



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 28, 2025, Canyons Board of Education Public Hearing.

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The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a public hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm at Park Lane Elementary, 9955 S. 2300 E., Sandy, UT 84092.

Those in attendance were:

Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Andrew Edtl, Vice President
Katie Dahle, Board Member
Jackson Lewis, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Rick Robins, Superintendent
McKay Robinson, Assistant Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

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

1. Public Open House – 6:00 p.m.

A public open house was held with information displayed for patrons to review regarding the boundary study.

2. Presentation/Patron Comments – 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed information regarding the boundary changes and school consolidation/closures. The District is studying boundaries to maintain optimal class sizes and a full menu of academic opportunities for every child. Elementary enrollments have declined and are expected to continue to decline, driven primarily by slowing birth rates and soaring housing prices.

The District's funding is based on state-legislated formulas. The largest funding sources is the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). For every student enrolled for 180 days in 2024-2025, the District will receive \$4,674 per student from the state for the 2025-2026 school year. With an estimated 659 fewer students for the 2025-2026 that equals \$3.2 million less funding for the district in 2026-27.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed where the District has been preserving funding for schools through absorbing district level administrative position, reassigning district office employees to work in the schools, delaying technology and equipment replacements to extend their use, placing a hiring freeze and prioritizing positions for employees if schools are consolidated. Canyons 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.

Combining schools makes it easier to maintain optimal class sizes and a full menu of academic opportunities for every child.

East Central Region: Granite, Park Lane, Lone Peak and Willow Canyon Elementary schools. Park Lane and Granite Elementary would be combined and one of the schools would close. A portion of Granite Elementary's southern boundary (about 40 students) would transition to Lone Peak Elementary. Proposal number one would change a portion of Granite Elementary's boundary (West of Eastdale Drive and North of 9800 S) to transition to Willow Canyon (about 50 students). A second proposal would have this area remaining with the Granite/Park Lane consolidation.

To align with middle school feeders, a portion of Granite Elementary (East of Highland Drive and North of 9800 S.) would feed into Eastmont Middle School to align with Jordan High School's boundaries. The region of Granite Elementary that is being considered for transition to Lone Peak Elementary would attend Indian Hills Middle.

The District commissioned an independent study to examine the fitness of existing facilities for increased traffic flows, and transportation needs and will be ready to present findings at an upcoming board meeting.

Preschool and Special Education units are currently under review to explore where to locate early childhood classrooms and SPED units to best serve families and balance enrollment.

School rebuilds are under study, but decisions will depend on many factors such as construction costs, interest rates, enrollments, building age and condition, debt repayments, taxable values of property, etc.

School choice permits and proposed boundary changes to accommodate the school-transfer request for students impacted by boundary changes or school consolidations were reviewed.

The following patrons commented:

1. Public Comment – Jared Herbert
2. Public Comment – Shannon Herbert
3. Public Comment – Leo Herbert
4. Public Comment – Andrew Yawn
5. Public Comment – Fisher Mannion
6. Public Comment – Sherry Hancock
7. Public Comment – Matt Griffith
8. Public Comment – Brianne England
9. Public Comment – Leanne Walker
10. Public Comment – Matt Grow
11. Public Comment – Enoch Grow
12. Public Comment – Brooke Eastham
13. Public Comment – Jessica Smith
14. Public Comment – Paige Smith
15. Public Comment – Brysen Smith
16. Public Comment – Jeannie Hill?
17. Public Comment – Cadence Cardall
18. Public Comment – Harper Williams
19. Public Comment – Emmya
20. Public Comment – Stacie Zisakis
21. Public Comment – Sarah Mannion
22. Public Comment – Jack Mannion
23. Public Comment – Tilly Mannion
24. Public Comment – Angie Simmons

25. Public Comment – Lisa Hekking
26. Public Comment – Jenny Mitchell
27. Public Comment – Jake Garfield
28. Public Comment – Sabrina Young
29. Public Comment – Jack Frazier
30. Public Comment – Emily Hansen
31. Public Comment – Nicole Ford
32. Public Comment – Amanda May
33. Public Comment – Curtis Rumiel
34. Public Comment – Lori Barr
35. Public Comment – Russell Gardner
36. Public Comment – Max Brown
37. Public Comment – Thomas Howard
38. Public Comment – Emily & Elsa Dent
39. Public Comment – Tayler Hansen
40. Public Comment – Madi Alvey
41. Public Comment – Chris Alvey
42. Public Comment – Ashley Peterson
43. Public Comment – Diane Nahleski
44. Public Comment – Rosie Meakin
45. Public Comment – Perry Harrison
46. Public Comment – Tristyn Farrington
47. Public Comment – Emma Rees
48. Public Comment – Bryce Bartel
49. Public Comment – Sarah Shore
50. Public Comment – Lisa Niederhauser
51. Public Comment – Henry Parombo
52. Public Comment – Andrew Morgan
53. Public Comment – Sterling Davis
54. Public Comment – Libby and Shelby Bartel
55. Public Comment – Joel Pack
56. Public Comment – Jeanette Knight
57. Public Comment – Johanna Williams
58. Public Comment – Carlos Orellara
59. Public Comment – Catlin Garrison
60. Public Comment – Eleanor Neve
61. Public Comment – Bret Williams
62. Public Comment – Jilian Jenkins
63. Public Comment – Monica Calmes
64. Public Comment – Taylor Hekking
65. Public Comment – Nash Jenson
66. Public Comment – Morgan Hekking
67. Public Comment – Karissa Gardner
68. Public Comment – Kathy Bearmann
69. Public Comment – Kinley Garfield
70. Public Comment – Tara Gee
71. Public Comment – Jackie Parristt
72. Public Comment – Lane Vamianakis
73. Public Comment – Heidi Ballou
74. Public Comment – Sean Newbold
75. Public Comment – Diane Long
76. Public Comment – Giaconda Velez
77. Public Comment – Taylor Berhow
78. Public Comment – Jacob Shamy
79. Public Comment – Julie Greenfield
80. Public Comment – Michelle Schmidt

The presentation is available on [Diligent Community](#).

3. Closing Items

A. Adjourn 9:30 pm

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Amber Shill Board President

Rick Robins Superintendent