



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the November 9, 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, November 9, 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  
Clareen Arnold, Board Member  
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

**1. Study Session – 5:00 pm**

**A. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins**

Drew Schantz from Ed Elements updated the Board of Education on the Planning Teams. and the dates they are scheduled to meet as part of the strategic planning process. The teams are organized to work on specific topics. These topics are Internal Communications, Governance, Distribution of Resources, Special Education, High Quality Teaching Staff, Access to Postsecondary Pathways, Multi-Language Learners, Diversity & Inclusion, Access to High Quality Learning, and Social and Emotional Supports. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMAY5841BB>

**B. Foundation Board Annual Report – Denise Haycock, Foundation Development Officer**

The purpose of the Canyons Education Foundation (CEF) is to enhance the education experience for students of the Canyons School District through community partnerships and fundraising. Ms. Haycock, presented the names of the 20 CEF Board members who provide a depth of experience and diversity. A report was given on the cash donations and in-kind donations for the past two years. The top fundraising event was the golf tournament raising a total of \$200K combined for the last two years. The CEF reported \$1,122,839 in total assets, as of Sept 30, 2021.

The CEF gives back through multiple ways to students and teachers throughout the year which include innovation grants, Donors Choose projects, teacher of the year, Utah College Application week, Mental Health supports, students and families in need, and scholarships. Ms. Haycock

expressed appreciation for the private donors, community, and business partners for providing the much-needed cash and in-kind donations. Presentation available on BoardDocs.  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMHN588B83>

C. Annual School Fees Policy Review – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The USBE Rule R277-407-15 requires a District policy for school fees, fundraising, fee waivers and donations and an annual review of the policy. Mr. Wilcox reviewed the policy which includes requirements regarding the fee schedule approval process, availability of fee waivers, and notification of the fees and related policy. The District is required to have a fee waiver for any activity, class or program intended to serve students to ensure no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or activity due to inability to pay the fee. Donations are defined as voluntary and cannot be required for a student participation in a class or activity. The District is required to direct donations through the Canyons Education Foundation.

The Board President, superintendent and principal must complete the annual school fees certificate of compliance survey in October. The District had a 100% completion rate. Mr. Wilcox reported the fees charged, waived, and collected for the 2020-21 school year. The next reading regarding school fees will be brought to the Board in February 2022. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMHW58932C>

D. Discussion and proposal for emergency school closure days (First Reading) – School Performance

If the District needed to close schools due to an emergency or inclement weather the options currently available to the Board of Education for an alternate learning day, are President's Day, a remote learning day and extending the school year by one day. Ms. Peck reviewed the details of each of these options. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMJE589A00>

2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

3. Opening Items

A. Welcome

B. Approve Agenda for November 9, 2021

**MOTION:** Steve Wrigley moved to approve the agenda for November 9, 2021 with an update to move Item 7C Approval of Social Emotional Learning curriculum for remainder of 2021-2022 school year to 7A and move the other items respectively to 7B Approval of 2022-2023 school calendar and tentative approval for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school calendars and 7C Redistricting Proposal. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMB458434C>

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Bell View Elementary, Principal Tamra Baker

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMB558434D>

D. School Highlights – Bell View Elementary, Principal Tamra Baker

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMB658434E>

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

The following students and staff were recognized:

- Utah Science Teachers Association Awards
  - Vanessa Fravel – Corner Canyon High: Biology Teacher of the Year
  - Janice Spencer-Wise – Brighton High: Physics Teacher of the Year
  - Alastair Wright – Diamond Ridge High: Earth Science Teacher of the Year

- Mindy Timothy – Albion Middle: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher of the Year
  - UHSAA Academic All-state from Corner Canyon High, Brighton High, Alta High, Jordan High and Hillcrest High.
  - 2021 Semi-Finalist for the Butkus Award – Lander Barton, Brighton High
  - Alta High and Brighton High Marching Bands
- <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMBA584352>

## 5. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Karen Poch – Social & Emotional Learning
  - Blake Miller – Social & Emotional Learning
  - Christy Waddell – Social & Emotional Learning
  - Kristen Romero – Second Step
  - Jessica Smithe – Concerned Parent Politics
  - Shannon Felts – Social & Emotional Learning
  - TJ McClure – Social & Emotional Learning/Second Step
  - Brinda Slaughter – Second Step
  - RYanne Brinton – Second Step
  - Lynette Hunt – Social & Emotional Learning
  - Ashley Meza – High School Ethnic Study Course
  - Brooklyn Bagley - High School Ethnic Study Course
  - Lucy Ballou - High School Ethnic Study Course
  - Mollie Scott - High School Ethnic Study Course
  - Rayette Croft – Social & Emotional Learning
  - Branson Brinton – Second Step
  - Erin Longacre – Newsletter
  - Paul McCarty – Realignment for Board of Education
  - Jessica Anderson – “All Boys Aren’t Blue” Library Book
  - Emily Ord – Parent Review Committee
  - Marilyn Larson – What we know
  - Alicia Cottle – Parent Concern
  - Lanae Larson – Technology in schools
  - Lavar Christensen – Social & Emotional Learning/Critical Race Theory
- <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMBE584356>

## 6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for October 19, 2021
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of October Financial reports
- F. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Canyons School District and Alpine School District Regarding Suncrest Busing
- G. Approval to relocate Diamond Ridge High School and Entrada Adult High School to the Bell View building starting in the 2022-2023 school year
- H. Approval of Land Trust and TSSP Amendment for Sandy Elementary
- I. Affirmation of 5 virtual Friday dates for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year
- J. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with ESP Association regarding personal leave days on virtual Fridays
- K. Approval of LEA specific licenses

**MOTION:** Holly Neibaur moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes from October 19, 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 October Financial reports; Item 6G Approval to relocate Diamond Ridge High School and Entrada Adult High School to the Bell View building starting in the 2022-2023 school year; Item 6H Approval of Land Trust and TSSP Amendment for Sandy Elementary; Item 6J Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with ESP Association regarding personal leave days on virtual Fridays; Item 6K Approval of LEA specific licenses with the exception of Item 6F Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Canyons School District and Alpine School District Regarding Suncrest Busing; Item 6I Affirmation of 5 virtual Friday dates for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year to be pulled for further discussion. Mont Millerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMBJ58435A>

There was a discussion to Item 6F Memorandum of Understanding between Canyons School District and Alpine School District Regarding Suncrest Busing. Information on the MOU for future school years will be brought back for discussion at a future Board meeting.

There was a discussion to Item 6I Affirmation of 5 virtual Friday dates for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, pulled for further discussion. There were concerns expressed about support for students with special needs and accommodations for them on these designated school days.

**MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve Item 6F Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Canyons School District and Alpine School District Regarding Suncrest Busing and Item 6I Affirmation of 5 virtual Friday dates for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMBJ58435A>

## **7. New Business**

- A. Approval of Social Emotional Learning curriculum for remainder of 2021-2022 school year (Third Reading, Action Requested) – School Performance Directors

The four Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum options presented to the Board of Education were Second Step (Elementary only), Nearpod Social and Emotional Learning lessons, Positive Action and Leader in Me. Parents will have an opt out option for all options and all SEL curriculum will be vetted at the Cabinet level. Parents will have access to the SEL programs. The survey results were presented and reviewed by question. There was a total of 1,190 elementary parent and 398 elementary employee responses to the survey.

The Board of Education asked questions and discussed Social Emotional Learning curriculum for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Peck listed many of the programs that are still in place that would be classified as social and emotional learning supports.

**MOTION: Mont Millerberg moved to have the suspension of second steps made permanent in elementary schools. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. \*A vote was taken.**

There was discussion to the motion.

**\*The vote results were 4 Yea (Ms. Arnold, Ms. Neibaur, Ms. Oaks and Mr. Millerberg) 3 Nay (Ms. Tingey, Mr. Wrigley, Ms. Shill). The motion carries.**

**MOTION: Mont Millerberg moved to terminate Second Steps in the secondary school level. Holly Neibaur seconded. \*\*A vote was taken.**

There was discussion to the motion.

Mont Millerberg called the question. A vote was taken. The vote was unanimous.

**\*\* The motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION:** Steve Wrigley moved that the Board of Education instruct the Administration to work with parents and work with others to put together an RFP to replace the Second Step curriculum starting next school year and allow principals and the SCC's in their respective schools to take what they currently are using until an alternative program is approved. Amber Shill seconded. (no vote was taken on this motion)

There was discussion to the motion.

**Restated the motion:** Steve moved to allow the Middle schools to proceed as they currently are right now with SCC's to determine how to fill the void until the District comes up with an alternative curriculum and give the Administration direction to move forward to find a new SEL curriculum. Amber Shill seconded the motion. (no vote was taken on this motion)

**Substitute motion: Clareen Arnold moved to let the Middle school principals and SCC's continue with what they have been doing for the remainder of the school year. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMUH59302B>

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

The calendars have not changed since the first and second reading. Mr. Wilcox expressed appreciation to those who serve on the Calendar Committee. The Board requested that the Calendar Committee discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a longer fall break.

**MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar and tentative approval for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school calendars. Mont Millerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Presentation on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMTX591C68>

- C. Redistricting Proposal (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Mr. Evans indicated there have been slight changes to the map. The Board of Education would be approving to send a proposal, as a recommendation, for Salt Lake County to approve the map.

**MOTION:** Mont Millerberg moved to approve sending the county the redistricting proposal as a recommendation. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMUC5927F8>

**8. Staff Comments**

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMC358436B>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMC658436E>

**9. Board Comments**

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

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C8FMCA584372>

**10. Closing Items**

A. Adjourn

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Nancy Tingey

Board President

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Rick Robins

Superintendent