CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 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, October 20, 2026, beginning at 5:00 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
Holly Neibaur Hayes, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Jackson Lewis, Board Member
McKay Robinson, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

1. **Study Session – 5:00 pm**
   A. Early Literacy Update – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director ISD

      Dr. Roderick-Landward reviewed the key components of SB241 covering the new requirements. Canyons has pioneered many of the requirements for early literacy and, in some cases, exceeds the requirements; as a result, not a lot of change has been needed to be applied to current practice. Canyons Individualized Reading Plan (IRP) expectations include K-5 students and emphasizes school/family partnership, defines roles for support, monitoring, communication and a family IRP vocabulary guide. The individualized reading plan process includes an assessment, development, meeting and implementing with students, parents and teachers. Implementation highlights include resources for teacher and families, revised intervention protocol, paraprofessional training, monthly professional learning for principals, professional learning for teachers, and school inventory interviews.
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      Amanda Oaks left the meeting

B. Annual Nutrition Services Report – Sebasthian Varas, Director of Nutrition Services

Mr. Varas reviewed the Nutrition Services organizational chart and indicated that the department is fully staffed. The National School Lunch Program and The National School Breakfast Program require school lunches meet meal pattern and nutrition standards based on the latest Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The current meal pattern increases the availability of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains in the school menu.

The National School Breakfast Program provides students with nutritious food choices before their day begins to improve their diets and encourage the learning process. State legislation (HB222) mandates breakfast alternative models for schools with over 30% free and reduced eligibility. Breakfast in the classroom is currently provided at East Midvale, Midvalley, Copperview, and Sandy. Second chance breakfasts are served at 9 elementary schools and 3 high schools.

Pursuant to HB 100, students who qualify for reduced priced meals, maybe through a grant system, are provided lunch at no cost, and HB402 introduced restrictions on food additives in Utah public schools beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Canyons continues to provide the Seamless Summer Program, despite a decline in participation; the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program; and the Alternate Breakfast Meal Service Program in qualifying schools.

The Canyons Café provides breakfast and lunch for employees or patrons at the District, and a catering program provides meals for trainings or meetings held at the District Office.

Nutrition Education Services continue to provide nutrition education throughout CSD schools by having registered dietitians in the classroom, planning promotions for school cafeterias, and developing tools for distributing nutrition education in the school community. This year's motto is "School Meals Arrgh A Treasure."

The free and reduced lunch percentages have changed from the 2024-2025 school year from 26.17% free and 4.00% reduced, to a decrease of 22.57% free and an increase to 5.37% reduced for the 2025-2026 school year, and then an increase of 23.42% free and decrease of 4.5% reduced for the 2026-2027 school year. There are concerns about federal legislation changing thresholds that may potentially eliminate Canyon schools from qualifying for free and reduced status.

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option that allows schools to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Qualifying schools in CSD include Copperview, Midvale, East Midvale, Midvalley, Sandy and Midvale Middle schools.

Nutrition Services provides meals to CSD daycare at Corner Canyon, Jordan and Brighton.

The District is experiencing an increase in school meal program debt, which means at the end of the year more families are not paying their school lunch bill. Donations to help offset the negative meal accounts include donations from private donors.

The Nutrition Services Department has been fiscally responsible in managing expenses, which has led to a positive Nutrition Services fund balance equivalent to 5 months. Federal rule allows the District to have a positive funds balance equivalent to 3 operating months. To utilize the funds, a written plan will be designed to include improving services for meal programs, large

equipment renovations for kitchens and improving labor conditions such as wages, benefits, uniforms, etc. Presentation available on Diligent Community

C. Update on Teacher Allocation (FTE) – Mindy Robison, Assistant Superintendent and Tiffany Midgley, Director of Human Resources

Amanda Oaks rejoined the meeting electronically

Teacher allocation is based on a collaborative approach focused on fiscal responsibility. The District uses an iterative, data-driven process for distributing Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) allocations to schools based on projections, current student enrollment, and specific needs. Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent, School Performance, Information Technology, and the Chief Financial Officer collaborate to regularly review enrollment and staffing data, engage with schools to understand their needs, and make informed allocation decisions together.

A teacher allocation timeline was presented and reviewed with details of what it looks like throughout the entire year. The obligatory transfer process policy was reviewed in detail. Presentation available on Diligent Community

2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
Amanda Oaks joined the meeting in person

3. Opening Items
A. Welcome
B. Approve Agenda for October 20, 2026

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the agenda for October 20, 2026. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Life Skills Academy Principal Stacey Nofsinger
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D. School Highlights – Life Skills Academy, Principal Stacey Nofsinger
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4. Canyons Strong Employee Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

- 49th Annual National High School Shakespeare competition
  - Hillcrest 1st place Sweepstakes winner
  - Brighton and Corner Canyon top three in division's Sweepstakes
  - Jordan captured 3rd place sweepstakes award in Cambridge division
  - Hillcrest won lighting in the Tech Olympics
  - Alta won 1st place in props
  - Corner Canyon won 1st place in rigging
  - Hilcrest tech team received the "Gold Drill" award for the fastest time
  - Hillcrest won the top two awards in Tech Portfolio
- APEX Award Winners
  - Teacher of the Year – Lisa Hayes, Silver Mesa Elementary

- School Administrator of the Year – Sara Allen, Ridgecrest Elementary Principal and Barb Winder, Bella Vista Elementary Principal (and now Sunrise Elementary Principal)
- District Administrator of the Year – Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel
- Student Support Service Professional of the Year – Dr. Camille Cole, Information Technology
- Education Support Professional of the Year – Maria Moore, Mailroom/Print Services Supervisor
- Business Partner of the Year – Cyprus Credit Union
- Elected Official of the Year – Representative Clint Okerlund
- Volunteer of the Year – Sunrise Elementary's Katie Christensen
- Legacy Award – Janet Goble, a founding administrator of CSD who led CTE for 18 years

- Hillcrest High Girls Tennis
  - Joshya Yerrapureddy, 1st in second singles
  - Nivedita Bakshi, 1st in third singles
  - Lucian Gonzalez, 2nd in first singles
- Facility Alarm Responders
  - Bob Martin, Bruce Jensen, Rob Elkins, Bill Bailey, Brett Kettering, Zach Anderson, Katherine Anderson, Leslie Butcher and Michael Estrada
- Mike Sirois Invitational
  - Mt. Jordan Boys 1st place trophy
  - Draper Park Girls 1st place trophy, Butler 2nd place and Eastmont 3rd place
  - Top medalist for the girls race was Henely HIlverda, Butler
- 2026 Utah State University Athletic Hall of Fame recipient is Reid Newey, Canyons Innovation Center Director
- Midvalley students received a visit from Utah Mammoth hockey player Dylan Guenther and mascot Tusky.
- Cross Country Region
  - Jordan Boys Cross Country team took 1st place in 4A
  - Brighton Girls Cross Country teak took 1st place in 5A

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5. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Jason Maldonado –
- Jana White – A/B fixed calendar schedule

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6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes for October 6, 2026
B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
D. Approval of September Financial Reports
E. Approval of Salt Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
F. Approval of SCC exemption for Goldminer's Daughter and LSA for the 2026-2027 school year
G. Approval of Sale of Property on Riverside Drive, Sandy
H. Approval of TSSP and Land Trust for Sprucewood Elementary

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes for October 6, 2026; Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6D Approval of September Financial Reports; Item 6E Approval of Salt Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; Item 6F Approval of SCC exemption for Goldminer's Daughter and LSA for the 2026-2027 school year; Item 6G Approval of Sale of

Property on Riverside Drive, Sandy; Item 6H Approval of TSSP and Land Trust for Sprucewood Elementary. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Audio available on Diligent Community

7. **New Business**
   A. Approval of 2027-2028 school calendar and Tentative Approval of 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 school calendars (Second Reading) – Tiffany Midgley, Director of Human Resources

      Ms. Midgley presented a brief overview from last reading and answered questions. Since the last reading the tentative calendars for the 2028-2029 school year and the 2029-2030 school year were presented. The ending of first semester before Winter break received strong support from all stakeholders in the survey results. There is a moderate support for transitioning to a fixed A/B schedule. There is a slight preference for keeping professional development days adjacent to holidays and breaks.

      The Board of Education would like to survey parents and teachers who are impacted by the A/B schedule and results will be presented in a December board meeting. Presentation 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 8:45 pm

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ATTEST

_____ President
Amber Shill

_____ Superintendent
McKay Robinson