



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the August 20, 2024, 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 board meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons Administration Building, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

**Those in attendance were:**

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

Excused: Karen Pedersen, Board Member

**1. Closed Session - 4:30 pm**

- A. For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property.

**MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. \*A vote was taken. Yea 4 (Ms. Millerberg, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Tingey) Not Present at Vote 1 (Ms. Neibaur joined the meeting after the vote) Motion carries.**

\*Person in Attendance: Board Members mentioned above, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox - Business Administrator, Dan Harper – General Counsel, Charlie Evans – Director of External Relations, McKay Robinson – Assistant Superintendent.

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**2. Study Session – 5:00 pm**

- A. Update on 2024-2025 Volunteers and Introduction of Region 17 PTA Board – Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

Region 17 PTA is a division of Utah PTA that serves Canyons School District. The Region 17 PTA Board oversees the 43 existing PTA's and PTSA's in the District. Ms. Edwards reported that volunteers are on the decline nationwide and Canyons volunteer numbers are following that

trend with a 55% decline. The number of approved PTA volunteers reported for 2023-24 total is 11, 974, PTA hours total 22,350.50 and volunteer hours 109,746.50. Liz Miles, Region 17 PTA Board Director introduced the Region 17 PTA board members, Jessica Smith - South Elementary School Council, Ashley Backman – Central Elementary School Council, Michael Williams – North Elementary School Council, Nicole Harmon - Secondary Council President, Rachel de Azevedo – Advocacy Commissioner, Dr. Rick Robins – Administrative V.P., Susan Edwards – District Representative. CSD is one of the only Districts to have a liaison between the District and PTA and that collaboration is extremely valuable.

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B. Strategic Plan Self-Assessment – Drew Schantz, Ed Elements

The Board of Education established and started implementation of a strategic plan in 2022, focused on high-quality learning, access and opportunity, human-centered supports, and operating systems. Mr. Schantz, shared feedback from a survey on the topics of strategic alignment and governance, communication and stakeholder engagement, responsiveness and resource allocation and successes and challenges. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87QYJ6B942C>

C. Annual Open Meetings Training (State Statute) – Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel

Training for the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act is required by state statute, Utah Code 52-4-101 and the presiding officer of the Board of Education is responsible to ensure the annual training requirements are reviewed. The purpose for the Act is to require government entities take actions openly and ensure deliberations allow for an open public process. Mr. Harper presented updated clarifications and revisions to the UOPMA. Presentation available on

BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87QYR6B99CF>

**3. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

**4. Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for August 20, 2024

**MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve the agenda for August 20, 2024. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Copperview Elementary, Principal Colleen Smith

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87R4D6AFA69>

D. School Highlights – Copperview Elementary, Principal Colleen Smith

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**5. Canyons Strong Employee Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications**

- First Day of School Recognitions
- Celebrating the beginning of the District's 16<sup>th</sup> school year.

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**6. New Business**

- A. Approval of purchasing contract– Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The convergence of timing, availability and opportunity has made it possible for the District to consider the purchase of the eBay Campus located in Draper. The 215K square foot facility and 36 acres (16 buildable acres) will provide room to grow, space to innovate and provides prime location to the Point project, freeway, and the Front Runner transportation. The current cost to build a new building would be \$108M at an estimated \$500 per square foot. The purchase of the eBay facility and additional land is \$50M at an estimated \$230 per square foot. Mr. Wilcox reviewed the financing and timeline line options being considered for the purchase. The vision of the innovation center would allow students to focus on project-based learning, future focused innovation and align to prepare students for specific industries.

**MOTION:** Andrew Edtl moved to approve the purchase and sales contract to acquire the eBay property. Nancy Tingey seconded the motion. Yea: 5 (Ms. Tingey, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Millerberg) Nay: 1 (Ms. Neibaur). The motion carries.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87RHJ6E1631>

7. **Community Announcement** – 7:45 pm - Jeff Haney, Director of Communications  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D8EL9Y55893D>

8. **Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- David Gustin – Acquisition of eBay building

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9. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2024
- B. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2024, Truth In Taxation
- C. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- D. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- F. Approval of July Financial Reports
- G. Approval of School Resource Officer Interlocal agreement with Cottonwood Height City, Sandy City, Draper City and Unified Police

**MOTION:** Holly Neibaur moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 9A Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2024; Item 9B Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2024, Truth in Taxation; 9C Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 9D Approval Student Overnight Travel; Item 9E Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 9F Approval of July Financial Reports and 9G Approval of School Resource Officer Interlocal agreement with Cottonwood Height City, Sandy City, Draper City and Unified Police. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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10. **New Business Continued**

- B. Copperview Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Update - Copperview Elementary, Principal Colleen Smith

Copperview Elementary is currently working towards moving out of turnaround status. Principal Smith reviewed the school improvement priorities which include restructuring of staff and contracts, school wide incentives, grade level academic incentive's, additional staffing and increase in brain boosters/PLC collaboration time. Copperview was able to retain 100% of their faculty and staff for the 2024-2025 school year. She addressed PLC implementation, school attendance, and the cultural shift at the school. In order, to build a strong community a focus was placed on increasing student safety, student engagement, and student empowerment. Instructional transformation focused on mapping curriculum to state or other content standards,

aligning school's curricula to the state standards, routine use of instructional practices and finding ways to identified gaps. Acadience benchmark assessments helped teachers identify children at risk for reading and math difficulties and determine the skills to target for instructional support. Copperview demonstrated the highest rates of improvement among CSD Title I schools in reading composite, whole words, and K-5 Reading Pathways of Progress. In addition, they demonstrated the highest rate of improvement among CSD Title I school on Math composite, and K-5 Math Pathways of progress. A report was given for the early learning plan and progress made in kindergarten literacy, 1<sup>st</sup> grade literacy and 1<sup>st</sup> grade math. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87R556AFA81>

- C. Constitution Day/Founders month observance plans – McKay Robinson, Assistant Superintendent

The District will recognize September as Founders month and Constitution day on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, in the schools. Every school is “encouraged” to observe these events through appropriate education, programs, meetings, services, or celebrations, including writing, speech, and art, and coordination with state, county and local government officials, consistent with 63G-1-401. In accordance with Utah code 53G-10-303 The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be recited once at the beginning of each day in each public-school classroom in the state which CSD already does. Dr. Robinson reviewed the required school activities and the optional activities and resource for each observance. Presentation and document available on BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87RMX6E66E8>

- D. Long Range Planning Committee Update – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the progress and scheduled plans for remodeling and new construction at Eastmont Middle, Jordan High, Corner Canyon High and Hillcrest High. Completed small capital projects include Alta High gym sprinklers, Ridgecrest Elementary roof, Oak Hollow Elementary carpet replacement, Oakdale Elementary kitchen and CTEC pharmacy tech. The Transportation fuel tanks, and parking lot should be completed by the end of October. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87RLU6E91D8>

**E. Staff Comments**

- a. Superintendent Report  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87R596AFA85>
- b. Business Administrator Report  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87R5C6AFA88>

**F. Board Comments**

- a. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D87R5G6AFA8C>

**G. Closing Items**

- A. Adjourn

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ Board President  
Amber Shill

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Rick Robins Superintendent