



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 19, 2021 Canyons Board of Education meeting. To listen to the entire board meeting, including all comments made during the meeting, please go to BoardDocs at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf>

The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a business meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons Administration Building, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Nancy Tingey, Board President
Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Steve Wrigley, Vice President
Mont Millerberg, Board Member
Holly Neibaur, Board Member
Amber Shill, Board Member
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Clareen Arnold - Board Member, Mont Millerberg - Board Member

1. Study Session – 4:30 pm

A. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins

Shelby McIntosh, from Ed Elements, indicated that the foundational phase of the strategic planning process is coming to an end. This phase has included a large part of the community engagement portion, stakeholder feedback and helped identify the key priorities that are most import to the communities in Canyons. She previewed an updated timeline for the next phase which is the work of the planning teams. She reviewed the proposed focus areas, structure of planning teams and the plan for recruiting Planning Team members. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRCJ6D57FD>

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

The recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee is to convert the current Bell View Elementary building to be a new home for Diamond Ridge and Entrada. The Glacier Hills Elementary building is scheduled to be completed in August 2022 with the elementary Youth Academy addition to be completed in December 2022. The committee will be seeking approval from the Board of Education at the Board meeting scheduled November 9, 2021.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the 2021-22 October 1, 2021, student enrollment which showed an overall reduction in students. The enrollment counts are conducted on a regular basis; however, funding is based on the October 1, 2021 enrollment count.

A meeting with the Midvale area school principals and communities is scheduled to be held the week of October 25, 2021, to discuss the Midvale area elementary boundary issues. Any possible changes would take place the 2023-24 school year as all building still currently have capacity. He listed some of the objectives which include focus on students as top priority, maintain and try to improve Midvale Elementary and Copperview Elementary status and increase enrollment at Midvalley Elementary due to the larger capacity of the new building. He reviewed three of the boundary options.

In conclusion, he highlighted some of the future Long-Range discussions which include updating the facilities building, consider the future uses of the Crescent View building and additional possible school boundary reviews. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QSAA6E8654>

2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

Mont Millerberg, Board Member joined the Business meeting via conference phone

3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for October 19, 2021

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for October 19, 2021. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRCN6D596A>

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Lone Peak Elementary, Principal Tracy Stacy
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRCP6D596B>
- D. School Highlights – Lone Peak Elementary, Principal Tracy Stacy
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRCQ6D596C>

4. Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following students and staff were recognized:

- Hardy Owen, Brighton High – USTA National Tournament Winner
- Aaron Ika, Corner Canyon Boys Lacrosse – UHSAA Coach of the Year
- Corner Canyon High - The Utah Science Teacher Association, 2021 High School Science Department of the year
- Melissa Nash, Brighton High Girls Lacrosse – Favorite Coach of the Year Award, Prolook Sports Contest

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRCQ6D596C>

5. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRCY6D5974>

- Stacie Petersen – Code
- Rochelle Griffin – SEL Curriculum
- Jessica Smith – Second Step
- Jessica Strong – SEL Curriculum
- Jessica Ballard – SEL Curriculum
- Krista Pippin – SEL Curriculum
- Erin Longacre – Second Step
- Shandra Brown – CASEL Agenda

- Jessica Anderson – Cardona
- Chad Anderson - AG Garland
- Emily Ord – Therapy
- Melissa Inouge – Second Step
- Sherry Diener – Second Step
- Marilyn Larson – Adoption
- Katrina VanTasell – Second Step/SEL
- Rebecca Colley – Second Step
- Michelle Grb – SEL Curriculum
- Ashley MacArthur – Second Step
- Nancy Nichols – SEL Curriculum
- Dr. Paul McCarty – Second Step
- Crystal Gregory – SEL Curriculum
- Alisa Brough – SEL Curriculum
- Alicia Cottle – NSBA
- Jeana Hammer – Anonymous letter from a teacher
- Rebecca Hill – Virtual Fridays
- Kimberly Summers – SEL removal
- Lanae Larson – SEL Curriculum
- Danielle Adamson – SEL Curriculum
- Benee Larson – SEL Curriculum
- Larry Maughan – Benefits
- Shannon Withers – CCS, SEL
- Arlene Hymas – SEL Curriculum
- Amanda McConnell – Virtual Fridays
- Emily Davis – Parental Involvement

Petition submitted to remove Second Step curriculum (639)
 Petition submitted to allow Safe Space posters in schools (119)

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for October 5, 2021
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of September Financial reports
- F. Approval of Sex Education Instruction Committee membership

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2021; Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6D Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 6E Approval of September Financial reports. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRD46D5978>

The Board of Education discussed Item 6F Approval of Sex Education Instruction Committee membership. The request was made to have all school communities more evenly represented and that the committee consider adding another Board member to the committee.

MOTION: Amanda Oaks move to Approve Consent Agenda Item F Approval of Sex Education Instruction committee membership with the request that the Policy Committee review current practice for the number of Board members and a more fair representation of school communities on the committee. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRDG6D5984>

7. New Business

- A. School-based Employee Supports - Superintendent Rick Robins and Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Dowdle reviewed the time and stress issues created by the pandemic conditions, weakened attendance requirements, substitute shortages, open positions and implementation requirements. The current efforts to provide additional support include the Superintendent listening tours, removal of all Professional Development that is not mandated by the State or tied to grants, suspend rollout of any new initiatives that directly impact teacher workload and meet with principals to discuss ways to improve teacher and school supports. In addition, provide notice to teachers about mental health resources available to them, district employees are signing up to be substitute teachers during LETRS training, and Human Resources continues to recruit new substitutes and develop new ways to allow additional type of substitutes.

He introduced Susan Henry, Teacher Specialist, who is trained to teach staff about the implementation of the USBE Early Literacy Initiative, LETRS. Currently 47% of K-3 students statewide are reading below benchmark. Due to stagnant and below benchmark scores, Canyons qualified as an LEA and is required to participate in the training for all K-3 teachers. Some schools have chosen to extend the training to include fourth and fifth grade teachers. The purpose of the early literacy academies is to build teacher knowledge in the science of reading. She reviewed the USBE required professional learning for LETRS. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QSCM6ED69B>

- B. Proposal to add up to 6 virtual learning days to the 2021-22 school calendar (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Dowdle emphasized that the virtual learning days are meant to provide asynchronous learning options designed to support learning intentions and success criteria for the current or following week for students. Teachers will be expected to report to school for work and he listed the expectations for these scheduled days. The rationale for this proposal is to address the reports from administrators that teachers are tired, stressed and facing unique challenges that include a shortage of substitute teachers, a higher rate of student absenteeism and implementation needs. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QSCW6EE155>

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve adding 6 virtual learning days to the 2021- 2022 school calendar starting with November 5th and the other additional days to be brought back from the Administration. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion to the motion.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QSCW6EE155>

- C. Discussion on Social Emotional Learning curriculum (Second Reading, Possible Action) – School Performance Directors

Superintendent Robins indicated the choices presented tonight are not recommendations but options for a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum intended for the remaining of the school year. Dr. McKay Robinson reviewed the departments that provided insight and input for the SEL curriculum options. USBE Board Rule & Guidance R277-400-8, requires Local Education Agencies (LEA's), provide a school comprehensive violence prevention and intervention strategies as part of a school's regular curriculum which needs to include resource lessons and material on anger management, conflict resolution and respect for diversity and other cultures. and a comprehensive and intervention strategy in a school's regular curriculum. The rule also requires an LEA to develop or incorporate care teams, tiered student assistance programs, social-emotional learning, and support through multidisciplinary teams.

Dr. Robinson highlighted five characteristics in the Utah Portrait of a Graduate that connect to social emotional learning which are wellness, honesty/integrity, hard work/resilience, lifelong learning/personal growth and respect. SEL has been defined as the learning process for children and adults to understand and manage their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others and establish and maintain positive relationships.

The considerations used to select the interim SEL curriculum options included evidence-base connected to industry standards, instructional time, cost, teacher professional development, planning time requirements, and family access to lessons. The interim options include Second Step (elementary only), Nearpod Social & Emotional learning lessons, Positive Action, and Leader in Me. These options were reviewed in detail. The parental opt out options will continue to be available and all SEL curriculum will be vetted at the Cabinet level.

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved for Administration to survey those elementary schools that have been using Second Step previous to the current school year. Amber Shill seconded the motion. **A vote was taken.

There was discussion regarding who the survey would be sent to for feedback. Mont Millerberg "called the question" to end the discussion on the motion. A vote was taken on calling the question. The results were 5 Yea (Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Wrigley, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Shill, Mr. Millerberg), 1 Nay (Ms. Tingey).

****A vote was taken to the motion. The results were 5 Yea (Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Wrigley, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Shill, Mr. Millerberg) 1 Nay (Ms. Tingey) The motion carries**

There was a discussion about including or not including the SCC's as part of the survey. There were additional motions made but they were withdrawn.

This agenda item will be brought back at the November 9, 2021, Board meeting. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QSD26EE833>

- D. Approval of 2022-2023 school calendar and tentative approval for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school calendars (Second Reading) – Dr. Floyd Stensrud, Director of Planning and Enrollment

There were no changes since the last board meeting reading.

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QSE56EFD70>

- E. Policy Update Policy 500.24 Student Educational Travel; Policy 200.6 Teacher and Student Success Act TSSA and Exhibit (Second Reading, Possible Action) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy 200.6 Teacher and Student Success Act TSSA and Exhibit – The School Approval Process was retitled to The School Plan Development and Approval Process as Teacher and Student Success Plan (TSSP's) are developed in accordance with state statute.

Policy 500.24 Student Educational Travel – Canyons has experienced Commercial Carrier contract cancelations due to labor shortages of bus drivers. As a result, the policy is updated to reaffirm ground transportation safety priorities for student overnight travel and to offer alternative travel methods while maintaining safety.

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve Policy Update Policy 500.24 Student Educational Travel; Policy 200.6 Teacher and Student Success Act TSSA and Exhibit. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QSGY6F0917>

Mont Millerberg, Board Member left the meeting.

8. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRDM6D5989>

- B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7QRDQ6D598C>

9. Board Comments

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

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10. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn 12:15am

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Nancy Tingey

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent