



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the February 16, 2021 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, February 16, 2021 beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons Administration Building - East, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

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

1. Closed Session – 4:30 pm

- A. For the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. *A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**Persons in Attendance: All Board members, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox - Business Administrator, Dan Harper – Legal Counsel, Charlie Evans – Director of External Relations, Adam Gardiner – Senator Romney’s Utah Affairs Director, Megan Reese – Senator Romney’s National Security Advisor and Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator.*

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY6NRB612957>

2. Study Session – 5:15 pm

- A. 2021 Legislative Update – Charlie Evans, Director of External Affairs and Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

Mr. Evans and Ms. Edwards provided an update for the Board of Education on proposed bills related to education that are currently being discussed during the 2021 Legislative session. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NDV5F7A9D>

- B. Board of Education Graduation Assignments for May 2021

The Board of Education discussed and made assignments for Board members to speak and attend 2021 graduations scheduled throughout the District. Discussion available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NFH5F9107>

C. USBA report – Mont Millerberg, Board member

Mr. Millerberg reported upcoming events, dates and times for the Board to attend. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY6NS6614940>

D. Policy Update: Policy—400.27—Employees in Public Office; Recommended Obsolete – Policy—600.7—Kindergarten; Recommended Obsolete – Policy—700.7—School Community Contests and Special Programs (First Reading) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy—400.27—Employees in Public Office

The Policy Committee is recommending that when employees are elected to a public office that they enter into an agreement with the District addressing duties specific to their office and duties with their CSD position. The agreement would need to be approved by the Superintendent, Business Administrator and District Legal Counsel.

Policy—600.7— Recommended Obsolete Kindergarten Program

This policy is outdated and updated statutory provisions in state law regarding kindergarten and enrollment are specified in the current District’s Policy – 500.30 – Open Enrollment, School Admissions and School Moratoriums.

Policy—700.7— Recommended Obsolete School Community Contests and Special Programs

This policy is outdated and inapplicable to current programs.

Mr. Christensen indicated any suggestions to the policy changes can be submitted to the Policy Committee prior to the next reading on March 2, 2021. Discussion and documents available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NFQ5F9796>

E. Student Activity and Travel Update – Dr. Rick Robins, Superintendent

Superintendent Robins indicated that student activity and travel was suspended in March 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Specific guidelines in place have allowed student participation in sports and performing arts activities. The District’s school reopening plan indicates that student or employee travel in-state or out-of-state, including field trips would be suspended until the 2020 Winter recess or until otherwise directed by the District Administration. The contract tracing data shows that the transmission of the virus at school is significantly low. He presented the idea of “test to travel” and a “test to dance” protocols for students to be eligible to participate in these additional activities. The school administration would work with students to organize a dance within an environment that implements mitigating strategies. Potential group overnight travel would be subject to the Board Policy as well as incorporate strict health mitigation protocols. The recommendation was made that field trips for secondary and elementary stay suspended at this time. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

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3. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

4. **Opening Items**

A. Welcome

B. Approve Agenda for February 16, 2021

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the Agenda for February 16, 2021. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
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5. Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following educators were recognized for their achievements:

- **Brian McGill, Alta High School Principal** – Utah High School Principal of the Year
- **Wendy Dau, Jordan High School Principal and Tom Sherwood, Brighton High School Principal** – Utah Music Educator Association 2019-2020 Outstanding Administrators of the Year

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NE45F7AA6>

6. Patron Comments

If you would like to participate remotely during the patron comment period of the meeting of the Canyons Board of Education, please send via email your name and phone number to communications@canyonsdistrict.org by 5:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting. In the email, please indicate the item or topic you wish to address. The Canyons District Office of Public Communications will then send you an email message with detailed information regarding how to access the teleconference system that will be used to facilitate the patron comments.

No Patrons signed up for comments.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NE45F7AA6> (end of recording)

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2021
- B. Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2021
- C. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- D. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- E. Approval of January Financial Reports
- F. Approval of School District Administrative Hire

MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2021; Item 7B Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2021; Item 7C Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7D Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7E Approval of January Financial Reports; Item 7F Approval of School District Administrative Hire. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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8. New Business

- A. CTE/Pathways Program Update – Janet Goble, CTE Director/CTEC Principal

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) program is celebrated during the month of February, which brings awareness, celebrations, and focuses on increasing enrollment. Ms. Goble reported that during the pandemic the schools utilized online and in-person learning and small groups of students focused on skill development on Fridays. The program continues to offer work-based learning experiences digitally through industry partnerships. Students were able to participate virtually with guest speakers and career fairs. They held limited in-person job shadows, student internships and mock interviews. Utah has 35 Career Pathways organized by Career Clusters and CSD currently offers 24 of those pathways. The Canyons Technical Education Center (CTEC) offers CTE capstone programs and concurrent enrollment. The Certified Nursing Assistant program classroom remodel has helped to strengthen the program and allowed students to obtain clinical hours as industry partners were unable to accommodate the training in their facilities.. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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- B. Mid-Year Academic Progress – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward – Director and of ISD

Dr. Roderick-Landward reported that on average students across the country began the year academically behind. COVID-19 induced quarantines and restrictions dramatically impacted proficiency in both math and reading, the effect of which was seen more dramatically amongst at-risk populations. She reported on assessment participation for Canyons School District elementary and secondary students. Data comparing the three types of available instructional models offered (in-person, online, and parent-led) were shown and discussed. To recover from these learning declines, it was suggested that the district encourage more students to attend school in-person, continue outreach efforts to find students who are not engaging, diagnose unfinished learning and focus on acceleration, evaluate intervention implementation and provide additional opportunities for students to recover credit(s). Discussion and presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NHM60064C>

C. 2021-2022 Fees Schedule (First Reading) – Gary Warwood, Director of Accounting

Mr. Warwood presented the update to the 2021-2022 school fees schedule and indicated the District and schools are continuously learning and improving to make it as accurate as possible. He reviewed the non-waivable fees for technology, and indicated that a new technology fee will be added for high school and middle school students for the use of a personal Chromebook and case for each student. The schools have recommended that the activity fee be changed to a registration fee to more appropriately reflect what costs are covered in the fee. The second reading is scheduled for March 2, 2021 and a third reading and approval on March 16th. Public comment will be accepted at both meetings. A notice to parent and student will be sent through regular means of communication. The internal auditors are reviewing the fee schedule and associated costs for compliance. The Board requested looking into costs for a third-party insurance that would insure student Chromebook. Discussion and presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NFU5FA180>

9. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NEV5F7AC1>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NEY5F7AC4>

10. Board Comments

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

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BY5NF45F7AC8>

11. Closing Items

A. Adjourn

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Nancy Tingey

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent