



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the August 3, 2021 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 3, 2021 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
Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Steve Wrigley, Vice President
Mont Millerberg, Board Member
Holly Neibaur, Board Member
Amber Shill, Board Member
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Clareen Arnold, Board Member

1. Closed Session – 5:00 pm

A. For the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. *A roll call vote was taken. (President Tingey joined by phone) The motion passed unanimously.

* Person in Attendance: All Board Members, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Dan Harper-General Legal Counsel; Charlie Evans-Director of External Relations
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNQL610BDE>

2. Study Session – 5:45pm

A. Dyslexia Task Force report – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director of ISD

Dr. Roderick Landward provided a background of the programs, training and framework for the reading difficulties, Dyslexia Task Force, which included cross departmental collaboration. The purpose of the task force is to align district support for students experiencing reading difficulties by streamlining intervention systems, evaluating curriculum resources and assessing practices and developing common vocabulary and instructional recommendations by collaborating, designing and delivering a professional learning for teachers. She reviewed the outcomes from 2018 to the present, which included issues such as aligning vocabulary and key reference

resources, streamlining the consistency of implementation of effective Orton-Gillingham based interventions and routines, as well as increasing professional learning. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNQQ610BE2>

B. USBE Early Literacy Plan (First Reading) – Dr. Amber Roderick- Landward, Director of ISD

Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward reviewed 2020-2021 Early Literacy goals and whether or not they were met or decreased. She introduced Early Literacy goals for 2021-2022 and the strategies to achieve those goals. These goals include an increase in the percentage of kindergarten students who are proficient in nonsense word assessment by 2% from the middle of the year to end of the year, and increase the percentage of 1st grade students who are proficient on nonsense word fluency assessment by 22% from beginning of the year to the end of the year. The District will focus on instruction, intervention, professional learning and a systemwide monitoring to achieve these goals. The statewide learning professional learning literacy project will focus on addressing the learning disruption, improve the stagnant statewide early literacy outcomes and equity. She explained that Language Essentials for Teaching of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) is not a program or a curriculum but is ongoing professional learning on the deep knowledge of the science of reading and how to teach students how to read, even if they are struggling. Presentation and document on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNTH613114>

C. Policy Update: Policy—500.35—Student Attendance; Policy—500.43—Vision Screening; Policy—300.01—School Access; Policy—700.09—District and School Information Media (First Reading) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy – 500.35-Student Attendance

The Student Attendance policy requires an update to the language for student leave from referring to it as “vacation” to “pre-approved education leave.” Parents of students who are pre-approved for education leave will then be able to access a form that will allow them to better work with administrators. A reminder will be added to district policy for the S.B. 219 Truancy Enforcement Moratorium (2021), which prohibits the issuance and enforcement of notices of compulsory education violations and notices of truancy during the moratorium until June 1, 2022.

Policy-500.43-Vision screening

This update is to align with the Tier 1 and Tier 2 vision screening rule, which requires language to include eighth and tenth grade for Tier 1 and to conduct Tier 2 vision screening for student being reevaluated for suspected disabilities.

Policy-300.01-School Access

School access is updated to include language for use of school property and equipment and to align the provisions for parent and visitor access with provisions of Utah code for parental rights.

Policy-700.09-District and School Information Media

This recommendation for this policy is to be narrowed in scope to focus on District and school sponsored websites. Adjustments were made to corresponding regulations and addressing general information, content, safety, student release provision to accurately reflect current website practices.

Documents and presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNTN613A81>

D. Policy Update - Policies Deemed Obsolete: Policy—500.44—Student Hearing Conversation; Policy—600.08—Homework; Policy—600.09—Test and Examinations; Policy—600.10—

Remediation; Policy—600.12—Advanced Placement; Policy—700.06—Community Use of School Property and Equipment (First Reading) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy—500.44—Student Hearing Conversation

The Student Hearing Conversation is an outdated policy that does not align with Utah department of Health Screening protocols. The District has a hearing screening program that provides for students.

Policy—600.08—Homework; Policy—600.09—Test and Examinations; Policy—600.10—Remediation; Policy—600.12—Advanced Placement

These policies contain outdated procedural language and the issues addressed in each of these policies are addressed in CSD individual teacher disclosure statements or Utah State board of education Rule.

Policy—700.06—Community Use of School Property and Equipment

The provisions of this policy are outdated and redundant. Where relevant language regarding use of school property and equipment has been added to existing policy.

Documents and presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNTQ613B39>

3. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for August 3, 2021

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for August 3 2021 with a change to New Business Item 8C 2021-22 Back to school plan to agenda Business Item 8A. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNQU610BE6>

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – BJ Weller, Director of Responsive Services

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNQV610BE7>

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

The following students were recognized for their achievements:

- National Fresh wood Student Woodworking competition – Katie Farnsworth 1st place (Open category), Savannah Richards 2nd place (Open category) and Jacob Farnsworth 2nd place (Tables category)

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNQX610BE9>

6. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented

- Greg Schiffman – Critical Race Theory
- Christopher Phillips – COVID Precautions
- Amy Quintana – COVID
- Lauren Cromar – COVID precautions
- Jenny Nazzaro – COVID precautions/masks
- Holly Marz – Critical Race Theory
- Rebecca Colley – Masks
- Shayla Streiff – Masks

- Lisa Burns – ESSER III SEL masks and Critical Race Theory
- Lauri Egbert – Public Forum
- Leslie Christiansen – Masks
- Jessica Anderson – Mask Mandate
- Representative Gaylynn Bennion, House of Representatives
- Ellie Ware – COVID masks
- Christine Marzelewski – Masks
- Senator Kathleen Riebe, Utah State Senate

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNR3610BED>

7. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes for July 13, 2021
- Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- Approval of Purchasing Bids
- Approval Student Overnight Travel

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2021; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7D Approval of Student Overnight Travel. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNR7610BF1>

8. New Business

- 2021-22 Back to school plan – Superintendent Rick Robins

The 2021-2022 back to school action plan for the District is focused on the health, wellness and learning. The District will follow a comprehensive, thoughtful and data driven back to school action plan while adhering to state laws and taking into account recommendations from public-health authorities. The District will provide in person and online learning for students and registration started on Aug 2, 2021. A new Utah law eliminated a school district's ability to mandate masks unless so ordered by the local health department. CSD will provide regular testing for students and employees and will announce dates, times and locations when plans are finalized. The cleaning protocols will include hand-sanitizer, touchless water fountains, and air filters that utilize an electrostatic charge to remove fine particles from the air. The Utah Health Department guidelines indicated that regardless of vaccination status, students who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home for 10 days from the test date. Students who have been vaccinated or have had COVID-19 within 90 days exposure to a positive person can continue with studies uninterrupted. It is recommended that non-vaccinated students quarantine at home for 10 days or continue attending with a mask. CSD will continue to update the Canyons Dashboard on a regular basis with the number of cases and other information. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5ETU57902E0>

- ARP ESSER III Grant Application (Second Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator and Dr. Amber Roderick- Landward, Director of ISD

Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward briefly reviewed COVID relief funding plans previously given at the Board meeting held on July 13, 2021. The recommended key strategies and expenditures related to the focus of educational priorities were presented to the Board. These priorities include focusing on increasing K-12 student achievement in literacy and mathematics, supporting the physical and mental health and safety of students, outreach to students who did not enroll or attend classes, increase opportunities for credit recovery and the post-secondary school preparedness. The Board of Education requested additional detailed expense information be provided at the next board meeting. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNU6617425>

C. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins

The first steering committee met and had approximately 30 people in attendance. The main focus for the group was to understand the process and create a collective capacity on how to engage stakeholders and address topics and questions recommended by the steering committee. They set in motion the different focus groups and Superintendent public listening tours which will start in August and run through September if necessary. Discussion available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNUA617EAF>

D. 2021-22 Back to school plan – Superintendent Rick Robins (This item was originally item 8C and was moved to item 8A)

9. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNRM610BFF>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CNRQ610C02>

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=C5CNRU610C06>

11. Closing Items

A. Adjourn

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ATTEST

Nancy Tingey

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent