



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the November 11, 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, November 11, 2025, beginning at 4:30 pm at 9361 S 300 E, Sandy, UT 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, 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
McKay Robinson, Assistant 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 deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems

MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. *A vote was taken. 5 Yea (Mr. Jackson, Ms. Shill, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Pedersen) 2 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur) and (Ms. Oaks joined after the roll call vote) The motion carries.

*Persons in Attendance: All Board Members and Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Daniel Harper - Legal Counsel, Charlie Evans - Director of External Relations, McKay Robinson - Assistant Superintendent and Jeff Haney – Director of Communication, Susan Edwards – Public Engagement Coordinator.

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2. Study Session – 5:00 pm

- A. K-12 Math Curriculum Adoption Proposal – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of ISD

The District-wide Primary Curriculum Materials are selected by a District Curriculum Committee and approved by the Board of Education. The District Curriculum Committee, under the direction

of the Director of Instructional Supports, follow the Districtwide Primary Curriculum materials adoption procedures. Dr. Roderick-Landward reviewed the instructional materials selection criteria and the rationale for adoption. Utah Core Math Standards have been revised building urgency in the math community to focus on evidence-based math instruction. The Reveal math program would also provide rigorous, meaningful tasks that build reasoning, fluency and confidence. The program is designed to provide real-time feedback, guide discussions, connect student thinking, build mastery and deeper applications. She highlighted key difference from the current program and envision math as well as the anticipated challenges from implementing a new curriculum. Presentation and document available on [Diligent Community](#).

B. Annual Board Indicator Report – Dr. Hal Sanderson, Director of Research and Assessment

Dr. Hal Sanderson provided a review of indicators and goals for early learning, English Language Arts Rise (New Baseline for 2025), Mathematics RISE, Science RISE, Attendance, Secondary Letter Grades, Graduation rate and college readiness based upon the 11th grade ACT. Information regarding chronic absenteeism, F-grades, volunteers, school community councils, website interaction, senior and parent surveys were provided. Canyons continues to maintain 100% audit compliance and a AAA Moody's rating. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#).

3. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

4. **Opening Items**

Ms. Neibaur joined the meeting

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for November 11, 2025

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve the agenda for November 11, 2025. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. 6 Yea (Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Pedersen) 1 Not Present (Ms. Oaks) The motion carries.

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Sunrise Elementary, Principal Angela Wilkinson
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- D. School Highlights – Sunrise Elementary, Principal Angela Wilkinson
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5. **Canyons Strong Student Recognitions** – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following students were recognized:

- Jordan High Naval Cadet Corps – presented colors throughout the District for Veterans Day
- An Honor Wall was created, at the District Office, for the women and men in Canyons schools and departments who have served or are serving in a branch of the U.S. military.
- Cash Butler, a student at Diamond Ridge, performed a guitar solo in honor of Veterans during Board meeting.
- Turkey Tournay Middle School Debate contest, 42 students tested their skills in four debate categories and will be representing respective schools at the state competition. The advancing students are from Albion, Butler, Draper Park, Eastmont and Indian Hills Middle schools.
- Marching Bands - Alta, Hillcrest and Brighton marching bands competed at the St. George, Red Rocks State Marching Band Competition. Alta High received third overall in their state division. Brighton won fifth in their division. Hillcrest took seventh in their division.

- State Cross Country - Aiden Neal, Alta finished fourth. Bridget Smit earned second place. Boys Cross Country - Alta boys finished eighth, Brighton eighteenth and Hillcrest twenty-second. Girls Cross Country – Brighton eleventh, Alta fourteenth and Hillcrest seventeenth. Jordan is in the top fifteen in the nation and the boys finished twelfth and girls thirteenth at State. The Jordan boys team won the 4A region championship
- Brighton and Corner Canyon will be playing in the semi-finals for football this week.

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6. New Business Part A

A. Long Range Planning Committee Proposal regarding School Boundaries and School Consolidations and Closures Update (Second Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The statewide public and charter K-12 enrollment dropped by 11,478 students in 2025-26. This follows a multi-year trend. Enrollment in 2023-2024 was at 673,773 students and is projected to drop by 4.4% in 2026-2027 to 643,673 students. Though enrollment declines in Canyons District haven't been as sharp as in other large urban school districts, they have been significant, and are predicted to continue for some time, mirroring the statewide trend. Statewide enrollment declines are most pronounced at the elementary level. Mirroring the statewide trend, enrollment declines in Canyons have been the steepest in grades K-5. Some of the key takeaways from the public hearings included desire to keep communities together and provide stability and continuity for special education units, understanding that hard decisions must be made to balance enrollments, and calls to consider combining Park Lane with Willow Canyon and Granite with Quail Hollow with Brookwood to preserve the existing feeder patterns.

The following are considered for a second reading with possible action at the December 2, 2025, Board Meeting:

Northeast Region: Bella Vista, Ridgecrest and East Midvale Elementary Schools. The westernmost portion of Ridgecrest boundary (west of 1300 E.) would shift to East Midvale Elementary to align with Midvale Middle boundaries. Bella Vista Elementary would be closed and combined with the rest of Ridgecrest Elementary in the Ridgecrest building. Benefits of this proposal provides enrollment sustainability, supports grade-level staffing and teaming, supports, choice of classes and access to academic programs, the schools are 0.9 mile apart and preserves the Butler Middle /Brighton feeder pattern. The considerations include accommodating students at Ridgecrest Elementary without portables, Ridgecrest's Elementary combined enrollment is projected to be about 600 students, East Midvale's combined enrollment is estimated at 540 students and Bella Vista Elementary students bused to Ridgecrest and Ridgecrest student bused to East Midvale. Long-term placement for Bella Vista Elementary's preschool and ABS is currently under review.

Brookwood, Elementary and Oakdale Elementary to Albion Middle: All of Brookwood Elementary students would attend Albion Middle. Twenty Oakdale students residing east of Highland would attend Albion.

Glacier Hills Elementary and East Sandy Elementary: Twenty students in Glacier Hills boundary would transition to East Sandy Elementary to align with Union Middle boundary.

Brighton and Hillcrest adjustments: Oakdale Elementary would have two feeders (Oakdale>Albion>Brighton) and (Oakdale>Union>Hillcrest). Proposal to have Silver Mesa Elementary feed into Hillcrest will require additional study.

The following are considered for a first reading for the East Central Region:

East Central Region: Granite, Park Lane, Quail Hollow, Willow Canyon and Lone Peak elementary schools would continue operating with the existing boundaries for the 2026-2027

school year, providing additional time to study two new proposals derived from feedback from families and employees. This proposal would be for the 2027-2028 school year, be open for public input immediately (90-day notice, effective Nov 11, 2025), vetted at public hearings in January/February 2026. The proposal is aimed at keeping communities and feeder pathways together, strengthening enrollment and preserving access to academic opportunities and optimizing class sizes, as well as use of taxpayer-funded schools.

Proposal A: A portion of Granite Elementary's southern boundary (about 40 students) would transition to Lone Peak Elementary. The remainder of Granite would consolidate with Quail Hollow Elementary in the Quail Hollow building. Estimated combined enrollment would be 555 students (515 Gen Ed and 40 EEC). Granite's EEC would stay with the community feeder. Benefits include keeping school communities together, combines two under-capacity schools into one with strong, sustainable enrollment. Preserves Albion/Brighton feeder pattern, supports full grade-level staffing and teaming. Future considerations include that Quail Hollow has the capacity to accommodate Granite without portables, 23 classrooms for Gen Ed and 3 for EEC. The estimated average class size would be 22 students, and the three preschool classes and ABS unit would need to relocate. The traffic flows, parking, busing and walking routes will need additional review.

Proposal B: Combine Park Lane with Willow Canyon at the Willow Canyon building. The estimated combined enrollment would be 580 students (535 Gen Ed and 45 ACC). Park Lane's ACC would stay with the community feeder. This will preserve the Eastmont/Jordan feeder pattern, provide a safe site design for separate bus and patron drop-off/pick up areas and an estimated 100 Park Lane students could still walk to school. Future considerations include accommodating Park Lane students without the need for portables, 23 classrooms for Gen Ed and 3 ACC classrooms for students. Estimated average class size is 23. Willow Canyon's two preschools would need to relocate. The traffic flows, parking, busing and walking routes will need additional review.

East Central and South Region: Mr. Wilcox reviewed additional secondary alignments that are currently under review. The District will continue to identify ways to strengthen the feeder systems, monitor enrollment trends, update Facility Condition Index (FCI) scores and support stability for Special Education units. A proposal for Silver Mesa Elementary to Union Middle and Sprucewood to Indian Hills Middle are currently being reviewed.

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7. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

1. Amber Sposeto – Consolidation
2. Ryan Scully – Consolidation
3. Tyler Robinson – Consolidation
4. Aubrey Evans – Consolidation
5. Kim Adams – Consolidation
6. Juliana Jackson – Consolidation
7. Kinlee Garfield – Consolidation
8. Sarah Shore – Consolidation

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8. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for October 15, 2025, Public Hearing @ Granite Elementary
- B. Approval of Minutes for October 16, 2025, Public Hearing @ Bella Vista Elementary
- C. Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2025
- D. Approval of Minutes for October 28, 2025, Public Hearing @ Park Lane Elementary
- E. Approval of Minutes for October 30, 2025, Public Hearing @ District Office
- F. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports

- G. Approval of October Financial Reports
- H. Approval of Land Trust/TSSP Amendment for Brookwood Elementary

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 8A Approval of Minutes for October 15, 2025; Item 8B Approval of Minutes for October 16, 2025; Item 8C Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2025; Item 8D Approval of Minutes for October 28, 2025; Item 8E Approval of Minutes for October 30, 2025; Item 8F Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 8G Approval of October Financial Reports; Item 8H Approval of Land Trust/TSSP Amendment for Brookwood Elementary. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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9. New Business

- A. Proposed calendars for 2026-2027 school calendar and tentative approval for 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school calendars (Second Reading) – Steve Dimond, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Dimond reviewed the three variances from the first reading for the proposed calendars. Attendance before or after a no student day shows a decline of approximately 1%. No changes have been made since the first reading on the proposed calendars. A survey is being proposed to get feedback on changes to the A/B day schedule, end of first semester and scheduling of Professional Development. The calendar committee guidelines also need to be revised and approved. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#).

- B. Policy Update: Personal Polices 400.1–Employee Conduct and Professionalism, 400.04–Criminal Background Checks, 400.05–Employee Health and Information, 400.06–Hiring Personnel, 400.07–Substitute Staff Employment, 400.08–Technology Resources: network Acceptable Use (Employees), 400.13–Professional Development, 400.29–Jury Duty, New Policy: 400.17–SHINE (Salary Supplement for highly Needed Educators)(Second Reading, Possible Action) and Policy 500.34–Immunization of Students (Second Reading, Possible Action)- Jeffrey Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

There have been 31 policies (Board, Financial and General) reviewed by the Policy Committee and approved by the Board during the last two years. Mr. Christensen highlighted information for proposed policies that were reviewed in detail at the first reading.

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to adopt Personal Polices 400.1–Employee Conduct and Professionalism, 400.04–Criminal Background Checks, 400.05–Employee Health and Information, 400.06–Hiring Personnel, 400.07–Substitute Staff Employment, 400.08–Technology Resources: network Acceptable Use (Employees), 400.13–Professional Development, 400.29–Jury Duty, New Policy: 400.17–SHINE (Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators) and Policy 500.34–Immunization of Students. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

10. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report
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- B. Business Administrator Report
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11. Board Comments

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

- A. Adjourn Time 9:30 pm

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ATTEST

Amber Shill Board President

Rick Robins Superintendent