



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the August 17, 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 17, 2021 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Canyons Administration Building, 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
Clareen Arnold, Board Member
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

1. Study Session – 5:30 pm

A. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins

The Superintendent reported the project team met and nomination/recruitment letters have been sent to principals for parents and students to be completed, so focus groups can be formed. There was a discussion on the selection of parents and the best way for Board members to participate on the planning committees. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5RUQE7D243D>

B. District wide Constitution Day observance plans – Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

The purpose of the Constitution Day observance is to help students understand the importance of the U.S. Constitution and identify ways it impacts daily life. This day will be recognized on September 17, 2021 throughout the District in a variety of ways. The teachers will be encouraged to use a Constitution Day overview film provided in morning meetings or as an introduction to a discussion with their students or during an announcement or assembly at the school. The film will include an information on the origin, a short summary and time frame for individuals to reflect on “what the constitution means to me?” Additional resources have been provided for teachers such as news articles, interactive quizzes, games, and assignment/lesson resources. The information, materials and resource links have been provided to elementary and secondary schools. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5RUS87D43F6>

C. JUUL lawsuit information – Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel

Mr. Harper reported that companies like JUUL have targeted their advertising and products towards teenagers. The negative impact has been felt in Canyons District as well as throughout districts across the nation. As a result, a mass tort action lawsuit has been filed and Canyons has the opportunity to join in the litigation. The District has currently been spending funds on educating students about the harmful effects of vaping and assuring that vaping is not occurring in our schools. There are additional actions that can be done to support prevention and help those who have started vaping to stop. He introduced representatives from Kirton & McConkie and the Frantz Law Group to provide information and answer questions about the litigation. The financial funds received from a potential settlement would fund expenses for vape detectors, additional staff for supervision, counselors trained in addiction, and increasing education of the consequences of vaping. The mass action lawsuit includes school districts throughout the nation, but they will be represented as individual entities. The only participation required for the District is to complete a questionnaire. Costs are handled on a contingency basis, so there is no cost to the District as the firms will receive 20% of the settlement, if any, so the law firms are responsible for costs. The JUUL lawsuit will be on the next board meeting consent agenda item with supporting documentation. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

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2. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

3. **Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for August 17, 2021

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for August 17, 2021. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Cindy Hanson, Director of Middle Schools

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

The following students and staff were recognized:

- High School Football Association (HSFA), Utah Academic All-American
 - Alta High – Ethan Jackson
 - Corner Canyon – Carson Compton, Cody Hagen, Noah Kjar, Jett Meine, Micah Wilson

Presentation available on BoardDocs

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5. **Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- Carolyn Erickson – Students mental health and self esteem
- Karlan Richards – discipline in the classroom
- Adam Cota – COVID 19
- Rochelle Griffin – COVID 19
- Dr. Karen Moser, MD – COVID 19 safety guidelines
- Kirsten Capunay – COVID 19 safety guidelines
- Jennifer Nazzaro – COVID 19 safety guidelines

Written comments received:

- Lisa Bruns – Transgender information
- Lisi Youngberg –

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6. Report on School Opening – Superintendent Robins

The District's COVID guidelines have consistently implemented protocols throughout the pandemic based upon the State Statute and relevant laws. The goal of the Board of Education has been to support and provide in person and online learning for students and their families so they can choose the best option for their circumstances. There remains a continuous balance of keeping students and employees physically safe, providing academic opportunities, while addressing social, emotional and mental health needs. The District is in constant contact with health officials in making difficult decisions that are comprehensive, thoughtful, and data-driven as they prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Robins indicated that 50% of the students eligible for the vaccine have reported receiving it and 85% of the teachers are fully vaccinated. The Salt Lake County Health Department will provide data that will be posted for each school on the CSD website. The District will continue with mitigation strategies such as optional face-coverings, assigned seating, physical distancing when possible and cleaning protocols as provided throughout the pandemic. Student and employees that have COVID-19 symptoms will have the opportunity be tested at the District Office starting August 23, 2021. A new Utah law eliminated a school district's ability to impose a mask mandate unless ordered by the local health department, and subsequently allowed to stand by elected government bodies. The County Health Department guidance will be referred to for test result actions, close-contact exposures and testing events. The CSD website has added a portal where patrons can submit comments and questions. A CSD representative will respond or connect them to the right person to address the issue. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5Z45H09E169>

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for August 3, 2021
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of July Financial Reports
- F. Approval of USBE Early Literacy Plan 2021-2022

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from August 3, 2021; 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 July Financial Reports; Item 7F Approval of USBE Early Literacy Plan 2021-2022. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. A vote was taken. 6 Yeas, 1 Not Present (Amanda Oaks was not present at the time of the vote) The motion carries.

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8. New Business

- A. Update on 2021-2022 Volunteers and Introduction of Region 17 PTA Board – Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

The introduction of the Region 17 PTA Board was postponed to a future meeting. The volunteers looked different for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID 19 restrictions but had a total of 6,347 volunteers who served in various capacities throughout the District and a total of 74,305 service hours. The trajectory for the 2021-2022 school year is on track with 5,000 volunteers already approved at the beginning of the year. The volunteer system training for all coaches, advisors, PTA and new principals has been completed. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

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

The COVID relief funding would provide an allocation of \$21M and 20% of that will be prioritized to address accelerated learning or unfinished learning students may have experienced. A copy of the official grant application was provided for review. An electronic survey was sent to employees and parents of students in CSD. The purpose was to solicit input about the District's plans to address the four priorities identified as needs for students. Dr. Landward reviewed the results of each of those priorities by feeder system. There were additional priorities identified in the survey such as COVID safety precautions, request for more elective options, and additional support for Special Education students. A chart was provided with each priority and the estimated cost for addressing each of these areas of growth. Presentation and grant application available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5RUU37DAF8B>

MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve the ARP ESSER III Grant Application. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- 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 (Second Reading, Possible Action) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

These policies had minor adjustments made to align with State code and some technical changes in a few policies as outlined. No changes were made since the first reading. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

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MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve Policy—500.35—Student Attendance; Policy—500.43—Vision Screening; Policy—300.01—School Access; Policy—700.09—District and School Information Media. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- 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 (Second Reading, Possible Action) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

After a review was made of the policies in the Student, Instruction and Community sections to identify provisions listed that were inconsistent and outdated in the policies recommended to be deemed obsolete. If there are elements that need to be brought back in after the strategic planning is complete, then the policies will be reevaluated. There were no changes from the first reading. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5RUUK7DC2FC>

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to deem the following policies 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. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

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- B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5RURL7D2463>

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=C5RURQ7D2467>

11. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn 9:35pm

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ATTEST	_____	Board President
	Nancy Tingey	
	_____	Superintendent
	Rick Robins	