



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the August 5, 2025, Canyons Board of Education, Truth in Taxation Hearing. 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 Truth in Taxation Hearing on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm at 9361 S 300 E, Sandy, UT 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, Board President
Amanda Oaks, Vice President, joined electronically
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. Open Hearing – 7:00 pm

- A. Welcome
- B. Approval of Agenda for August 5, 2025, Truth-in-Taxation Hearing

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for August 5, 2025, Truth-in-Taxation Hearing. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DK4SY774E81F>

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Jeff Haney, Director of Communications
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DK4SY874E820>

2. Staff presentation on proposed tax increase – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Ms. Oaks joined the meeting electronically.

Mr. Wilcox presented a timeline of the Truth-in-Taxation process with a list of dates and items discussed along with communication details provided to the public.

Utah law establishes a certified rate system for property tax which generates the same tax revenue for the taxing entity as the previous year, with an allowance for new property growth. It is customary for local governments, including school districts, to increase taxes to capture inflation. Canyons School District has exceeded the certified rate and held a tax hearing only three times in its 17 years of existence. The “Canyons School Deb Svce” listed on property tax notices is to pay the principal and interest payments on voter-approved bonds from 2010 and 2017. Mr. Wilcox reviewed the inflation impact on the District and indicated the trend decreasing in buying power.

The purpose of the proposed \$6,633,200 tax increase is to cover operational and capital costs. These expenses include partially funding a 1.5% cost of living adjustment for employees (total cost \$4.1M), an increase in insurance costs (\$2.1M), and add 13 new elementary assistant principal (\$1.2M). In addition, the tax will cover inflationary costs for utilities, supplies and curriculum (\$585,000) and the bond payment for the newly acquired Innovation Center (\$2,555,000).

If the market value shown on the property valuation notice is higher than what individuals think their property is worth, they should appeal to the Board of Equalization. The appeal forms and instructions are available at: [Salt Lake County Board Equalization](#). The deadline for appeal is September 15, 2025. Residents can apply for statutory tax relief through the [Salt Lake County Treasurer](#). The Deadline for application is September 1, 2025. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DK4SYA74E823>

3. Public comments on proposed tax increase

The following patrons commented:

- Robyn Lee – True in Taxation
- Susan Hardman – Truth in Taxation
- Rob Flisher – Debt Service
- Steve Van Maren – Truth in Taxation
- Larry Mulinex – Truth in Taxation
- Laura Gundrey – Truth in Taxation
- Debra Bark – Truth in Taxation
- Dana Goff – Truth in Taxation
- Krista Pippin – Truth in Taxation

At the end of public comment Mr. Wilcox addressed questions presented by patrons. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DK4SYC74E825>

4. Board of Education discussion and possible final approval of budget

The Board of Education discussed the proposed budget.

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve total tax rate of 0.005656 or \$6,633,200 revenue increase about the certified tax rate. From the total amount \$4,078,200 will be for operations and \$2,555,000 for capital expenses. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DK4SYE74E828>

5. Close Hearing and Adjourn

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ATTEST

Amber Shill Board President

Rick Robins Superintendent