



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the September 19, 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, September 19, 2023, beginning at 5:00 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, joined electronically
Holly Neibaur, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Nancy Tingey, Board Member, joined electronically
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel

1. Study Session – 5:00

A. Nutrition Services report – Sebastian Varas, Director of Nutrition Services

Mr. Varas reviewed the Nutrition Services organizational chart and indicated that there are currently 26 open positions which is a decrease from previous years. The National School Lunch Program and The National School Breakfast Program requires school lunches meet meal pattern and nutrition standards based on the latest Dietary Guidelines for Americans. State Legislation (HB222) mandates breakfast alternate models for schools with over 30% free and reduced eligibility. Breakfast in the classroom is currently provided at East Midvale Elementary, Midvalley Elementary, Copperview Elementary and Sandy Elementary. Schools continue to provide the Seamless Summer Program, the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program, and the Alternate Breakfast meal service program in qualifying schools.

The Canyons Café provides breakfast and lunch for employees or patrons at the district and a catering program that provides meals for trainings or meetings held at the district office.

Nutrition services continues to provide nutrition education throughout CSD schools by having registered dietitians in the classroom, planning promotions for school cafeterias, and developing tools for distributing nutrition education in the school community. This year's motto is "Power Up with School Meals."

The free and reduced lunch percentages have decreased from the 2022-2023 school year from 23.07% free and 5.53% reduced to 23.51% free and 4.31% reduced for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools allowing to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Qualifying schools in CSD include Copperview, Midvale, East Midvale, Midvalley, and Midvale Middle schools.

There was a discussion about the communication to the community about the Nutrition programs offered and the potential for collaborating with the State to encourage families to apply for programs that qualify for CEP. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP366076FC>

B. Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (R.O.T.C) at Jordan High School – Jordan High, Principal Bruce Eschler

Principal Eschler explained the only difference between the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) vs. Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) is the cost. The program will be developed through a 5-phase approach. The school will be initially functioning under the NNDCC to begin with. If the unit maintains above 100 cadets for three years, they can be recommended for advancement to be a NJROTC when quota becomes available. The end goal is to have the Navy pay for a NJROTC program. The cost of one instructor is comparable to one licensed teacher or one FTE. The cost for uniforms for each cadet is approximately \$300 and equipment will be approximately \$15,000.

Students are not required to attend all four years and may enter and exit as needed.

Extra-Curricular Activities available include field meets, academic, college option STEM, and orienteering. JHS's NNDCC would be the only program of its kind at a comprehensive high school at the south end of the Salt Lake Valley and only the second high school in Utah to have this program. This unique program will benefit students in the district and help recruit students in neighboring districts and home schoolers.

Next steps include approval of the program by the Canyon Board of Education before moving forward with branding, messaging to the community, review of curriculum and naval science course by ISD and then recruitment of cadets for the 2024-25 school year. The goals for the next 3 to 5 years were presented and a few of those goals are maintaining a program of over 100 cadets, transition to a NJROTC program, and establish new traditions for JHS and CSD connected to the military.

The September 17, 2023, Constitution Day was observed throughout the district in a variety of ways on Friday, September 15, 2023.

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLPE8613A5F>

C. USBA Leadership Academy and Annual Conference – President Amber Shill

The Board of Education discussed attending the 2024 USBA Annual Conference and planning time to spend together during the conference. Board members were given time to share highlights from the USBA Leadership conference held in September.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLPEF6145C3>

2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for September 19, 2023

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the agenda for September 19, 2023. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP3C607968>

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Bella Vista Elementary – Principal Angi Holden
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP3F60796B>
- D. School Highlights - Bella Vista Elementary – Principal Angi Holden
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP3J60796E>

4. Canyons Strong Employee Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following employees were recognized:

- U.S. News and World Report ranked Canyons traditional high schools among the top in the Salt Lake Metro area.
- The Board of Education was presented with “thank you’s” from the students at Sprucewood Elementary for their newly refreshed library
- Teacher of the Year 2023 – Maxwell Eddington, Midvale Middle School, is a finalist for Utah Teacher of the Year
- Top Utah Science Teachers –
 - Jessica Clark, Union Middle School – Middle School Rookie of the Year
 - Joel Hockin, Brighton High – Chemistry Teacher of the Year
 - Haley Eveland, Brighton High – High School Rookie of the Year
- Hope Street Teacher Fellow – Fatai Tuifua, East Midvale Elementary
- National IT Professionals Day
- Unified Sports – Special Olympics, Linda Hall, Program Administrator

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP3N607972>

5. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Jen Stark – Elementary Prep Time
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP3Q607974>

6. Consent Agenda

Ms. Holly Neibaur was excused from the meeting.

- A. Approval of Minutes for September 5, 2023
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of August Financial Reports
- F. Approval of SCC exemption for Goldminer’s Daughter and CTA for the 2024-25 school year
- G. Approval of 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule
- H. Approval of Updates to 2023-2024 Brighton High calendar

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve Consent Item 6A Approval of Minutes for September 5, 2023, Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports, Item 6C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6D Approval of Student Overnight Travel, Item 6E Approval of

August Financial Reports, Item 6G Approval of 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule, and Item 6H Approval of Updates to 2023-2024 Brighton High calendar. Mont Millerberg seconded the motion. 6 Yea (Ms. Shill, Mr. Millerberg, Mrs. Tingey, Ms. Oaks. Ms. Pedersen and Mr. Edtl) 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur) The motion carries.

The Consent Agenda Item 6F Approval of SCC exemption for Goldminer's Daughter and CTA for the 2024-25 school year was not approved and will be place on a March Board meeting Consent Agenda. The approval for the 2023-2024 school year was obtained on the March 7, 2023, Board meeting Consent Agenda.

Documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP3S607976>

7. New Business

- A. Canyons Transition Academy (CTA) possible relocation (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Nate Edvalson, Director of Special Education

A review of the proposal for the CTA program to move from the district basement to the Crescent View building was presented. The estimated cost for the new location to replace carpet and LVT in seven classrooms, appliances, furniture, and student technology would be approximately \$65,000. In addition to the move, the Administration is proposing that it would be a good time to change the program name to "Life Skills Academy (LSA)." The move would take place after Winter recess and at the beginning of the new semester in January 2024.

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the Canyons Transition Academy relocation to the Crescent View building and change the name to Life Skills Academy. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. Ms. Neibaur was not present for the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP47607983>

- B. Policy Update – Policy 500.11 – Special Education Students with Disabilities, Policy 600.01 - Graduation Requirements (Second Reading, Possible Action) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy 500.11 – Special Education Students with Disabilities

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) update Special Education Rules in August 2023, for which Local Education Agencies (LEA's), the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind and other public and private agencies providing publicly funded education and related services to student with disabilities must adhere. The Canyons School District Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual has been updated in accordance with USBE Special Education Rules.

Policy 600.01 - Graduation Requirements

The graduation requirements are updated to include a Certificate of Completion for a special education student(s) who: (1) has completed the student's senior year; (2) is exiting or aging out of the system; and (3) has not met all state or District requirements for a diploma (e.g., Canyons Alternative Diploma; Canyons regular High School Diploma) as determined by the IEP team.

MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to approved Policy Update – Policy 500.11 – Special Education Students with Disabilities, Policy 600.01 - Graduation Requirements. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. 6 Yea (Ms. Shill, Mr. Millerberg, Mrs. Tingey, Ms. Oaks. Ms. Pedersen and Mr. Edtl) 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur) The motion carries.

Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLPHQ61B2A2>

C. Board Strategic Indicator and Goals (First Reading) – Superintendent Rick Robins

In order to take the District's mission and tenets to the next level, a Strategic Plan was developed in 2022 to prioritize efforts and align resources around the core tenets which are Student achievement, Innovation, Community Engagement, Customer Service and Fiscal Accountability.

The Superintendent highlighted measurable goals for each of the core tenets. In Student Achievement a new perspective and focus will be placed on attendance, grade distribution and the ACT Writing portion. He presented measurable goals for early learning, English Language Arts, Math, Science, attendance, grade distribution and graduation rate. The Board approved initiatives and programs include: Thrive Time and districtwide PLC's. The District continues to monitor Customer Service through website pageviews, CTESS parent survey on learning and emotional well-being, high school senior exit survey and educator survey with the addition of surveying ESP's satisfaction. The District continues to exceed fiscal accountability expectations through audit compliance, bond rating and National awards for Annual Financial reports.

The Board is updated regularly on the progress of the strategic mission focus areas of High-Quality Learning, Access and Opportunity, Human-Centered Supports, and Operating Systems. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLPHU61BB32>

D. CSD Differentiated Diplomas (First Reading) – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of ISD

The revisions to the Differentiated Diploma Pathways proposal requirements include an increase in the GPA requirement, adding an attendance component, removing the ACT benchmark to participation only, and adjusting course requirements for advanced and honors diploma. The percentage of attendance would be cumulative across all 4 years of high school, parent excused absences are counted in total absences and school excused absences are not counted in total absences. The implementation would begin the beginning of next year for the Class of 2028 pathways for differentiated diplomas. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLPHX61C19C>

8. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP4B607987>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP4E60798A>

9. Board Comments

A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CVLP4J60798E>

10. Closing Items

A. Adjourn 9:20pm

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ATTEST	_____	Board President
	Amber Shill	
	_____	Superintendent
	Rick Robins	