



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the March 18, 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 18, 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 the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
- B. For the purpose of discussing collective bargaining

**MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, and for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. \*A roll call 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 – 5:30 pm**

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

The 2025 Utah Legislation Session had a total of 962 total bills and 197 of those bills will impact the District. Mr. Evans reviewed bills that passed that were district supported, bills that failed that

the district opposed, and bills that passed that the district opposed. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSRF73E423>

B. Board Roundtable – Canyons Innovation Center

Superintendent Robins briefly reviewed the exploratory site visits that have been made to help determine the vision and direction of the Canyons Innovation Center. The Board of Education is in the process of discussing the basic foundations of the center and exploring education pathways for the present and future for students. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSRG73E424>

3. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

4. **Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for March 18, 2025

**MOTION:** Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for March 18, 2025. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Midvalley Elementary, Principal Margaret Swanicke  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSRR73E42D>
- D. School Highlights – Midvalley Elementary, Principal Margaret Swanicke  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSRU73E430>

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

The following students and staff were recognized:

- Utah FIRST Robotics regional competition.
  - Hillcrest High received the Impact Award
  - Alta High – Team Sustainability Award
- Kirsten Reuter, Utah Finalist for the 2025 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- Brighton High students Model Nation Team
- Coach Jeff Eure, Corner Canyon name SHAPE-Utah Teacher of the Year for Athletics and Coaching

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSRW73E432>

6. **Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- Brynn Whitchurch – Chromebook Safety
- Liz Jenkins – Chromebook Safety
- Courtney Wimberly – Maternity Leave Policy
- Carly Dent – Chromebook Safety
- Lindsey Knudsen – Screens and Education
- Shanda Brown – Chromebook Safety
- Jessica Smith – Filters
- Emily Ord – Chromebook Screentime
- Angela Boyden – Chromebook Safety
- Nancy Nichols – Chromebooks
- Jessica Anderson – Chromebooks

- Amberly Jeppson – Digital Safety
- Lanae Larson – Chromebooks, Digital Safety

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## 7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for March 4, 2025
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- D. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- E. Approval of February Financial Reports
- F. Approval of Administrative Appointments

**MOTION:** Andrew Edtl moved to approve consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes for March 4, 2025; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7C Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 7D Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7E Approval of February Financial Report; Item F Approval of administrative Appointments. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSS273E436>

## 8. New Business

- A. Information Technology Security Update – Superintendent Rick Robins

The District values and encourages partnering with parents when implementing education technology in Canyons. Parents can decide the level of filtering restriction for their child. Parents are encouraged to review the CSD Responsible Use Guidelines with students before signing the form. Canyons provides education through SCC's to address digital citizenship and school safety efforts. Parents can receive reports for time students are logged into the Chromebook and terms searched on the device. Parents also receive reports of "self-harm" search terms. Parents can also request a review of specific websites to have them filtered out.

The average time logged into Chromebook by elementary students is 39 minutes per day. CSD Administration regularly audits classrooms for quality and quantity of screentime. The District is working on the implementation of Bark, which will traverse CSD Google accounts, including emails, and files for such issues as threats and cyberbullying.

The District will direct teachers to eliminate Chromebook "free use" time for students who complete classwork early. The media file share-filtering category at the elementary-level will be blocked and appropriate apps will be added back. The District will provide regular Digital Citizenship updates and information to families.

A districtwide change of filtering levels for devices used by CSD elementary students calls for input from all stakeholders – parents, teachers, students and administrators. The District will collect input from BLT's and SCC's on the proposed options and feedback will be collected and reported back to the Board at a May meeting.. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DETTTC78E5E8>

- B. Middle School Honors Class Offerings – Mindy Robison, Director of Middle Schools

The middle school children ages 10 to 14 experience significant intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth, making the middle school philosophy crucial for their transition from

elementary to high school. A core aspect of this philosophy is where students are organized into smaller teams to foster closer relationships between peers and teachers and to provide individualized support to teachers within teams to encourage students to connect subjects, promote critical thinking, and make real-world applications. Ms. Robison reviewed middle school milestones such as development in a student's brain, physical, emotional and self discovery. Skill building for this age group includes organizing, advocacy, study habits and social skills.

The Administration is proposing that College and Career Awareness taught in 6<sup>th</sup> grade now be taught in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Digital Literacy taught in 8<sup>th</sup> grade now be taught in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Teaching Digital Citizenship in 6<sup>th</sup> grade will help students establish boundaries with technology before habits are solidified. Career and Technical Student Organization opportunities will be more helpful in 8<sup>th</sup> grade as students are introduced to all CTE pathways and are preparing for high school.

Ms. Robison reviewed that honors courses shall offer students opportunities to learn from the perspectives of others; encourage students to find multiple possible solution pathways, use data to reason; encourage students to take risks and persevere in problem solving; personalize student learning experiences; and emphasize deep understanding of grade level content and above-level content, if appropriate. The Administration will be developing during the 2025-26 school year key features of Honor Courses, revise scope and sequence, develop instructional guides, and develop initial professional learning for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA/Math Teachers, Administrator and Instructional coaches. The 2026-2027 school year will be an implementation year for the proposed honors courses. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DERTTL78EFBF>

- C. 2025-26 School Fee Schedule (Third Reading, Action Requested) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the information from the first two readings. Examples of student fee scenarios were reviewed. Solicitation for feedback was sent through communications on February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup> to parents.

**MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve the 2025-26 proposed elementary, middle high school and CTEC master fee schedules as found on BoardDocs and approve the spend plans as found on each school's website. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSRU73E430>

## 9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSSK73E447>

- B. Business Administrator Report

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DEPSSN73E44A>

## 10. Board Comments

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

**11. Closing Items**

A. Adjourn

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Amber Shill Board President

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Rick Robins Superintendent