



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the February 17, 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, February 17, 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
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
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Daniel Harper, General Counsel

1. Closed Session – 4:30 pm

- A. For the purpose of discussing collective bargaining
- B. For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property

MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. *A vote was taken. 5 Yea (Ms. Dahle, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Pedersen) 2 Not Present (Ms. Oaks joined after the roll call vote and Ms. Neibaur did not join) The motion carries.

*Persons in Attendance: All Board Members except Ms. Neibaur, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, McKay Robinson - Assistant Superintendent and Steve Dimond – Director of Human Resources. Audio available on [Diligent Community](https://canyonsdistrict.community.highbond.com/Portal/)

2. Study Session – 5:30 pm

- A. Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: High Quality Learning – Mindy Robison, Director of Middle School Principals

Ms. Robison reviewed areas of focus for the core reason for education, student learning. The focus is on the whole child and ways that the District can create schools as a place of

innovation, learning, growth, connection and collaboration. Portrait of a Canyons Scholar is one of those ways students can demonstrate mastery, autonomy and purpose. Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) are the primary driver of instructional improvement, consistency, and student outcomes. Teachers are allocated time in the workday to focus on student learning, instructional practices, and collaboration of professional and collective efficacy. Professional Learning is provided to educators through access to job-embedded and personalized professional learning. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

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

Mr. Evans updated the Board of Education on bills that are related to education. Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

Ms. Neibaur joined in person

- C. Canyons Innovation Center (CIC) branding and update – Reid Newey, Director of CIC and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

Ms. Stewart reviewed the branding timeline and input that has been gathered from stakeholders, industry focus groups, and students. The logo for CIC was presented and the reasoning behind the vision of the logo, symbolism and versatility. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

3. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
B. Approve Agenda for February 17, 2026

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve the agenda for February 17, 2026. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Diamond Ridge High – Principal Amy Boettger
Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

- D. School Highlights – Diamond Ridge High – Principal Amy Boettger
Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

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

The following students and employees were recognized:

- Corner Canyon Charellles – 4th place in 6A Drill team State Championship, featured in New York Times
- Hillcrest – 4th place in 5A Drill team State Championship
- Brighton new head football, Coach Josh Montzingo
- Corner Canyon Cheer – silver medalist in the Varsity and game day categories at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship in Florida
- Canyon's Youth Symphony and Canyon's Symphony Orchestra performance at Abravanel Hall
- Eastmont Middle Chess Team won the title at the Canyons District Intramurals chess tournament. Mt Jordan Middle finished 2nd and Midvale Middle finished 3rd. Eastmont Middle's Taylor Hansen coordinated the Middle School Intramural program

- Girls Wrestling – Hillcrest’s Eva Zimmerman claimed her fourth consecutive state title. Hillcrest girls wrestling team earned another state 5A tournament. Carline Pastrana and Katie Zimmerman won second consecutive individual titles and Casandra Pastrana won in her class
- Boys Wrestling – Hillcrest’s Moroni Mahe repeated as a state 5A wrestling champion. Also in the champions circle was Alta’s Dane King. In 6A the Corner Canyon Chargers had four state champs: Blake Mauch, Tanner Telford, Clarion Fager, and Piper Eller.
- High School Musicals
 - Alta High Theatre is performing “The Play That Goes Wrong” Feb. 18-21.
 - Brighton theater students will stage their annual showcase of pieces they’re preparing for state competition. The showcase will be March 5-7.
 - Corner Canyon High’s production of “Fortress: A One-Act Play” will be March 4-5. After “Fortress,” Corner Canyon theater will showcase the other individual events they will take to the UHSAA drama competition.
 - Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical masterpiece — “Phantom of the Opera” — arrives at Hillcrest on Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 23.
 - Jordan High School will stage a student-written interactive show based on “A Day Well Spent.” The Beetdiggers’ production will be Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 23. The 7 p.m. shows will be performed in the Tech Atrium due to auditorium renovations.
- Jersey Retirement Event for the Chargers now on NFL Teams: Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Honoring New York Giant – Jaxson Dart, Las Vegas Raider Jackson Powers-Johnson, and Miami Dolphin Zach Wilson

The Canyons Board of Education honors Janet Goble’s dedication to the Canyons School. District. We express our sincere condolences to Janet’ family, friends, and colleagues in schools across the district and the state. For the official record of tonight’s meeting, we provide this statement about Janet and her contributions as a founding administrator of Canyons District: “Year after year, since the first days of our district, Janet was at the forefront of making sure job-readiness remained a foundational element of Canyon’s mission and vision. Through her illness, Janet showed us all what grace and courage truly look like. Her memory will live on in the countless Canyons students who will graduate high school ready to succeed in the workplace, become leaders in their industries and communities, and strengthen the economic foundation of the state.”
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6. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

1. Zhu Heitman – Lone Peak DLI
2. James Hulme – DLI Program
3. Lisa Niederhauser – Boundary Study
4. Chase Farrington – Boundary Study
5. Emily Hansen – Park Lane
6. Amanda May – Park Lane
7. Heather O’Kane – Boundary Study
8. Kathryn Torello – Boundary Study
9. Nai Kanell – Lone Peak DLI
10. Elizabeth Flamm – High Quality Learning
11. Laura Anderson – Willow Canyon
12. Analisa Edmonds – Willow Canyon
13. Lane Vamianakis – Willow Canyon

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7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for February 3, 2026
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of January Financial Reports

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes for February 3, 2026; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7D Approval of January Financial Reports. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Documents and audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

8. New Business

A. 2026-2027 Fee Schedule (Second Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox highlighted new information since the last meeting. The Public Education Appropriations has requested the \$17.8M be reinstated and not required for the District to repay. The mock-trial fee has been added and is the same amount as debate. As of February 13, 2026, the House committee has not met to discuss HB121 regarding charging a class fee for science classes. HB142 allowing a fee waiver for second school trip did pass the House 73-0-2 and is now waiting a Senate Committee. The District will seek additional feedback from parents before the final reading on March 3, 2026. Document and presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

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

Canyons School District is invested in stabilizing enrollment and strengthening schools through addressing enrollment issues, feeder health and reinvesting in aging elementary schools. CSD is facing long-term enrollment declines driven by demographic shifts. The District's responsibility is to protect strong K-12 feeder systems, preserve student opportunities, reinvest in aging elementary schools and be responsive to the communities served.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the number of students who reside in the District but attend Charter Schools.

The revised recommendations reflect months of review and input from employees, families and the community. The District has responded to community feedback by keeping feeders intact, avoiding splitting committees, strengthening Jordan feeder and addressing aging K-5 schools. The committee is examining possible boundary changes to support Eastmont Middle. The Long-Range Planning committee provided recommendation for phased school rebuilds.

The District is continuing to study districtwide enrollment trends, and the health of school feeder systems. Public Hearings are scheduled for Granite Elementary on March 10, 2026, at 6pm, and Park Lane Elementary on March 19, 2026, at 6pm. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

9. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

B. Business Administrator Report Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

10. Board Comments

A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

11. Closing Items

A. Adjourn 9:25pm

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ATTEST

Amber Shill Board President

Rick Robins Superintendent