



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 27, 2017**

The following minutes are a summary of the June 27, 2017 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 Board Roundtable discussion on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 beginning at 4:10 pm at the Canyons Administration Building - East, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Sherril Taylor, Board President
Nancy Tingey, Board First Vice President
Amber Shill, Board Second Vice President
Clareen Arnold, Board Member
Mont Millerberg, Board Member
Steve Wrigley, Board Member
James Briscoe, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, General Counsel
Charles Evans, Director External Relations

Excused:

Chad Iverson, Board Member

1. Discussion of Superintendent & Board Member Items

- Superintendent Jim Briscoe summarized the 2016-17 school year and what was accomplished. The administration has worked hard in coming forward with recommendations, with both pros and cons, to the Board. Several topics will come back to the Board with more in-depth reports in the fall including the Academic Framework, Tier Two and Three Model of Behavior, CTESS and elective teacher evaluations, and other subjects as noted below. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- There was a discussion of SAGE testing led by Clareen Arnold. The Board requested an update from Hal Sanderson, Director of Research & Assessment, on SAGE results. Feedback was also requested on SAGE testing from teachers in Canyons District and from Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of Instructional Supports Department. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- The Board discussed the Board's Mission, Vision, Tenets and Targets, and indicators. CSD is starting to get baseline data for some of the indicators this year. The Board would like a report back on the data that applies to the tenets and targets. Also requested is comparison data within Canyons District and with other districts. The Board of Education Vision & Mission Committee will meet to debrief and recommend one or two data points from the employee, parent, and student surveys. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- Board Members have received a copy of the forms to be used for the Superintendent & Business Administrator evaluations. Mrs. Tingey asked board members to review them and notify her if there are any proposed changes to the documents. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- The Board has requested an Employee Retention Report be brought to the Board at a later date.

Student Learning and Instruction

- Brain Boosters discussion was led by Amber Shill. A MakerSpace program was discussed. The Board would like a general update on Brain Boosters, with data, and how curriculum is implemented and rotated. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- Gifted & Talented - Dr. Briscoe gave an update on the gifted and talented program. There are multiple routes to get into an AP or Honors class. Communicating options to all parents is important. Locations of accelerated classes is prohibitive for some families and removing some of these barriers for families should be looked at. A closer look at the number of students tested and location options is needed. Instructional Supports will need to provide more data on this. The Board requested updated information on the SALTA Program and Gifted & Talented opportunities. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- Dual Immersion Program - Steve Wrigley led the discussion on the current Dual Language Immersion program. Mr. Wrigley discussed some of the challenges in the Dual Language Immersion program. The Board would like this topic brought back for an update in a future Board Meeting. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- Standards Based Grading – Steve Wrigley would like an update on standards based grading in the middle and high schools. Jesse Hennefer is working on this but has slowed down on the implementation in secondary schools. There needs to be consistency in grading and homework before moving forward. Grading practices is the place to start. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- Positive Education and Student Well-Being - Nancy Tingey talked about the Change Makers Program. This is a program that promotes service by students to make their world a better place. Programs that empower students, teachers and all employee to make positive changes are valuable. It is important to recognize and reward positive behaviors. Canyons is moving towards Behavior Initiatives Tier 2 and Tier 3. The Board requested a presentation in late August or early September from BJ Weller, the new Director of Responsive Services, on this matter. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>

Steve Wrigley shared information and a handout on the Profile of a Graduate. Canyons District spends a lot of time on academics but also needs to look at the well-being of students. It is important for students to be emotionally stable and ready to move on in life.

- Board Member Handbook – Amber Shill and Superintendent Briscoe attended a session at NSBA on School Board Handbooks. It is a way to set forth guidelines and expectations for Board Member best practices. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- Discussion on future facilities projects and a possible bond.-- Mr. Wilcox pointed out that Canyons District needs to declare intention between August 10th – 25th for the election in November. The district currently has the momentum going as the current bond projects are getting finished. Canyons would need a list of projects and the financial impact of those projects, and a timeline of completion. The district cannot campaign for a bond but it can provide information to PTA groups, SCC's, Mayors, and the public. Possible projects were discussed from both the administration and the Board. Concern was raised that construction costs will be more expensive in the future and interest rates will probably keep going up. Mr. Wilcox was asked to begin the technical work of gathering information about a bond. This item will be added to the agenda for discussion for the July 11, 2017 Board Meeting. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- Each Board Member took a few minutes and shared their thoughts on the discussion and on the accomplishments of the past year. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>
- President Taylor summarized the meeting and commended each Board Member for their contributions. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ANGUYQ7E5ABB>

2. Closing Items

A. Adjourn at 7:30 pm

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ATTEST	_____	Board President
	Sherril Taylor	
	_____	Superintendent
	James Briscoe	