



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 19, 2019**

The following minutes are a summary of the November 19, 2019 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 Study Session on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 beginning at 5:01 pm at the Canyons Administration Building - East, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Nancy Tingey, Board President
Amber Shill, Vice President
Steve Wrigley, Vice President
Clareen Arnold, Board Member
Mont Millerberg, Board Member
Amanda Oaks, Board Member
James Briscoe, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charles Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Chad Iverson, Board Member

1. Study Session – 5:00 pm

- A. Mastery Connect Pilot Report and proposal (Second Reading) - Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward and ISD team
Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward and Ms. Kenna Sorenson presented feedback from the pilot of Mastery Connect elementary gradebook.

She provided a gradebook feature comparison of MasteryConnect, Skyward and Canvas. There have been many challenges with using multiple gradebooks and the common goal is to adopt a Districtwide teacher gradebook that follows standards-based grading practices and guidelines.

Feedback included three surveys of various participants in the pilot.

The pilot provided an opportunity to learn many lessons about Mastery Connect and Skyward pros and cons.

There was an overall discussion throughout the meeting about the difference between a standards-based assessment tool vs. a standards-based gradebook.

The Board of Education requested additional information be provided for further discussion at a future board meeting. Those requests include concerns about tracking missing assignments, feedback from principals, what can be changed and not changed with developers, and gradebook vs assessment platform distinguished. Presentation and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BHXMBZ599F13>

Study Session – 6:00 pm

- B. Long Range Planning Committee Update and Administration recommendation (First Reading) – Long Range Planning Committee and Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Mr. Wilcox presented on behalf of the committee some options to consider for long range planning. He first reviewed the remaining bond projects and possible timelines for construction of those projects.

Construction costs have appeared to stabilize from recent spikes, however, future increases are very possible. Mr. Wilcox reviewed Financing Options to avoid possible construction inflation and to advance the timeline. He presented information on how lease revenue bonds are funded and provided examples of repayment options for a short or long term. He discussed other funding options such as the sale of the vacant property in east Draper and use of additional funds from the General Fund balance.

Mr. Wilcox presented three options for scheduling the projects with the financing requirements for each approach. The Board has approved an architect for Union Middle, an architect will need to be selected for the elementary schools and if an option is selected that required construction that would begin in 2021 the Administration will need to know by February.

Mr. Wilcox also presented information for the board to consider in determining the White City School rebuild project. . The Administration is recommending consolidating Bell View Elementary and Edgemont Elementary to one school and constructing a new school on the current Edgemont Elementary site. He reviewed the annual savings with a consolidation and several options for the future use of Bell View Elementary.

The Board requested more information regarding the East Draper property which would be given in a closed session, potential housing options for projects, potential options for the future use of the Crescent View facility, and additional information on potential financing for current bond and small capital projects that may be affected by a decision. These items will be brought back for further discussion. Presentation Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BHXMF359D786>

Study Session – 7:00 pm

- C. Update on State Tax Reform – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Representative Spendlove reported to the Board on October 15th, 2019 and on October 18, 2019 the chairs released their recommendations. The State Tax Reform task force committee met on November 7, 2019 and a summary of the meeting titled, “Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force” is posted on BoardDocs. The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019. Mr. Wilcox highlighted concerns that would affect the District if the proposal is adopted. However, the draft has a high probability of changing several times before January 2020. Documents Available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BHXMC3599F16>

2. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn 8:55pm

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Nancy Tingey

James Briscoe Superintendent