



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the November 14, 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, November 14, 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
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

Excused: Mont Millerberg, Vice President

1. Closed Session – 4:30 pm

- A. For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- B. For the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to approve to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. 5 Yea (Ms. Shill, Ms. Tingey, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Pedersen, and Mr. Edtl) 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur joined the meeting after the vote). The motion carries.

*Person in Attendance: All Board Members except Mr. Millerberg, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Charlie Evans - Director of External Relations, Dan Harper – General Counsel, McKay Robinson – Assistant Superintendent.

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2. Study Session – 5:30

- A. USBA Update – Board Vice President, Amanda Oaks

The Board of Education discussed participation in the USBA, concerns with procedures and processes within the organization. There was a consensus that a letter be drafted and sent to the USBA Board of Directors with concerns collectively from the Canyons Board of Education.

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- B. Canyons Virtual Academy Update – Amy Boettger, Diamond Ridge High and Canyons Virtual Academy Principal

Ms. Boettger expressed appreciation for the new logo design for Canyons Virtual Academy (CVA). A timeline was reviewed from 2011 to the present indicating the changes in presentation of courses, course content, annual enrollment, and projected course completion rates. CVA is an effective, asynchronous online program with enrollment that continues to grow. Canyons created content is excellent and has contributed to pass rates exceeding purchased content by 5%. The future plans and projections include growing enrollment through marketing to SOEP/Out of District students, improve data collection and user interface, review and improve course content and review costs to maximize efficiencies. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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- C. Review of CDA/RDA Agreements with municipalities - Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The Board adopted Policy 200.05 – Tax Increment Financing Project, which states the Board values partnering with county and municipal entities and entering into formal agreements to develop school environments which strengthen neighborhoods and communities. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a public financing tool that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment by diverting a portion of tax revenue to help finance development and incentivize private development for project areas within a county or municipal jurisdiction. The district currently has agreements in varying stages with Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Midvale, and Sandy cities.

Canyons does not have as many TIF agreements as other districts; however, it does have some very large areas under TIF agreements. In FY 23 Canyons contributed \$14.2M towards TIF agreements. Of that amount about \$41.M was returned to District for its share. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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3. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
B. Approve Agenda for November 14, 2023

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for November 14, 2023. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Willow Canyon Elementary, Principal Nicole Svee-Magann
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXCQBG686DF7>

- D. School Highlights - Willow Canyon Elementary, Principal Nicole Svee-Magann
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXCQBK686DFA>

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

The following employees were recognized:

- Edwin Lehauli – Utah CTE Teacher of the Month for November 2023
- Julie Less, Teacher and Sara Little, Assistant Principal at Jordan High School

- Canyons Education Foundation (CEF), “Fun Bus”, delivered nearly \$100,000 in grants to CSD teachers
- Janell Myrick, Web Manager and Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator, received 100% compliance notification from USBA after audit of School Community Council pages on website
- 2023 Canyons Apexes Award
 - Teacher of the Year, Maxwell Eddington
 - School Administrator of the Year, Dr. Bruce Eschler, Ph.D.
 - School Administrator of the Year, Stacy Kurtzhals
 - District Administrator of the Year, Charisse A. Hilton
 - Volunteer of the Year, Rebecca Martin
 - Education Support Professional of the Year, Canyons Nutrition Services Department
 - Student Support Services Professional of the Year, Gretchen Zaitzeff
 - Legacy Award, Dr. Robert M. Dowdle
 - Elected Official of the Year, Senator Kathleen Riebe
 - Elected Official of the Year, Representative Andrew Stoddard
 - Elected Official of the Year, Representative Steve Eliason
 - Elected Official of the Year, Representative Gay Lynn Bennion
 - Community Partner of the Year, Tacos El Cunado
- ESP Professionals Day – November 15, 2023
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6. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Kaylee Hermann – Continuance of Jordan High
 - Abreanna Barron – Improvements needed at Jordan High
 - Keegan Grow – Eastmont Middle School
 - Enoch Grow – Eastmont Middle School
 - Heber Sharp – Eastmont Middle School
 - Jake Despain – Eastmont Middle School
 - Valerie Espinoza – Jordan Students
 - Claire Toone – Facelift for Eastmont Middle School
 - Stephan Sugiyama - CTEC
- <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXCQBR686E00>

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for October 17, 2023
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of October Financial Reports
- F. Approval of East Midvale TSSP/Landtrust Amendment
- G. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canyons School District and Alpine School District Regarding Suncrest Busing

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve Consent Item 7A Approval of Minutes for October 17, 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 October Financial Reports; Item 7F Approval of East Midvale TSSP/Landtrust Amendment; Item 7G Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canyons School District and Alpine School District Regarding Suncrest Busing. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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8. New Business

A. Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: Operating Systems – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The current cellphone tower revenue is shared where the host school retains 85% of revenue and the remaining 15% is pooled and allocated to schools on a per-student basis for those who do not have a cell tower. The Operating Systems committee is proposing reducing the amount kept by the host school to 75% and cap the maximum amount each school can receive at \$30,000. This would increase the amount received by all elementary schools from approximately \$166,533 to \$184,210 and reduce the amount to high schools from \$150,692 to \$125,552. The committee also recommends the proceeds from the celltower at Midvale Middle be shared equally with Midvale Elementary.

In the 2023-24 negotiated agreement with CEA, an elementary task force would be created to review planning, preparation time and share initial results with the Operations Subcommittee before presenting to the full Board. The ideas discussed include extending the elementary school day and building in more PLC and planning time, providing additional hours to the recess/copy assistant to provide more PLC and planning time for teacher and look at decreasing the Friday school-day.

Thirteen secondary teachers have resigned/retired since the start of the school year, citing family issues and mental health as the main factors. A daycare and preschool program will be presented to the Board at the November 28, 2023, Board meeting. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXCQC8686E0F>

B. Approval of 2024-2025 school calendar and tentative approval for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school calendars (Second Reading) – Charisse Hilton, Student Engagement Program Administrator

The only change since the last reading is to the start and end dates for kindergarten which will now be the same as 1st grade through 12th grades. Documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXCUE87ACEA4>

C. Long Range Planning Committee – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the elementary, middle and high school capacity for each school in the district. The estimated average savings for employees and non-personnel combined total savings for closing an elementary is \$999,000 and for closing a middle school is \$2,346,000.

The committee reported that, based on discussion with other national academies, a more current name should be considered for CTEC, such as Innovation Center or STEM Center. Possible locations for a new CTEC include Mount Jordan Middle, current location, Crescent View building and Eastmont Middle. The pros and cons were presented for each location. The travel time and miles were presented from each high school to the proposed locations as well as travel time to the Point Development. There were ideas presented for relocating the CTEC program as part of the Eastmont remodel or remodeling Jordan High school to accommodate some of the programs.

Mr. Wilcox presented the bond project cost by municipalities. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

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9. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXCQCC686E13>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CXCQCF686E16>

10. Board Comments

A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports

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11. Closing Items

A. Adjourn

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ATTEST

Amber Shill

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent