



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 18, 2020**

The following minutes are a summary of the August 18, 2020 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, August 18, 2020 beginning at 4:40 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
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations
Some of the individuals above attended the meeting via video conference.

1. Study Session – 4:40 pm

A. Opening School Update – Superintendent Rick Robins

Mr. Dimond, Director of Human Resources, reported approximately 198 new licensed benefit eligible employees have been hired for 2020-2021 school year as of August 18, 2020. The current student enrollment numbers show 24,613 in person, 7,104 on line and 621 parent lead students have registered for school.

Dr. Roderick-Landward, Director of Instructional Support, reviewed the online learning options for elementary, middle school and high school. The courses offered online will be graded using pre-COVID 19 grading scales. Attendance will not be recorded in Skyward but online activity will be monitored and lack of activity will trigger CSD attendance process. She also reviewed the online and parent-guided learning rollout, and digital device distribution timelines. The parent-guided, Parent Connections, website is <https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/parentconnections/>. which will be launched on August 24, 2020.

Mr Wilcox, Business Administrator, indicated transportation will be sanitizing high touch points between bus runs and daily, deep clean, disinfecting on each bus will happen mid-day and evening.

Dr. Sanderson, Director of Research and Assessment, updated the Board with CSD community COVID-19 cases by week and zipcodes. The Statewide COVID-19 cases and total tests are decreasing at this time.

Ms. Suarez, Director of Special Education, reported Special Education teachers participated in the Tech Summit day 1 along side general ed teachers to learn about blended instruction as well as the Tech Summit day 2 that provided specific information for special education instruction. A special education 101 Canvas course was proved to all general education teachers to help them understand their role in Child Find, accomodations and modification for the student with an IEP. Online opportunities will be provided to approximately 700 special education students.

Mr. Weller, Director of Responsive Services, addressed the clarification received from the Health Department that the requirement is for masks to be worn by students and staff. If an individual feels they have a need to wear a face shield an exemption form will need to be completed or accomodations will need to be addressed in health care plans, indicating the medical or health situation that may require a face shield to be worn and in what circumstances. If staff members have a reason they feel they need to wear a face shield they should contact Everett Perry in Human Resources. He also reviewed guidelines and steps that should be taken when a student or staff member test positive for COVID 19. There was a discussion regarding students that qualify for a 504 accomodation for learning and accessing curriculum. Presentation and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSDULC7C8D70>

- B. Proposal to align parent/teacher communication platform and translation services (First Reading) – Karen Sterling

Ms. Sterling presented the Board of Education a proposal to meet specific parent/teacher communication needs with opportunity for real-time text translation to multiple languages. The elements to consider are: 1) a single portal for parent communication that links to multiple instructional programs 2) a two-way communication between teacher and parents 3) align communication tool with Canvas class page consistency for parents and for IT support 4) a tool that is responsive to parent preference for method (text, email & messaging) and control of information. The Administration recommendation is the purchase of Parent Square..

The Board of Education requested additonal district and parent feedback as well as what a limited pilot may look like. Presentation and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSDUMD7CA49B>

- C. Early Literacy Plan 2020-2021 – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of Instructional Support

The District will be resubmitting Early Literacy goals from the 2019-2020 school year because school closures made it impossible to demonstrate if the goals were met. She presented the goals and thestrategies to achieve these goals.. Presentation and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

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2. Business Meeting – 7:20 pm

3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for August 18, 2020

MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve the agenda for August 18, 2020. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSDULH7C8D77>

4. Patron Comments

If you would like to participate remotely during the patron comment period of the meeting of the Canyons Board of Education, please send via email your name and phone number to communications@canyonsdistrict.org by 5:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting. In the email, please indicate the item or topic you wish to address. The Canyons District Office of Public Communications will then send you an email message with detailed information regarding how to access the teleconference system that will be used to facilitate the patron comments.

The following patrons commented:

- **Erika Bradshaw** – Canyons Education Foundation (CEA) School re-opening
- **Ron Tolman** – School re-opening
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSDULK7C8D7A>

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2020
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of July Financial Reports

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5A Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2020; Item 5B Hire and Termination Reports; Item 5C Approval of Purchasing Bids and Item 5D July Financial Reports. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSDULP7C8D7E>

6. New Business

- A. Volunteer Update – Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

Ms. Edwards reported that 4,804 volunteers have signed up for the 2020-2021 school year. There is a strong volunteer support from parents and community. The District hosted mayors and legislators at a luncheon to meet Superintendent Robins. Their support and good working relationship with the District is appreciated. The District assisted with the Region PTA annual fall training. Ms. Terri Francis represented Region PTA, by presenting the Board of Education with a check symbolizing the hours spent by volunteers serving students and teachers.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSDUPU7D121A>

- B. New Policy: Policy-400.021/500.021-Sexual Harassment (Title IX)(Second Reading, Possible Action) Policy Update: Policy: Policy-500.35-Student Attendance (Second Reading, Possible Action), Policy-400.01-Employee Conduct and Professionalism (Second Reading, Possible Action), Policy-700.01-School Community Councils (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy-500.35-Student Attendance

Language based on State Board rules regarding student attendance and HB 14 definitions was added to the policy revision since the first reading. The policy committee recommended leaving the term “family event” in the policy definition of a valid excuse.

Policy-400.01-Employee Conduct and Professionalism

Employee Conduct and Professionalism was updated with language that was previously in the District's discipline policy regarding an employee's duty to report hazing, bullying, abusive conduct, retaliation activities and the duty to report possession of alcohol or drug paraphernalia..

Policy-700.01-School Community Councils

This policy was updated to allow for electronic meetings as outlined in state law. However, elections for SCC's may not be conducted by electronic means, unless approved by the Board of Education.

Policy-500.35-Sexual Harassment (Title IX)

The U.S. Dept of Education released new Title IX Regulations for sexual harassment May 6th, 2020 to take effect August 14, 2020. In order to comply with these regulations a new definition of sexual harassment and an investigation and grievance process consistent with the new federal regulations was added to the policy.

MOTION: Mont Millerberg moved to approve Policy-400.021/500.021-Sexual Harassment (Title IX); Policy Update: Policy-500.35-Student Attendance; Policy-400.01-Employee Conduct and Professionalism; Policy-700.01-School Community Councils. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSDUQ57D1C15>

7. Closing Items

A. Adjourn

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ATTEST

Nancy Tingey

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent