



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the May 20, 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, May 20, 2025, beginning at 5:30 pm at the 9361 S 300 E, Sandy, UT 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, Board President
Amanda Oaks, 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

Excused: Andrew Edtl, Vice President, Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

1. Study Session – 5:30 pm

- A. Canyons Innovation Center Update and Naming/Branding Discussion (First Reading) – Superintendent Rick Robins

The Board of Education discussed and compared two concepts for the amenities building and gave input on preferred direction, including impacts on the Inquiry Lounge, large meeting space and CSDTV. A review was presented of the outbuilding placement, and parking needs to ensure site strategy is on track.

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DGQQXA6B671E>

- B. Board, Superintendent and Business Administrator Evaluation Process – President Amber Shill

The Utah School Boards Association has an online evaluation tool that the Canyons Board of Education will use for this year's evaluation of the Board, Superintendent and Business Administrator.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DGQQXB6B6723>

2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
B. Approve Agenda for May 20, 2025

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the agenda for May 20, 2025, with the addition of continued discussion for Study Session Agenda Item 1A Canyons Innovation Center Update and Naming/Branding Discussion be moved to New Business Agenda Item 7E. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. 5 Yea (Ms. Pedersen, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Shill, Mr. Lewis) 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur). The motion carries.

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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Sandy Elementary, Principal Elenoa Pua
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D. School Highlights – Sandy Elementary, Principal Elenoa Pua
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DGQQXP6B672F>

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

The following students and staff were recognized:

- Jordan High School Boys Tennis Champion – 2nd Singles
- Alta, Brighton, Corner Canyon and Hillcrest – State Track & Field Champs
- Lilly Mazuran, 2025 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Governor
- Jeremy Klung, Canyon Bus Drive won the State Champion of the Utah “Rodeo” competition

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5. Patron Comments

No Patrons signed up for comment

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6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for May 6, 2025
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- D. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- E. Approval of April Financial Reports
- F. Approval of Administrative Appointments

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes for May 6, 2025; Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6C Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 6D Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6E Approval of April Financial Reports; Item 6F Approval of Administrative Appointments. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. 5 Yea (Ms. Pedersen, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Shill, Mr. Lewis) 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur). The motion carries.

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7. New Business

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

Human-Centered Supports is focusing on the holistic and basic needs of each child. The month of May is mental health awareness month. All updated Thrive Time material has been updated and sent to print for distribution in August. School Specific Faculty training for staff was provided and administrative training will be provided the end of July. There has been positive feedback for the program from students, parents and teachers.

Canyons has formed a partnership with Intermountain Health and piloted a telehealth program which will expanded during the 2025-26 school year. Governor Cox proclaimed May 7th to be recognized as “Utah School Nurse Day.” Mental Health screening nights have shown

a steady incline except this year in the Hispanic population. District Support Team (DST) and District Case Management Team (DCMT) referrals continue to increase with a significant increase in Peer Court participation. Employee wellness initiatives include a District Child Care Option/expansion, long-term planning committee is discussing an employee wellness center/clinic, and the Employee Assistance Program will be sent out this year for an RFP. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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- B. Policy Update: Policy-300.06—Student Transportation; Policy-500.02—Student Conduct and Disciplinary Process; Policy-500.06—Technology Resources: Electronic Devices and Network Acceptable Use; Policy-500.30—Open Enrollment, School Admissions, and School Moratoriums; Policy-500.34—Immunization of Students; Policy-500.35—Student Attendance; Policy-500.42—Administering Medication to Students; Policy-200.02—Fiscal Accountability; Policy-300.12—Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems; Policy-500.24—Student Overnight Travel (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

The policies reviewed required updates based upon changes made during the 2025 Utah Legislative Session. A clarification was made for what is included in the reintegration plan language Policy-500.02—Student Conduct and Disciplinary Process – Utah Code 53G-8-213. A review of Policy-500.06—Technology Resources—Electronic Devices and Network Acceptable Use indicated that a LEA may establish policies that extend restrictions on student use of cellphones, smart watches, or emerging technologies to non-classroom hours during the school day. A change to Policy-500.24—Student Overnight Travel which would create a District Travel Committee under the direction of the Board of Education that will meet at least annually (most likely several times per year) to consider and approve new travel requests for the next school year. The board had a discussion on the Student Overnight Travel policy and the District Travel Committee and asked that the policy committee continue to work on that policy and bring it back with changes. Presentation and documents are available on BoardDocs.

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MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve Policy-300.06—Student Transportation; Policy-500.02—Student Conduct and Disciplinary Process; Policy-500.06—Technology Resources: Electronic Devices and Network Acceptable Use; Policy-500.30—Open Enrollment, School Admissions, and School Moratoriums; Policy-500.34—Immunization of Students; Policy-500.35—Student Attendance; Policy-500.42—Administering Medication to Students; Policy-200.02—Fiscal Accountability; Policy-300.12—Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy-500.24—Student Overnight Travel will be discussed at a third reading.

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- C. Information Technology Update – Superintendent Rick Robins

In response to parent concerns about CSD's current Internet-filtering protections and whether they adequately safeguard children from inappropriate content, the Canyons Board of Education directed the Administration to begin the process of reviewing a districtwide restriction of websites that elementary school students can access on their Chromebooks while doing coursework. The action steps taken by the District were reviewed. A few of those steps include teachers eliminating Chromebook as a "free use" time for students who complete classwork early, at the elementary level media file-share filtering category was blocked and an increase in providing regular Digital Citizenship updates and information to families will be implemented.

The District relied on an established feedback system to gather input on issues & proposed options through parents, SCC, building leadership teams, principals, educators and ESP's. Dr.

McKay Robinson discussed the procedures for the elementary tech committee meeting on May 28th which will consists of parents, teachers, principals and district staff. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DGQRJC6CD211>

D. 2025-2026 Budget Update – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox presented student enrollment numbers for the past five years and projected student enrollment numbers for the next five years. The out of District students for the 2024-2025 show a net gain of 111 students.

The District General Fund Revenues final budget for 2024-2025 consists of local sources, state sources, and federal sources for a combined total \$390,722,666. The projected revenue for 2025-2026 is \$398,882,729. State funding remains the highest source of revenue.

The District General Fund Expenses final budget for 2024-2025 consists of instructional, student services, staff services, district administration, school administration, central support services, operation & maintenance, student transportation and community combined total \$399,624,791. Employee salaries & benefits remain the highest expenses.

The 2024-2025 Final Budget ending fund balance is \$67.9M and the 2025-2026 projected ending fund balance is \$62.8M. The District has historically been 2% – 3% under-budget on expenses and expects to be the same for these two years.

Mr. Wilcox reported the District faces full time employee challenges, as student enrollment decreases, the District will need to evaluate support functions.

The average home value comparison by municipality is estimated to be \$724,000 compared to the 2024 average, which was \$703,000, an increase of \$21,000. The District will exceed the certified tax rate and hold a tax hearing in August. The tax increase for the average home will be \$69,62. The Statewide basic rate will also be increasing. The FY26 tax rate will be finalized when the certified rate is receiving in June and then at the tax hearing.

Challenges moving forward included offsetting the loss of registration fees, school guardians, declining enrollment and filling full time employee needs for the Innovation Center.

The budget will be posted to the website and under BoardDocs on May 30th and will allow for the mandatory 15-day public inspection before adoption. The Budget Hearing for adoption of the revised FY25 and FY26 Budget will be held on June 17, 2025. Presentation and document available on BoardDocs.

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E. Canyons Innovation Center Update and Naming/Branding Discussion (First Reading) – Superintendent Rick Robins

The Board of Education has authority and responsibility to name all new buildings, building re-models, or other facilities with the District. A naming and branding timeline was presented. A student workgroup has assisted with the groundwork for research and developing names for the Innovation Center. Key differentiators include strategic location, cutting-edge facility, industry integration, academic rigor & relevance, durable dispositions and future-focused curriculum. Target audiences include students, parents, employers, higher education and taxpayers.

The branding options and names were presented as follows: Peaks, Synergy, The Forge, Insight, or Waypoint. Next steps include continued name consideration by the Board of

Education on June 3, 2025, engage with Gardner Design and then an unveiling, groundbreaking ceremony August 2025. Presentation on BoardDocs.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DGVNRX6130D6>

8. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DGQQYE6B6746>

B. Business Administrator Report

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DGQQYH6B6749>

9. Board Comments

A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports

10. Closing Items

A. Adjourn 9:30pm

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ATTEST

Amber Shill Board President

Rick Robins Superintendent