



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 16, 2018**

The following minutes are a summary of the January 16, 2018 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 closed session, study session and business meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 beginning at 5:00 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
Chad Iverson, 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

1. Closed Session – 5:00 pm

- A. For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property.
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUPNM75930EC>

MOTION: Steve Wrigley made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Study Session – 5:45 pm

- A. Legislative Update – Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations
Mr. Evans introduced and acknowledged legislative interns Nick Hilton and Makayla Hopkins as well as Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator. A tracking sheet of potential 'hot list' bills was provided to the Board. Around 1,400 bill requests have been filed for the upcoming legislative session. At the beginning of the session, there will be a recodification of the education chapter of the code. Once this is completed the education bills will be numbered. Mr. Evans mentioned a few bills that will be of interest to CSD including a bill for requiring notice before changing county lines, possible changes in State school board elections, and three different equalization bills. Mr. Evans is hopeful for an equalization bill that will not divert money from the WPU. There will be a link available on the Canyons District website to follow legislative bills as they move through the process. Mr. Evans fielded questions from the Board and circulated a list of proposed Board priorities. A link to the Canyons website and the Board priorities document is available on BoardDocs.
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUTT5275A168>
- B. County Boundary Change Information Update – Dan Harper, General Counsel
A county line between Salt Lake and Utah County was changed in the south-east area of the District. The boundary line change was necessary to facilitate a new subdivision and the location of building lots that straddled the county line. This change will affect Canyons by eventually adding approximately 175 homes to the District. A map of the new county line was shown and is available on BoardDocs. This change was made without notifying the District.
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN4M57C5AC>

- C. Sixth Grade Math Curriculum Adoption – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of Instructional Supports (First Reading)
Dr. Roderick-Landward introduced Rachel Marshall, Instructional Supports Middle School Math Lead Specialist. A committee was formed to address the decrease in proficiency levels from fifth to sixth grade and to boost student achievement in math. A new curriculum, Illustrative Mathematics, is being proposed to replace the current math program. This open source educational resource is better aligned to the standards and rigor of sixth-grade. Each school will determine if they will use the digital text or student workbooks. There is a significant costs savings either way. The committee was unanimous in moving forward with the new curriculum. Every math teacher had a voice and the feedback from teachers has been positive. Lessons have an “are you ready for more” option, which allows students to apply what they have learned in a different way. The Illustrative Mathematics curriculum offers supports for ESL and special education students. The transition should be fairly seamless as this curriculum flows well into seventh and eighth grade math. Upon Board approval, teacher training on the new curriculum could take place on March 8th with implementation in the fall of 2018. This will be brought back for a second reading at the next Board meeting. Memo is available on BoardDocs. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMNVH5A4A97>
- D. Proposed Ridgecrest Elementary Cell Tower Location and Contract - Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator (First Reading)
Mr. Wilcox described the process of adding a cell tower. The request goes to the Facilities Department, the school principal, the School Community Council, then to the Board for final approval. The micro cell tower proposed at Ridgecrest Elementary would attach to an existing light pole. The school’s SCC voted unanimously in support of the cell tower. The cell tower will generate about \$4,200 a year in revenue for the school. Julie Winfree, Principal at Ridgecrest, will email all parents requesting feedback. President Taylor suggested that a clause be included in the contract for additional carriers, if needed or requested at a later date, as this could generate additional revenue for the school. Second reading and an update on the feedback from parents will be provided at the next Board meeting. Mr. Wilcox will prepare tentative language for the contract. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMNXH5A6718>
- E. Graduation Rate and AP Report – Dr. Hal Sanderson, Director of Research & Assessment
An executive summary was given on graduation rates, Advanced Placement participation, and AP test pass rates. A more detailed presentation is available on BoardDocs. Canyons District graduation rate improved by one percentage point in 2017. The Board discussed graduation requirements and the district standard 28 credit diploma as well as the 24-credit diploma option. Karen Sterling addressed the wide range of credit recovery programs available for those students needing help in fulfilling credit requirements. It was suggested a benchmark be established for getting extra supports to struggling students earlier. Also suggested was adding a note regarding Canyons more rigorous credit requirements on the graduation rate chart, as it is not a straight forward comparison between school districts. Dr. Sanderson reviewed ongoing strategies to improve grad rates. Canyons District Administrators will continue to review achievement data and offer new tools to school administrators to help identify students that need extra supports.
The second part of the presentation focused on Advanced and Honors options and AP course participation. Overall more students are engaging in AP classes with more tests being taken and more students passing. There is a definite economic advantage for students that take and pass the AP exams. A Board Member asked if the administration could identify and publish the college tuition cost savings for students that pass AP exams. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMNVN5A5D04>

3. Business Meeting – 7:30 pm

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for January 16, 2018
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN4R57C636>

MOTION: Chad Iverson moved to approve the Agenda for January 16, 2018. Nancy Tingey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Albion Middle School – Troop 1721
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN4S57C637>

D. Reverence and school update – Molly Hart, Principal – Albion Middle School
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN4T57C638>

5. Recognitions

A. Jeff Haney, Director & Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications & Public Relations

The following were recognized:

- Yinyao You, Draper Elementary, Individual Performance Excellence Award from the Confucius Institute at the U.
- Alta High, Principal Brian McGill, Champion of Safe UT Award - Suicide Prevention Award at the Suicide Prevention Summit
- Josh Stott, BYU Education Leadership Award
- Sally Williams, BYU Education Leadership Award

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN4V57C63C>

Presentation is available on BoardDocs.

6. Patron Comments

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN4Z57C640>

The following public comments were given:

- Kristie Ellis – Lone Peak chiller
- Steve Van Maren – Clean air signs at schools & proposed land purchase by Hillcrest High

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2017
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of November Financial Reports
- F. Approval of December Financial Reports
- G. Approval of LAND Trust Amendment for Oak Hollow Elementary
- H. Approval of LAND Trust Amendment for Butler Elementary
- I. Approval of 2018-19 Preschool Tuition
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN5557C644>

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2017; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7D Approval of Student Overnight Travel except for the Brighton High Softball request; Item 7E Approval of November Financial Reports; Item 7F Approval of December Financial Reports; Item 7G Approval of Land Trust Amendments for Oak Hollow Elementary; Item 7H Approval of LAND Trust Amendment for Butler Elementary. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Item 7D: Overnight travel request from Brighton High had incorrect total. The math was corrected and approved by Dr. Robert Dowdle.

Discussion on Item 7I: Preschool Tuition –A question regarding the percentage size of the increase was asked. Mr. Wilcox explained that the preschool program had one increase over the past eight years and that costs continue to increase. The main reason for the change is to better align tuition with the Supplemental Kindergarten Program and to ensure the program is fairly competing with private preschools. The

preschool program currently has a waiting list of students. This change will begin with the 2018-19 school year.

MOTION: Steve Wrigley made a motion to approve the Brighton Overnight Travel request as noted in Item 7D and approve Item 7I 2018-19 Preschool Tuition. Nancy Tingey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

- A. Approval of property purchase located at 7230 South 900 East, Midvale - Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator (Action Requested)
Canyons is looking at the long term when designing the new high school building. At Hillcrest, the egress and ingress from the property has been difficult and the school has the fewest number of parking stalls for students. The big picture for Hillcrest is to increase the parking and the flow of the entrance and exits. There is a canal on the proposed property that can be covered by a parking lot or field. The parcel is 1.7 acres and would add 100 parking stalls and an entrance / exit to the school. If approved, closing date would be the end of February after due diligence is completed. The property under consideration is being sold below appraised price. A title search will be done to ensure clean title to the property. Documents available on BoardDocs.
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN5B57C64A>

MOTION: Mont Millerberg moved to approve the purchase of property located at 7230 South 900 East in Midvale, Utah. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report - Dr. James Briscoe
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN5D57C64C>
- B. Business Administrator Report – Leon Wilcox
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN5G57C64F>

10. Board Comments

- President Taylor provided an opportunity for Board Members to comment on recognitions and events throughout the District, please review audio on BoardDocs if you would like to listen to individual Board Member comments.
- A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports.
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AUMN5L57C653>

11. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn at 8:45 pm
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ATTEST	_____	Board President
	Sherril Taylor	
	_____	Superintendent
	James Briscoe	