Director of Student Services

Dr. Brian McGill reported that Thrive Time prevention, Tier I, is already making a positive impact with student behavior. The intended outcomes include positive school culture and climate, increase attendance and engagement, increase positive rewards, and decrease discipline referrals. The program continues to be refined from input and feedback collected from the participating schools. The District is providing mental health screening nights for students.

High School Academy (9-12) launched on September 26th, 2023 and have implemented THRIVE time elements by creating and sustaining safe school culture and climate through teaching resilience, positivity and respecting self & others. The 60-70 students participating in the academy at each school will be creating an action plan specifically for their school centered around developing a positive culture and climate and how to hold each other, student-to-student, accountable.

District Support Team (DST) referrals are evenly split across all grades. District Case Management Team (DCMT) referrals are 80% secondary and 20% elementary schools. DCMT is currently on track to exceed the number of case referrals from the previous school year. The new DCMT Youth Academy is housed in a portable on the District Office campus and exceptional progress is being made with these students. Prospective wellness donations provided through the CSD Foundation include student wellness rooms, expanding mental health screening offerings, and expanding wrap around mental health services. The total of mental health service visits provided by school counselors, social workers, school nurses and school psych were presented.

There are currently discussions about providing district day care and an employee wellness center/clinic. The District is also providing administrative professional development for a multi-tiered system of support for behavior, school culture and climate. The School Safety Advocates receive a school safety and school training, a 24-hour, three-day workshop, and a certificate of completion to ensure best and safe school practices. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLKN56A6B8>

B. Policy 100.02 - Board of Education Ethics and Conduct Guidelines, New Policy 100.06 – Communication with the Board of Education and Discussion of Board of Education Flowchart - (Second Reading, Possible Action) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

There were two additional sections of language added to the policy for Board of Education Ethics and Conduct Guidelines. The first included adding, “avoiding conflicts of interest or the appearance of impropriety that could result from using an elected position for personal gain, special interest, or partisan influence.” The second included, “foster a positive working relationship with the superintendent and business administrator valuing their expertise in

advising the board, implementing board policy and overseeing district operations.” It was recommended that a link be provided on the website to access guidelines for the public comment portion of Board meetings.

The Policy 100.06 outlines the Board of Education’s commitment to receiving open and transparent communication and public engagement from students, parents, employees and patrons of the District.

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve Policy 100.02 - Board of Education Ethics and Conduct Guidelines, New Policy 100.06 – Communication with the Board of Education. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. 5 Yea (Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Tingey, Ms. Pedersen. 2 Nay (Ms. Oaks, Mr. Millerberg) The motion carries.

There was discussion regarding the Board of Education Flowchart.
Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKT7Y760F1D>

- C. Board Strategic Indicators and Goals (Third Reading, Action Requested) – Superintendent Rick Robins

Superintendent Robins discussed the Canyons’ graduation rate by student group and expanded on the importance of increasing the graduation rate for students to be prepared for their futures. He also reported that there is continuing discussion on how the college readiness writing pilot program could be embedded in the curriculum. The next step is to investigate the options and then test them out before proposing a program. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKT887618A1>

MOTION: Nancy Tingey move to adopt the Board Strategic Indicators and goals as presented with the expectation that a report will be given at a future meeting about the writing portion. Holly Neibaur seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLKS56A6BC>

- B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLKV56A6BF>

9. Board Comments

- A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CWKLKZ56A6C3>

10. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn

ATTEST

Amber Shill

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent