



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 6, 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, October 6, 2020 beginning at 5:00 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  
Rick Robins, Superintendent  
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator  
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel  
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations  
\*Attended the meeting via electronic means.

**1. Study Session – 5:00 pm**

- A. Annual Technology Plan Report – Scot McCombs, Director of Information Technologies  
Digital Teaching and learning updated plan

Mr. McCombs presented the digital teaching and learning update and plan for 2021-2025. The plan is focused on supporting the Board's mission of preparing students who attend CSD to be college and career ready. He indicated that in addition to thousands of devices checked out to students, 800 hotspots and 550 Chromebooks were deployed through the digital divide initiative to support students' learning at home.

The CARES Act Grants will assist with improved access points for wireless connections, live streaming the District network and allow up to 1,200 economically disadvantaged students access to high speed internet.

He highlighted major projects and initiatives such as Cyber Security for students and staff, updating the networks, moving towards one to one device initiative, and a future replacement of the Skyward platform. with a new product from Skyward called Qmlativ.

A significant increase in the demands for support throughout the district, higher than usual staff transitions and turnover, and delays in the supply chain for hardware supplies are challenges facing the department. Presentations and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTWC795437>

- B. Approval of 2021-2022 school calendar and tentative approval for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school calendars – Dr. Floyd Stensrud, Director of Planning and Enrollment (First Reading)

Dr. Stensrud presented the Calendar Committees recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year as well as the tentative 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school calendars.

The committee is recommending revising the alternative emergency day language in Policy-600.4 Exhibit-2 to read, “The Board may determine an alternative option, ie., digital learning day, Presidents’ day, Saturday, for instructional time lost due to emergency school closure(s).”

There was a discussion to exclude Saturday as an option for an alternative day. The Board recommended that when the new language is approved that it be included on the 2020-2021 school calendar. The term date for the 2020-2021 school year calendar for elementary schools also needs to be adjusted. Presentation and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTX7970C1>

- C. Student Advisory Council schedule and topics – Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

The Board of Education established a Student Advisory Council to advise on policy development and to provide feedback on important issues facing the school district. Dr. Dowdle read the recommended topics for the students to discuss during six meetings that will be held monthly this school year. The council has 22 student representatives and will report to the Board on April 20, 2021. Document Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTY67983FD>

- D. Point of the Mountain Development Commission – Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

The Point is the name of the area where the State prison is currently located which is entirely within CSD Boundaries. The area surrounding the prison includes more than 20,000 acres of undeveloped land which extends into Alpine and Jordan school districts .

Ms. Edwards explained the purpose of the the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority Board is to establish guiding principles and goals for development of the area when the prison is moved. An invitation was made to have representation from CSD on behalf of K-12 education.

The Board appointed Amanda Oaks to represent the Board of Education at the Point Stakeholder working group meetings. Document Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTYA798B5B>

## 2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

### 3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome  
B. Approve Agenda for October 6, 2020

**MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve agenda for October 6, 2020. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTWG79543C>

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Karen Sterling, Director of Student Advocacy  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTW79543D>  
D. School Highlights – Marilyn Williams, Willow Canyon Elementary Principal  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTZ979C3C5>

### 4. Recognitions –

- A. Jeff Haney, Director & Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications & Public Relations

- **Emma Moss, Eastmont Middle** – Utah Teacher of the Year, Runner Up
- **Girls Tennis, Alta High – Second Place, 5A UHSAA Girls Tennis, First-Doubles** – Brooklyn Dowdell and Raquel Passey
- **Bridgerland Band Invitational Marching Band** –
  - Alta placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Division
  - Brighton placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division

Presentation Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTWK79543F>

B. Introduction of Student Advisory Council - Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

The following students have been selected to serve on the 2020 Student Advisory Council:

**Alta High**

- Aiyanna Ford, Sadler Jones, Jorja Smith, Saskia Paepke-Chile

**Brighton High**

- Logan Oviatt, Celeste Dorantes, Israel Moeai, Esterline Wunderli,

**Corner Canyon High**

- Parker Pogue, Jake Orr, Danna Benitez, Lauren Carn

**Diamond Ridge High**

- Martha Lopez, Riley Gillespie

**Hillcrest High**

- Max Lepore, Maddy Nava Ayers, Henry Salinas, Laura Bush

**Jordan High**

- Neema Delphine, Maile Afoa, Alberto Tapia, Elija Martin

Presentation Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTZP79D444>

**5. 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](mailto: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. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTWK79543F>

The following patrons commented:

- Stacey Arens – Online Instruction
- Milo Maughan – thank you for changes to schedule
- Holly Neibar – Online Instruction

**6. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2020
- B. Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2020
- C. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2020
- D. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- E. Approval of Purchasing Bids

- F. Approval of LEA Specific Licenses
- G. Approval of Early Literacy Plan 2020-2021
- H. Approval of TSSP Amendment for Eastmont Middle School

**MOTION:** Amanda Oaks moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2020; item 6B Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2020; Item 6C Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2020; Item 6D Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6E Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6F Approval of LEA Specific Licenses;; Item 6H Approval of TSSP Amendment for Eastmont Middle School with the exception of Item 6G Approval of Early Literacy Plan 2020-2021 for further discussion. Chad Iverson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTWT795447>

There Board of Education discussed Item 5G and noted that October 2020 was dyslexia awareness month. .

**MOTION:** Amanda Oaks moved to approve Item 5G Approval of Early Literacy Plan 2020-2021. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTX7795453>

## 7. New Business

- A. Online Learning Program Report – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward. Director of ISD

Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward presented the survey responses from parents, teachers, and secondary students in the online learning program. The results are generally positive yet indicated there is room for improvement. Online teaching and learning are challenging for both teachers and students.

She presented an outline of the CSD Multi-Tiered System of Supports framework for the eight areas of best instructional practices. She explained that synchronous learning happens at a specific time and place and is interactive such as in person or zoom and asynchronous learning happens before and after synchronous learning sessions, for example videos or reading. She said that any synchronous instruction should be carefully designed around learning intentions and success criteria and also reviewed the time expectations for online learning at the elementary and secondary level.

She showed examples of how Canvas is used for course reviews or spot checks and for instruction. Ways to improve the online experience include working for better consistency on placement of information on Canvas sites, support parents in signing up as observers on their student's Canvas accounts, and encourage more communication between school and home.

She reviewed best practices for livestreaming of instruction and explained the three levels of implementation options with the role of the teacher and student defined.

Superintendent Robins suggested that a central site for online learning be created with resources and supports for parents of students learning online. This may include a designated principal and staff that are familiar with the online environment . He discussed developing a personalized learning instructional framework. A proposal will be developed and presented at the Board meeting scheduled to be held on October 20, 2020. Presentation and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYU3H7A181F>

- B. Procedures for transferring students from Online to In-Person (or vice versa) at end of grading period – School Performance Directors

Dr. McKay Robinson, Director of Elementary Principals, discussed the process for an elementary student to request a change from their current learning choice. If a student would like to make a change they will need to complete the customized form on Skyward to make the change request. The school will use this information to facilitate the changes that need to be made. The window for these requests will be accepted November 1-8, 2020. The date change for the end of the trimester will need to be adjusted on the 2020-2021 school calendar at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Cindy Hanson, Director of Middle School Principals, indicated all changes for second quarter for middle school students will need to be submitted during October 1-12, 2020. High schools will continue as usual with students requesting changes through their counselor. It is standard practice that students are not guaranteed their schedule of choice. Presentation Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYU437A2AE7>

- C. New White City Area Elementary Name and Mascot (Second Reading, Possible Action) - Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communication & Public Relations

Bellview Elementary and Edgemont Elementary are preparing for the two school communities to come together as one school. The rebranding efforts were started in May and through the PTA's, SCC's and community leaders, two names, mascots and colors were presented to the community in a survey. A tie breaker survey between Glacier Hills, Yeti's and Bear Park, Bears was also conducted. The community results selected Glacier Hills Yetis with 54% of the responses.

Glacier Hills reflects the prominent glacier-cut canyons to the east of where the new school will be built. The Yeti mascot will serve as a symbolism of the Tibetan word "rocky" or "bear". The color blue will prompt students to be trustworthy, peaceful and the color white will remind them to embrace the newness, and completion of their new school community. The Communications Department will now start working on designing the mascot and branding for the school. Principal Julie Winfree expressed her excitement for the naming of the school and she's excited to declare, "It's a great day to be a Yeti." Presentation Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYU4C7A35C9>

**MOTION:** Steve Wrigley moved to approve the school name as Glacier Hills Elementary with the new mascot as a Yeti. The school colors will be white and blue and the school will pick the shade of blue. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Policy Update: Policy: Policy-500.3-Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Second Reading, Possible Action), Policy-500.43-Vision Screening (Second Reading, Possible Action), New Policy: Policy-Board Budget Principles (Second Reading, Possible Action)– Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Mr. Christensen reported there were no changes or updates to these policies since the first reading on September 15, 2020. Presentations and Documents Available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYU4Q7A4097>

**MOTION:** Amber Shill moved to approve Policy-500.3-Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Policy-500.43-Vision Screening, New Policy: Policy-Board Budget Principles. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 8. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTXC795458>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTXF79545B>

**9. Board Comments**

A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTXK79545F>

**10. Closing Items**

A. Adjourn

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BTYTXP795463>

/cc

ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_

Nancy Tingey

Board President

\_\_\_\_\_

Rick Robins

Superintendent