



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

The following minutes are a summary of the March 21, 2023 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, March 21, 2023, beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons District Office, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

**Those in attendance were:**

Amber Shill, Board President  
Mont Millerberg, Vice President  
Amanda Oaks, Vice President  
Andrew Edtl, Board Member  
Holly Neibaur, Board Member  
Karen Pedersen, Board Member  
Nancy Tingey, Board Member  
Rick Robins, Superintendent  
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator  
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel  
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

**1. Closed Session – 4:30 pm**

- A. For the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
- B. For the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.
- C. For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property.
- D. For the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

**MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property and for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. \*A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

\*Person in Attendance: All Board Members, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Dan Harper – General Counsel, Charlie Evans – Director External Relations, Steve Dimond – Director of Human Resources

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**2. Study Session – 6:00 pm**

- A. Salt Lake County Zoo Arts & Parks (ZAP) funding for possible Midvale Recreation Center – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the background and history for the District's approval of contributing to the Draper Recreation Center. The administration was recently approached by the Midvale City leaders regarding the possible construction of a recreation center, which would include a

swimming pool. If the construction is approved as presented, the Hilcrest swim team could access the pool for practices instead of traveling to West Jordan. At this time Midvale City is still evaluating its possible contribution and is asking the Canyons Board of Education to consider the issue. The discussion resulted in a request to send a letter of intent or support for the project to the city and the committee. Documents available on BoardDocs.  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS3S70AA77>

B. 2023-2024 Bell Schedule (First Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The 2023-2024 Bell Schedule will require the biggest change at the elementary school level, due to full-day kindergarten. It will impact contracts for approximately 26 bus drivers. Leon presented the proposed elementary and secondary bell schedules. The proposal includes Midvalley moving the start and finish times to 15 minutes later in the day, from 8:25am-3:00pm to 8:40am-3:15pm. This request is due to the boundary change effective for 2023-2024 school year. There were no proposed changes for secondary schools for the 2023-2024 school year. The 2023-2024 Bell Schedule will be included on the Board meeting consent agenda for April 11, 2023. Presentation and document available on BoardDocs.  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS6S710D87>

C. Discussion on Proxy Voting – Dan Harper, General Counsel

There was a discussion about the pro's and con's to implementing a proxy voting process for Board members. The Board decided to not implement a policy for proxy voting at this time. However, the policy committee will add it to their list of items to review and discuss. Discussion available on BoardDocs.  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS6V710FC8>

3. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

4. **Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for March 21, 2023

**MOTION:** Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for March 21, 2023. Nancy Tingey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS3Y70AA7D>

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Scout Troop 8020

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS4370AA80>

D. School Highlights - Jordan High, Principal Bruce Eschler

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS4670AA83>

5. **Canyons Strong Student Recognitions** – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following student achievements were recognized:

- 6A Basketball Championship – Corner Canyon
- 5A Basketball Championship – Alta
- Brody Kozlowski Max Preps Player of the Year – Corner Canyon
- UHSAA Cheerleading Championship – Corner Canyon
- Inspiration E-Sports & Robotics – Alta
- Unified State Basketball – Brighton, Corner Canyon, Hillcrest and Jordan
- Sally Sansom announced as a Director of Elementary Principals

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS4A70AA87>

6. **Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- Andrew Morgan – Eastmont Middle School
- Cami Shipp – Equity and access for students in SCC
- Utah State Senator Kathleen Riebe – 2023 Utah Legislative Session topics  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS4C70AA89>

## 7. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2023 Board Meeting
- Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- Approval of Purchasing Bids
- Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- Approval of February Financial Reports
- Approval of Administrative Appointments
- Approval of JUUL settlement
- Approval of Policy Update: Policy-600.04-School Year Calendar Development and Exhibit-1-Advisory Calendar Committee Guidelines

**MOTION:** Amanda Oaks moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2023; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7D Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 7E Approval of February Financial Reports; Item 7F Approval of Administrative Appointments; Item 7G Approval of JUUL settlement and Item 7H Approval of Policy Update: Policy-600.04-School Year Calendar Development and Exhibit-1-Advisory Calendar Committee Guidelines. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS4E70AA8B>

## 8. New Business

- Full Day Kindergarten update – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of Instructional Support

The District currently provides full day kindergarten at 13 schools for all students and 13 schools that offer at least one session of supplemental kindergarten. There are 2 schools that offer half day sessions only.

The full-day kindergarten program will allow double the instructional time for literacy and math. It will also allow more than double the time for Oral Language Block, which is specially designed for student language and social development in a play-centered environment. A full-day will also provide more individualized attention to a student. Students will receive consistent intervention and extension supports, including those available after school. Dr. Roderick-Landward reviewed statistics for 2022-2023 Acadience, reading composite benchmarks, reading path ways, math composite, and math pathways.

In preparation for implementing districtwide full-day kindergarten, plans are underway for communication to families, changes to bus routes/driver schedules, hiring teacher and nutrition services and organizing school-based planning.

If parents choose the half-day option, it is recommended that students attend in the morning and they would be excused after lunch. Families will be responsible for transportation, and families can transition to full-day at any time. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS4T70AA98>

- Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: Access and Opportunity – Wendy Dau, Director of Federal and State Programs

The committee has identified three main priorities and created indicators to support progress in those areas.

The first priority is identifying ways to meet the needs of all the student in the schools. An FTE equity model has been implemented based on multilingual students, mobility rates and below proficiency rates. There will be a greater emphasis on utilizing PLCs to gather data and adjust instruction. The specific needs of students will be a focus for advanced learners, students with disabilities, multilingual students, and student from low-income families. The committee is also looking at ways to provide a smooth transition from one level to the next, focus on specific skills to increase rigor and engagement, build skills in high interest areas and help teachers understand the needs of diverse learners. The indicators for this group will include RISE & Aspire Data, formative data gathered by PLC's, reading inventory/math inventory (secondary), Acadience reading & math (elementary), longitudinal data by cohort and early warning system data broken out by student groups.

The second priority is expanding education opportunities for all students. An inventory list of elementary opportunities will be provided for during and after school and examine how some of these could be provided during the school day. The district will be examining, rebranding and expanding course opportunities for the middle school level. Postsecondary indicators for this priority include ACT, CTE pathway completion, AP/CE Courses and the graduation rate. Ideas also include examining opt-out numbers, a survey for seniors, and identify the capture rate of students returning to CSD school from other systems of schooling.

The last priority is focused on engaging parent and communicating opportunities. Canyoneering nights are a new way of engaging with specific populations and addressing their needs and other school specific community events can be implemented as needed and expressed by the community. Indicators will be monitored by participation rates of parents and a potential survey to determine overall satisfaction and how informed they are.

The action items and next steps for the committee were reviewed. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS8W7174A9>

C. 2023-2024 Fee Schedule (Third Reading, Action Requested) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the highlight of HB175, which did not pass the Legislature this year but it is expected that similar bills will be brought forth in the future. A fee collections comparison was presented for review. The aggregate fee will remain the same for high school, \$5,000, and middle school, \$500. There was one high school student that paid more than \$5,000 in fees during FY23 due to participation in Cheer and the Cosmetology program at CTEC. A refund will be issued for the amount exceeding \$5,000. Proposed school fees changes include funding 1.0 WPU for full-day kindergarten with no supplemental kindergarten fee required. He reviewed the proposed Max fees for middle and high school. All Master fee schedule and spend plans are online and on each individual school websites. The patron comment survey was sent on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> and a follow up survey was sent on Monday March 13 to all parents requesting feedback on fee schedule. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

**MOTION:** Nancy Tingey moved to approve the 2023-24 proposed elementary, middle, high school and CTEC master fee schedules as found on the BoardDocs and approve the spend plans as found on each school's website. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS8X717546>

9. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS4X70AA9C>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS5270AA9F>

**10. Board Comments**

- A. The Board President will recognize individual Board members for reports.  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CPZS5670AAA3>

**11. Closing Items**

- A. Adjourn

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ Board President  
Amber Shill

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Rick Robins Superintendent