



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the December 16, 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, December 16, 2025, beginning at 6:00 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
Rick Robins, Superintendent
McKay Robinson, Assistant Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Daniel Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Karen Pedersen, Board Member

1. Closed Session – 5:30 pm

- A. For the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual

MOTION: Jackson Lewis moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. *A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously. (Ms. Neibaur joined electronically)

*Persons in Attendance: All Board Members and Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Daniel Harper – General Counsel, Charlie Evans - Director of External Relations, McKay Robinson - Assistant Superintendent.

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2. Study Session – 5:45 pm

- A. Entrada logo and mascot update – Mark Mataya, Adult Education Program Manager, Entrada High School

Entrada is an adult high school, and establishing a mascot is one of the small things that help build togetherness for students and staff. The new mascot will be “Navigators”, and the logo

reflects this in a directional compass. This will serve as a symbol of charting a new course in life, overcoming obstacles and moving forward with purpose and resilience.
Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

B. Canyons Innovation Center Update – Reid Newey, Director of Canyons Innovation Center

Mr. Newey reviewed the building timeline, campus footprint, ground and second floor for main building, and trades building. New programs are being developed for Business/Entrepreneurship, Integrated Media/Media Arts, Information Technology, Emergency Services, Medical Services, Skilled Trades, Engineering, Manufacturing, Aviation and Hospitality. The application process for the Catalyst Grant is now completed, and the District will receive results by mid-January 2026. Mr. Sam Soter will be joining the team as the Business Development Specialist. The total bid for the Trades Building is estimated to cost \$14,426,000. The value for the 35,000 square-foot building (\$412.17 per square foot) and construction will begin in January. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

C. Proposed 2026 Small Capital Projects – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Moved this agenda item to Business Agenda Item 7A

3. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

4. **Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for December 16, 2025

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve the agenda for Board meeting December 16, 2025, except for moving Study Session 2C Proposed 2026 Small Capital Projects to New Business Agenda Item 7A. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. The motion carries.

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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Alta View Elementary, Principal Scott Jameson

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D. School Highlights – Alta View Elementary, Principal Scott Jameson

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5. **Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- Principal Elcena Saline – CAESP President
- Jared Herbert – Boundary Study
- PJ Mannion – Boundary Study
- Jake Garfield – Boundary Study

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6. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes for December 2, 2025
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of November Financial Reports
- E. Approval of Federal Single Audit and State Compliance Audit Reports
- F. Approval of Entrada logo and mascot
- G. Approval of Land Trust/TSSP for Altara Elementary
- H. Approval of Land Trust/TSSP for Copperview Elementary
- I. Approval of Administrative Appointments

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes for December 2, 2025; Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6D

Approval of November Financial Reports; Item 6E Approval of Federal Single Audit and State Compliance Audit Reports; Item 6F Approval of Entrada logo and mascot; Item 6E Approval of Land Trust/TSSP Amendment for Altara Elementary; Item 6G Approval of Land Trust/TSSP Amendment for Copperview Elementary; Item 6I Approval of Administrative Appointments. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Documents and audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

Consent Agenda Item C Purchasing Bids was excluded from the motion for discussion about the Purchasing bid for the Canyons Innovation Center

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 6C Approval of Purchasing Bids. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. A vote was taken. 4 Yea (Mr. Lewis, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks and Ms. Dahle) 2 Nay (Mr. Edtl, Ms. Neibaur) The motion carries. Documents and audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

7. New Business

A. Proposed 2026 Small Capital Projects – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The District is investing in high-priority, small-capital needs using a pay-as-you-go model funding projects only when dollars are available. This protects the District from long-term debt while allowing the District to address critical safety, technology, and facilities upgrades. Mr. Wilcox reviewed proposed projects for the Jordan baseball field, Midvale Middle, Union Middle, Albion Middle, Copperview Elementary, Oak Hollow Elementary, Canyon View Elementary, Alta High, Oakdale and seven elementary schools that need classroom door locks. The total amount for these projects is approximately \$5,000,000. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

B. Long Range Planning Committee Update – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The Long Range Planning Committee recommended pausing the two elementary proposals to recalibrate the boundary study and pursue a districtwide, future-focused approach. The board discussed this proposal and other possible actions but did not make a decision. The board will vote at a future meeting whether to pause or move forward with the two proposals.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the transition planning guiding principals and process for Bella Vista and Ridgecrest community unification.

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C. K-12 Math Curriculum Adoption Proposal (Second Reading) – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of ISD

The proposal is for a districtwide primary math curriculum material for Elementary (Amplify Desmos Math, Amplify Education), Middle (Reveal Math 2025, McGraw Hill) and High schools (Reveal Math 2025, McGraw Hill). Utah Core Math Standards are intentionally designed to support and strengthen STEM learning through inquiry and mathematical modeling.

USBE Board is considering switching, for the High school mathematics pathway, to the traditional model (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2 (AGA)) or letting districts choose between Integrated or AGA. A decision is expected to be made in January, 2026. Dr. Roderick-Landward reviewed clarifying information about the Traditional pathway and provided a pathway comparison.

The estimated cost for the elementary level Amplify Desmos for the first year would be \$717,600 and annually \$417,600. The Middle School Reveal Math is estimated to be \$170,200 annually and High School Reveal Math is estimated to be \$232,400 annually. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

D. Artificial Intelligence Report – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of ISD

The District Artificial Intelligence (AI) Team was formed early on and has made it possible for Canyons to integrate creating the opportunities to lead out in the state and nationally. CSD has served as a model district for how to roll out AI safely and with support as a result, research requests have been received from Stanford, Duke and other organizations.

The initial AI implementation was built on foundational training, resource development and AI consultancy. Pilot schools were selected to implement Magic school on location and co-teaching and PLCS were observed or taught with teachers at all levels.

According to Magic AI, the District usage is double that of other school districts nationally compared with districts of the same size. The District is now using AI to help educators navigate the CTESS Teacher Evaluation System; it is helping teachers design grade-level lessons for multilingual learners; it is utilizing a writing analysis chatbot which rapidly evaluates a student's writing trends; and a chatbot support secondary CER based on the district CER rubric.

The future of AI in the classroom includes an AI infused educator and learner alignment, K-12 vertical alignment, literacy lesson and innovation center standards. Presentation and documents available on [Diligent Community](#)

8. Staff Comments

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

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

- A. Adjourn 10:15 pm

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ATTEST

Amber Shill Board President

Rick Robins Superintendent

