



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 7, 2025, Canyons Board of Education meeting.

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The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a board meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, beginning at 5:30 pm at 9361 S 300 E, Sandy, UT 84070.

**Those in attendance were:**

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  
McKay Robinson, Assistant Superintendent  
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Excused: Amber Shill - Board President, Daniel Harper – General Legal Counsel, Charlie Evans – Director of External Relations

**1. Study Session – 5:30 pm**

**A. School Nurse Update – Jen Gerrard, School Nurse Specialist**

Students' health needs directly impact their ability to learn and school nurses manage daily care, chronic conditions and emergencies. School nurses identify and mitigate barriers to access and learning. The increasing demand requires adequate staffing to ensure safety and equity while reducing liability and risk of OCR (Office of Civil Rights) or other legal complaints. Year to year student encounters for health visits have increased from 49,053 in 2023-24 school year to 51,642 in 2024-25 school year.

Ms. Gerrard reviewed chronic conditions managed and emergency medications and prevention care provided to students. Nursing services have increased, adding hearing screenings, opportunities for vaccinations, filling standing orders for over-the-counter (OTC) medication, "stop the bleed" training and most recently a telehealth option that expanded districtwide for the 2025-26 school year. Additional increases also include vision screening, CPR/First Aid classes from quarterly to twice a month, EEC/ACC/ABS/YA enrollment in traditional schools, high need students at Life Skills Academy, individualized health plans and providing scheduled(?) insulin injections for students. The staff needs 3 additional full-time school nurses to help cover the increase of chronic health conditions and increased nursing services. [Presentation available on Diligent Community.](#)

- B. Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: Access & Opportunity – Paula Logan, Director of Federal and State Programs

Ms. Logan highlighted the scope and supports for the following types of learners: Multilingual Learner, Special Education, Underserved Students, Accelerated and Gifted Students. Teacher Professional Development is provided at all levels of learning for elementary and secondary schools. Parent Outreach is provided at registration night, vaccine clinics, ParentSquare, boundary open house and parent teacher conferences this year. [Presentation available on Diligent Community](#).

**2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

**3. Opening Items**

- A. Welcome  
B. Approve Agenda for October 7, 2025

**MOTION:** Katie Dahle moved to approve the agenda for October 7, 2025. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. 5 Yea (Ms. Pedersen, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Oaks, Mr. Edtl, Mr. Lewis) 1 Not present. (Ms. Neibaur) The motion passed unanimously. [Diligent Community](#)

- C. [Pledge of Allegiance](#) – Jordan High School, Principal Kelcey Kemp  
D. [School Highlights](#) – Jordan High School, Principal Kelcey Kemp

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

The following students were recognized:

- Hillcrest High theater for winning its sixth consecutive Sweepstakes trophy at the annual national high school Shakespeare competition. All CSD high schools won at least one first place award in theater, music and dance categories.
- Corner Canyon High's golf team for winning its third 6A golf state title in a row.
- Alta High's marching band for advancing to the final round of judging at Bands of America Arizona Regional Competition
- Corner Canyon High student-musician Adrian McGill for being selected to play with the Utah Symphony at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Youth concert in November.
- Corner Canyon High graduate Blake R. Hullinger, who now attends Harvard, for being named a 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholar.
- Unified soccer teams compete at the regional competition Wednesday and the finals on Thursday at America First Field.

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**5. Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

1. Jeanette Knight – Boundary Study
2. Diane Nahalewski – Boundary Study
3. Johanna Williams – Boundary Study
4. Julie Beane – PD Days
5. Katie Walker – Boundary Study
6. Shannon Herbert – Boundary Study
7. Emily Page – Boundary Study
8. Lisa Neiderhauser – Budget
9. Wendie Nielson – Boundary Study
10. Amanda May – Boundary Study

11. Ashley Davis – Boundary Study
12. Elaine Nielson – Boundary Study
13. Tessa Rees – Boundary Study
14. Casey Rees – Enrollment numbers
15. Kayleen Carli – Boundary Study
16. Amy Query – Boundary Study
17. Lisa Curtis – Boundary Change
18. Lori Richardson – Boundary Change and Safety Issues
19. Rebecca Hill – Boundary Change
20. Gioconda Velez – Boundary Study
21. Michael Query – Boundary Study
22. Brianne England – Boundary Change
23. Brandi List – Boundary Change
24. Lara Miller – Boundary Change
25. Danielle Buehner – Boundary Change
26. Aubrie Cornelius – Boundary Change
27. Mary Bailey – Boundary Change
28. Lacey Haycock – Boundary Proposal
29. Elizabeth Reid – Boundary Proposal
30. Codi McConkie – Boundary Proposal
31. Michael Adams – Boundary Proposal
32. Christy Delaney – Boundary Proposal

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#### **6. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes for September 16, 2025
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of SCC exemption for Goldminer's Daughter and LSA (Life Skills Academy) for the 2025-26 school year

**MOTION:** Katie Dahle moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes for September 16, 2025; Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6D Approval of SCC exemption for Goldminer's Daughter and LSA for the 2025-26 school year. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. [Audio available on Diligent Community.](#)

#### **7. New Business**

- A. Long Range Planning Committee Update Small Capital Process – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the Facility Services process for ongoing review of buildings and sites. Items reviewed include risk/ADA, flooring, roofs, parking lots, kitchens, irrigation, sports fields, and maintenance of equipment. School Performance also obtains lists from principals on possible improvements, which includes remodels, millwork, restrooms, and storage. The budget allocates approximately \$4M - \$5M for these expenses annually. After the lists are combined and estimated costs are obtained to determine possible projects, criteria is reviewed, and then the list is reviewed by the Long-Range Planning committee and the Board of Education. Projects are typically designed and put out for bid in between January and April. If approved, construction begins when school year ends.

Information on how rotation happens for the High school stadium turf fields, high school field house turf fields, post-tensioned tennis courts, stadium tracks and baseball/softball/soccer fields, gym floors and roofs were reviewed. [Presentation available on Diligent Community.](#)

B. Long Range Planning Committee Proposal regarding school boundaries and school consolidations and closures Update– Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Regional demographics are shifting, elementary enrollments have declined and are expected to continue to decline, driven primarily by slowing birth rates and soaring housing prices. The District is studying boundaries to maintain optimal class sizes and a full menu of academic opportunities for every child to receive high quality learning. In addition, the District is seeking to maximize the use of taxpayer-funded buildings, and it becomes harder to staff classes, offer programs and sustain specialized supports when enrollment is low in a school.

The District has been subsidizing small schools to maintain staffing. Continuing to do so long-term pulls funding away from other schools, affecting class sizes, electives, and student support elsewhere. The District's funding is based on state-legislated formulas. The largest funding source is the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). For every student enrolled for 180 days in 2024-25, the District will receive \$4,674 per student from the State for the 2025-26 school year.

Facility needs for Granite Elementary and Park Lane Elementary were reviewed for traffic, transportation and walking study as well as comparison of small capital needs for each school.

The District will be providing options to maintain stability and choice for students. Special care will be taken to accommodate the school-transfer request for students impacted by boundary changes or school consolidations. Students who are currently enrolled at a school when a boundary shift takes effect may apply for a permit to stay at their school until they “age out.” These applications will be given priority consideration. Siblings of current students will also receive priority consideration in the school transfer permit process. Students on a permit at a school that is being closed will automatically be able to move to the new boundary school. In other words, their permit will move with them. All permit requests will be processed after February 6, 2026.

Future planning consideration includes Special Program placement under review by the Special Education Department, explore where to locate early childhood classrooms, review placement for ACC and EEC units to best serve families and balance enrollment. Other school rebuilds are being studied were highlighted and decisions will depend on many factors, such as construction costs, interest rates, enrollment trends, building age and condition, timing of debt replacements, taxable values of property, etc.

There are four ways to give input:

- 1) Email [communications@canyonsdistrict.org](mailto:communications@canyonsdistrict.org)
- 2) Use QR code to submit comments or questions
- 3) Attend a Board meeting
- 4) Attend a community meeting:
  - East Central Region: Wednesday, Oct 15, 6-7 p.m. at Granite Elementary
  - East Central Region: Tuesday Oct 28, 6-7 p.m. at Park Lane Elementary
  - Northeast Region: Thursday, Oct 16, 6-7 p.m. at Bella Vista Elementary



- Secondary Feeder Alignments: Thursday, Oct 30, 7-8 p.m. at Canyons Center, Canyons District Offices

[Presentation and documents available on Diligent Community.](#)

**8. Staff Comments**

- A. [Superintendent Report](#)
- B. [Business Administrator Report](#)

**9. Board Comments**

- A. [The President will recognize individual Board members for reports](#)

**10. Closing Items**

- A. Adjourn

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ATTEST

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent  
Rick Robins