



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the September 7, 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, September 7, 2021 beginning at 4:30 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 – 4:30 pm

A. USBA Update – Mont Millerberg

Mr. Millerberg updated Board members of upcoming events for USBA. The fall regional meeting is scheduled on Sept 23, 2021 at 6pm at the USBA office. If board members are unable to attend, they are welcome to attend any other dates and times available in other areas. Master Board awards are due December 1, 2021. NSBA is scheduled for April 2-4, 2022 in San Diego, California. USBA Leadership Academy will be held in Midway, Utah, September 16-18, 2021. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN565ADAB7>

B. District Accreditation update – Cindy Hanson, Director of Middle Schools and Jesse Hennefer, Assistant Director of ISD

Ms. Hanson reviewed the purpose of accreditation, which is the way high schools are allowed to issue credits that are acceptable to colleges. The last accreditation process was conducted in 2015 for high schools, and there was a discussion at that time about looking at a systemwide accreditation rather than only high schools. The current accreditation is a whole system approach to growth and monitoring improvements/gap at all levels across the District. CSD accreditation is through Cognia, the leading accreditation body for Utah and nationally. Accreditation is the process used to monitor systems improvement over a 5-year period based on a District Strategic Plan. Principals from each high school met with Ms. Hanson and Mr. Hennefer, who are the assigned coordinators, to review the accreditation process, plan overall principal meetings, give feedback on the process and to serve as advocates within their levels. Mr. Hennefer reported that the District team is currently working to collect and rate evidence

pertaining to the accreditation standards. A draft of the document will be turned into the accreditation team on September 17, 2021. The CSD accreditation team will provide an update at the September 21, 2021 board meeting. The Cognia accreditation team will be visiting CSD, October 18-21, 2021. Presentation and Documents available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN745AEE3B>

- C. Process for compliance with Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-328 Equity in Education (First Reading) - Superintendent Rick Robins

The Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-328, "Educational Equity in Schools" went into effect August 9, 2021. This Rule defines the concepts of diversity, equity and inclusion and clarifies what can and what should not be taught in Utah public schools. The District mission is that every student who attends CSD, will graduate college and career-ready. The Superintendent reviewed programs that have been implemented to achieve that goal through programs such as early literacy instruction, alternative paths to graduation, summer academies, early-college programs, community engagement and special programs. He highlighted students who have taken different pathways to successfully reach their goals. The District is working on creating professional development to foster a learning environment, align teaching practices, denounce racism, establish professional learning and collaborate with diverse communities by implementing strategies of inclusion. Presentation available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN7M5AF7DA>

- D. Update on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) review – Superintendent Robins and BJ Weller, Director of Responsive Services

Mr. Weller presented historical data indicating the suicidal ideation, office discipline referrals and out of school suspension and chronic absences had alarming increases in the 2016-17 school year. The District Behavior Task Force was created to analyze data and recommend ways to address behavior concerns across the District. As a result, the Student Responsive Services Department was created. The mission of the department is to ensure each student is safe and ready to learn in a classroom with a teacher. There is a focus on creating consistency in the system through Tier1 support. The schools report that since the implementation of the Board adopted Second Step program in 2019, there are fewer office disciplinary referrals and teachers are more able to complete instruction in all content areas. The steps for the implementation of SEL curriculum include a review by school administration, School Community Council (SCC), and PTA, as well as communication sent home to families explaining the program and opportunity to review the program. He suggested that a committee be created to represent the five feeder systems to review updates to the current curriculum to ensure alignment to what was adopted by the Board. The District currently offers an "Optional waiver of participation" form for parents who want a waiver from participation in a particular curriculum or activity for their student. There will be an update given at a future board meeting. Presentation and document available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN7Y5B0109>

2. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for September 7, 2021

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve the agenda for September 7, 2021. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Dimond, Director of Human Resources

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4. **Recognitions** – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications
- Preston Cheney, Regional Winner – Notah Begay National Golf Championship
 - Jordan High Counseling Staff – FAFSA Cup Challenge

5. **Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- Stacie Petersen – Social Emotional Learning
- Jennifer Nazzarro – COVID-19 safety guidelines
- Lisa Bruns – Accreditation/Equity Audit
- Connie Slaughter – Education Elements
- Adam Cota – COVID-19 safety guidelines
- Holly Marz – Social Emotional Learning
- Jessica Anderson – Opt-ins vs. Opt-outs
- Barbara Petty – Social Emotional Learning
- Catherine Petty – Social Emotional Learning

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6. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes for August 17, 2021
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval to join JUUL mass tort lawsuit
- F. Approval of Foundation Board members

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2021; Item 6B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6D Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 6E Approval to join JUUL mass tort lawsuit; Item 6F Approval of Foundation Board members. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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7. **New Business**

- A. Introduction of Region 17 PTA Board – Susan Edwards, Community Engagement Coordinator

Ms. Edwards introduced the Region 17 PTA Executive Board members Terri Francis - Director, Liz Miles - Associate Director, Daniela Dulger – Secretary, Sheila Armstrong– Treasurer, Sheree Robinson – Health and Safety Director who represent more than 10,000 parents for CSD. They oversee all 44 local PTA's and divide into 4 councils as Secondary Council, North, Central and South Elementary Councils. The PTA helps provide training for rotating volunteers, consistency, fiscal guidelines and policy guidance. Ms. Francis thanked the Board of Education, Superintendent and Administration for fostering an environment where they are able to do PTA work to the best of their ability. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN9N5B46A9>

- B. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins

Drew Schantz, Senior Design Principal for Ed Elements, updated the Board on the 26 Strategic planning focus groups at each of the 5 high schools. A complete report from the focus groups and results of the community wide survey will be reported to the Steering Team on September 29, 2021 and at the October 5 Board meeting.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN9X5B54E5>

- C. CTESS/CLASS evaluation update – Steve Dimond, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Dimond introduced Ms. Shawnda Moss who is the APL Licensing and Evaluation specialist for the District. Ms. Moss reviewed the historical context of the licensed employee evaluation systems which were revised and implemented in August 2019. However, due to the pandemic closures, evaluations were suspended. Career educators were formatively evaluated pursuant to USBE Board Rule and provisional educators were evaluated with COVID-19 modifications during the 2020-2021 school year. The educators were advanced to the next evaluation phase according to their most recent Summative Overall Rating (SOR). Career and Provisional educators will be evaluated, for the 2021-2021, using the established CTESS/CLASS systems, without COVID-19 modifications unless USBE Board rule changes. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GNA35B5D27>

D. Special Education Department and USBE Audit Report – Misty Suarez, Director of Special Education

Ms. Suarez reviewed the Utah Program Improvement Planning system (UPIP). There are 14 indicators within 5 program areas and each indicator has a two-year lag in data, is assessed a risk score, and provides data to write a yearly UPIP. She highlighted areas that are going well for students with disabilities, such as improving graduation rates, decreasing dropout rates and 100% of IEPs completed before a student's 3rd birthday. The District is currently focused on improving outcomes for preschool students with disabilities and improving outcomes for students moving from secondary to post-secondary activities. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GNA75B6797>

E. Update on Section 504 implementation in Canyons schools– Chanci Loran, Program Administrator

The update was given by Mr. BJ Weller, Director of Student Responsive Services. There are currently 908 students with a Section 504-classification status and the purpose of that program is to ensure that individuals with disabilities are given the same opportunity to participate in programs and activities as their non-disabled peers. The District is focused on providing training at every school and identifying students that would qualify for and benefit from Section 504 accommodations. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GNAG5B7170>

8. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN635ADAD5>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN665ADAD8>

9. Board Comments

A. The Board President will recognize individual Board members for reports.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6GN6A5ADADC>

10. Closing Items

A. Adjourn

ATTEST

Nancy Tingey

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent