



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the January 20, 2026, Canyons Board of Education meeting.

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The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a board meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, beginning at 4:30 pm at 9361 S 300 E, Sandy, UT 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, 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
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 the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual

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

*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 – 5:00 pm

- A. 2026 Legislative Update - Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations; and Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

The 2026 General Session of the Utah State Legislature opened today. Mr. Evans and Ms. Edwards answered questions from the Board of Education on potential bills that are related to education for the upcoming session. The CSD bill tracker will be emailed to Board members and

new bills will be highlighted each day. USBA Day On The Hill is schedule for January 30, 2026. Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

B. 2026 Board of Education Graduation Assignments – Dr. McKay Robinson, Assistant Superintendent

The Board of Education discussed speaking and attendance assignments for the 2026 graduation commencements. Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

C. Bella Vista and Ridgecrest consolidation update – Sally Sansom and Alice Meridith, Directors of Elementary Principals

The transition advisory team has helped provided a variety of viewpoints as they discuss creating a smooth, supportive and well-communicated transition for the students, families and staff who are impacted by school closures and boundary changes for the 2026-2027 school year. Transition team goals include advising on events that involve both communities, understanding the process and timeline of creating/electing SCC and PTA committees and providing support for students and families academically, socially and emotionally. Timelines were presented for licensed staff and ESP staff. The first transition meeting discussed open house dates, branding ideas and upcoming events. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

3. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

4. Opening Items

A. Welcome
B. Approve Agenda for January 20, 2026

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve the agenda for January 20, 2026, with the amendment adding Item G Approval of Administrative Appointments to the Consent Agenda. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Indian Hills Middle, Principal Shelly Karren
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D. School Highlights – Indian Hills Middle, Principal Shelly Karren
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5. Canyons Strong Student Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following student and staff recognitions were presented:

- Corner Canyon Football National Championship Game at the Under Armor Stadium in Baltimore Maryland
- Weber State picked Corner Canyon Coach Kjar as their new head football coach
- Corner Canyon announces new Head Coach Casey Sutera who will be moving from the Brighton High football program
- Sunrise Elementary hosted Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson as her staff toured elementary schools regarding literacy
- Brighton High Color Guard, Sadie Andersen, performed at the Rose Parade
- Corner Canyon freshman, Avi Gurjar, won first place for his division at the State Archery competition.
- Payroll Department transition to Qmaltiv

- IT Department, Sharon Simmons, transition and training employees on Qmaltiv
- IT Director Scot McCombs and his team: Thomas Bailey, Kristine Kartchner and Jeff Murry for development of the technology filtering system and implementation of the three-strikes process.
- Corner Canyon Cheer Coach, Whitney Lunt – 6A Coach of the Year

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6. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Elcena Saline, CAESP – Expressed gratitude
- Jake Garfield – Boundary Study
- Lisa Curtis – Bella Vista

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7. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes for December 16, 2025
- Approval of Minutes for January 6, 2026
- Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- Approval of Purchasing Bids
- Approval of December Financial Reports
- Approval of LEA Specific Licenses and Endorsements
- Approval of Administrative Appointment

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes for December 16, 2025; Item 7B Approval of Minutes for January 6, 2026; Item 7C Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7D Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7E Approval of December Financial Reports; Item 7F Approval of LEA Specific Licenses and Endorsements and Item 7G Approval of Administrative Appointment. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Documents and audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

8. New Business

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

The Districtwide primary curriculum materials proposal is for Amplify Desmos Math for Elementary Math and Reveal Math 2025 for secondary curriculum. The materials include print and digital resources for educator and student use. CSD's best practice for technology integration in the classroom has been focused on intentional use for years. Examples of instructional block time were reviewed to show how much time is recommended for digital lessons. Digital resources in both curriculums are completely optional. USBE is conducting a survey to solicit feedback from teachers and is expected to decide on a high school pathway in February regarding integrated, traditional or district choice. USBE board is expected to decide on K-12 standards in March. Estimated costs were presented for each curriculum workbook and digital licenses.

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve K-12 Math Curriculum Adoption Proposal. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Update – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of ISD

The declining enrollment in the District is impacting enrollment in DLI programs at Lone Peak, Oak Hollow and Silver Mesa elementary schools. The District continues to supplement FTE to maintain all DLI programs. The solution presented would reduce the DLI student cap at these three DLI schools and transition to a one-class cohort with incoming first graders starting in the 2026-2027 school year. Next steps include notification of lottery results starting on January 23rd, working with schools to address questions from staff and community, and planning for long-term implementation. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

C. Long Range Planning Committee Update (Possible Action) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Small Capital projects proposed, in addition to those discussed at the December 16 Board meeting, include Ridgecrest Elementary carpet, Alta High foods room and elementary school interior door locks. The combined total budget will increase to \$5.35M.

Proposal A: The Board make and approve a motion to initiate the notification required under Utah Code Section 53G-4-402(24) and provide notice that the Board is considering the closure of Granite Elementary School, starting in the 2027-2028 school year, to parents of students enrolled in the school, parents of students enrolled in other schools within the District that may be affected by the closure, in particular that one current section of Granite be boundaryed into Quail Hollow Elementary School and another section be boundaryed into Lone Peak Elementary School, and the governing council and mayor of Sandy, as well as the required public comment and date, time and location of the public hearing.

This proposal would keep school communities together, combines two under capacity schools into one with sustainable enrollment, preserves Albion/Brighton feeder pattern, supports full grade-level staffing and teaming, central location with convenient access, and Quail Hollow and Lone Peak have better FCI scores. Future considerations include Quail Hollow has capacity to accommodate Granite without the need for portables, estimated average class size 22 students, Quail Hollow's three preschool classes and ABS unit would need to relocate, analyze start/end times, traffic flows, parking, busing and walking routes. A new 90-day notification process will now begin.

Proposal B: The Board make and approve a motion to initiate the notification required under Utah Code Section 53G-4-402(24) and provide notice that the Board is considering the closure of Park Lane Elementary School, starting in the 2027-2028 school year, to parents of students enrolled in the school, parents of students enrolled in other schools within the District that may be affected by the closure, in particular that Willow Canyon Elementary School's boundaries be changed to include the current boundaries of Park Lane Elementary School, and the governing council and mayor of Sandy, as well as required public comment and public hearing.

This proposal keeps school communities together, combines two under-capacity schools into one with strong sustainable enrollment, preserves the Eastmont/Jordan feeder pattern, safe site design for separate bus and patron drop-off/pick up areas, and an estimated 100 Park Lane students could still walk. Future considerations include Willow Canyon has capacity to accommodate Park Lane student without the need for portables, estimated class size 23 students, Willow Canyon's two preschools would need to relocate and analyze start/end times, traffic flows, parking, busing and walking routes. A new 90-day notification process will now begin.

A timeline for these two proposals was reviewed. The Long-Range Planning Committee will continue to study enrollment trends, and the health of school feeder patterns throughout the District

MOTION #1: Andrew Edtl moved to approve initiating the notification required under Utah Code Section 53G-4-402(24) and provide notice that the Board is considering the closure of Granite Elementary School, starting in the 2027-2028 school year, to parents of students enrolled in the school, parents of students enrolled in other schools within the District that may be affected by the closure, in particular that one current section of Granite Elementary School be boundaried into Quail Hollow Elementary School and another section be boundaried into Lone Peak Elementary School, and the governing council and Mayor of Sandy, as well as the required public comment and date, time and location of the public hearing. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. Yea:6 (Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Pedersen) Nay:1 (Ms. Neibaur) The motion carries.

There was discussion to the motion.

MOTION #2: Katie Dahle moved to approve initiating the notification required under Utah code Section 53G-4-402(24) and provide notice that the Board is considering the closure of Park Lane Elementary school, starting in the 2027-2028 school year, to parents of students enrolled in the school, parents of students enrolled in other schools within the District that may be affected by the closure, in particular the Willow Canyon Elementary School's boundaries be changed to include the current boundaries of Park Lane Elementary school, and the governing council and Mayor of Sandy, as well as the required public comment and public hearing. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. Yea: 4 (Ms. Pedersen, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Shill) Nay: 3 (Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edtl) The motion carries.

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9. Staff Comments

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

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

- A. Adjourn 10:10pm

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ATTEST

Board President

Amber Shill

Superintendent

Rick Robins