



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the March 4, 2025, 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, March 4, 2025, 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
Katie Dahle, Board Member
Jackson Lewis, Board Member
Holly Neibaur, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Daniel Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

1. Closed Session – 4:30 pm

A. For the purpose of discussing collective bargaining

MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. *A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

*Person in Attendance: All Board Members. Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Daniel Harper – General Counsel, Charlie Evans – Director of External Relations, McKay Robinson – Assistant Superintendent, Steve Dimond – Director of Human Resources.

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2. Study Session – 5:15 pm

A. 2025 Legislative Update - Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations and Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

Mr. Evans and Ms. Edwards updated the Board of Education on bills that are related to education for the 2025 Legislative Session. The Board of Education briefly discussed concerns and Chromebook restrictions.

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B. Canyons Innovation Center Update – Dr. Rick Robins, Superintendent

Mr. Wilcox introduced Reid Newey, who was hired to be the Director of Canyon's School District's Innovation Center. eBay will be ending their lease on March 31, 2025, and the District will then take full control of the building and property.

The MHTN team reviewed the process, next steps, durable skills for industry partners, and guiding principles. There were eight core spaces presented to integrate the space for students to collaborate and utilize enhancing the learning experience. A Canyons Innovation Center Masterplan was proposed, and the Board will continue to discuss priorities at the next Board Roundtable scheduled for the March 18, 2025, Board meeting. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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3. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for March 4, 2025

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve the agenda for March 4, 2025. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. A vote was taken. 6 Yea (Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Dahle) 1 Not Present (Ms. Pedersen). The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Midvale Elementary, Principal Carolee MacKay
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQWL6B4194>
- D. School Highlights – Midvale Elementary, Principal Carolee MacKay
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQWP6B4197>

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

The following students and staff were recognized:

- CTA Student Talent Show
- Hillcrest and Corner Canyon Drill National Drill Champions
- Thank you to Canyons Social Workers
- CSD Community 2025 Niche Best Schools No. 1 Best in Salt Lake 2023-2025
- National Procurement Month for the Purchasing Department
- Katie Campbell, Hillcrest High School – AP Assessment Portfolios
- Jackie Butterfield, Transportation Bus Driver

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQWT6B419B>

6. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Allie Terry – Device Safety
- Eric McFarland - Device Safety

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7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for February 18, 2025
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- D. Approval of Purchasing Bids

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes for February 18, 2025; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7C Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 7D Approval of Purchasing Bids. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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8. New Business

- A. Policy Update: Policy-100.01-Board Governance; Policy-200.02- Fiscal Accountability; Policy-300.01-School Access; Policy-300.09- Facilities Construction, Renovation, and Maintenance; Policy-400.28-Military Leave or Military Stipend (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel

The policy changes and updates from the first reading were reviewed.

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to adopt Policy-100.01-Board Governance; Policy-200.02- Fiscal Accountability; Policy-300.01-School Access; Policy-300.09- Facilities Construction, Renovation, and Maintenance; Policy-400.28-Military Leave or Military Stipend as presented. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion to the motion. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQXC6B41AC>

- B. 2025-26 School Fee Schedule (Second Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

HB415 passed in 2024, requiring that in FY26 registration fees for middle and high school may no longer be charged. CSD usually collects approximately \$950,000 per year in registration fees. Under HB415, one-time funding was allocated and CSD will approximately receive \$850,000, \$500,000 and \$350,000 over the next three fiscal years.

HB344 passed the House on February 7, 2025, with significant support. It would require each LEA to have a path to graduation where a student can graduate without needing to pay fees starting in the 2026-2027 school year.

The Master Fee schedules have been updated to reflect proposed fee increases. School level fee schedules and spend plans have been updated. A request for feedback was sent by the Communications Department on February 26th to parents. An additional round of emails will be sent to parents before the next reading at the March 18, 2025 Board Meeting. Presentation and document available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQXY6B834E>

- C. Strategic Plan Focus Group – Operating Systems – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed that the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program is a valuable but expensive with the FTE needed to support the program. The 2025-26 first grade application and acceptances, possible FTE recapture, DLI and neighborhood class sizes for Spanish, Chinese and French programs at the elementary schools were reviewed.

There is discussion about moving Canyoneering night to a more school-based program due to lack of recent attendance. Topics that were shared at Canyoneering nights will now be available through scanning a QR code or through CSDtv. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQYE6B8E63>

- D. Consideration for adoption of a resolution for the Board of Education of Canyons School District, Utah, authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$25,500,000 principal amount of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2025 and related matters (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the refunding transaction proposed which will reduce the repayment time frame from 8 to 6 years on bonds issued in 2015. This refunding is projected to save approximately \$900,000, calculated on a net present value basis, if approved. The refunding will allow more greater financial flexibility beginning in 2032; however, it will lessen the flexibility in years 2030 and 2031.

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve a resolution of the Board of Education (The “Board”) of Canyons School District, Utah (The “District”) authorizing the issuance and sale by the Board of not more than \$25,500,000 aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (The “Bonds”), delegating to certain officers of the Board the authority to approve the final term and provisions of the bonds within the parameters set forth herein; prescribing the form of bonds; providing for the manner of execution and delivery of the bonds; providing how the proceeds of the bonds will be used and how payment of the bonds will be made; authorizing the publication of a notice of bonds to be issued; providing for the running of a contest period; authorizing and approving bond purchase agreements or official notices of bond sale, and other documents required in connection therewith; approving the distribution of official statement with respect of the bonds; authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary for the consummation of the transactions contemplate by this resolution; and related matters. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQYH6B9702>

9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQXG6B41B0>

- B. Business Administrator Report

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQXK6B41B3>

10. Board Comments

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

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEBQXP6B41B7>

11. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn

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ATTEST

Amber Shill Board President

Rick Robins Superintendent