



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Truth-in-Taxation Hearing
August 6, 2019**

The following minutes are a summary of the August 6, 2019 Canyons Board of Education Truth-in-Taxation hearing. 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 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 beginning at 6:00 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
Chad Iverson, 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

1. Open Hearing – 6:00 pm

A. Welcome

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BEJSAF71AA4E>

B. Approval of Agenda for August 6, 2019 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve the Agenda for August 6, 2019 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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C. Pledge of Allegiance - Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

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2. Staff presentation on proposed tax increase

CSD Business Administrator, Leon Wilcox reviewed the process leading to this Truth-in Taxation Hearing which included a timeline of announcement and previous public hearings as well as the publications and communications to the public regarding this matter. .

Mr. Wilcox explained that Utah law establishes a certified rate system for property tax which generates the same tax revenue for the taxing entity as the previous year, with an allowance for new property growth. There is no inflationary adjustment for the certified rate and property tax revenues. Local governments, including school districts, commonly increase property taxes every 5-8 years to capture the inflation. This adjustment to the certified rate has not been made by CSD since 2009 the first year of operations for the district. He presented statistics and survey results

regarding the teacher shortage in Utah. He also presented information showing the effect of the proposed tax increase on an average value home in Canyons District and a comparison of taxes and teacher salaries of CSD and other school districts in the area. . The presentation contained information on how patrons may appeal the assessed value of their property at <https://slco.org/property-tax/> by September 16, 2019 and how patrons who qualify for a statutory tax relief can apply through the Salt Lake County Treasurer at <https://slco.org/treasurer/tax-relief-applications> by, September 3, 2019. CSD is proposing a property tax increase of approximately \$140 annually on the average home valued at \$421,000 in the district. All of the tax increase will go directly to fund the teacher salary increase. Presentation Available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BELMVA5CF8BF>

3. Public comments on proposed tax increase

MOTION: Chad Iverson moved to open public comments on proposed tax increase. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The following patrons addressed the Board of Education concerning the proposed tax rate adjustment:

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- Erika Bradshaw
- Brittany Clark
- Derrick Smith
- Bruce Blanchard
- Karen Pedersen
- Betty Shaw
- Kay Burton
- John Ludlum
- Karla Moosman
- Nancy Allen
- Jeanene Moore
- Maren Burningham
- Deann Brodrero
- Andrew Edtl
- Natalie Rudel
- Michael Lund
- Steve Van Maren
- Kim Abbott
- Terry Meidinger
- Ken Parr
- Victoria Hazlett
- Anna McNamer
- Marilyn Johnson
- Kim Batey
- Xiaoli Ortega
- Stephanie Lauritzen
- Marsha Barker
- Deanna Nielson
- Bob Nielson
- Vicky Udy
- Utah State Senator, Kathleen Riebe
- Richard Reese
- Roger Harding
- Mitchell Atencio
- Marilyn Light

- **Kristy Kimball**

Mr. Wilcox responded to the questions raised during public comments.

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MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to close public comment. Claren Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. Board of Education discussion and possible action

MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve tax rate of 0.007507 or \$13,750,000 revenue increase above the certified tax rate, the entire amount will be used to fund teacher salary increases. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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President Tingey recognized individual board members for comments and discussion to the motion prior to the board vote.

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5. Close Hearing and Adjourn 8:30 pm

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ATTEST

Nancy Tingey

Board President

James Briscoe

Superintendent