



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the September 21, 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 21, 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. Nutrition Services report – Sebastian Varas, Director of Nutrition Services

Mr. Varas reviewed the Nutrition Services organizational chart. He indicated that free and reduced specialists and clerks are not needed at this time due to the USDA waiver allowing students to get free school meals and some of those employees accepted other positions. However, they are still in need of filling 65 positions in order to be completely staffed in the schools. The meals provided to students meet Federal requirements; and decisions about what specific foods to serve and how they are prepared are made by local school food authorities. The National School Breakfast Program provides students with nutritious food choices before their school day begins to improve their diets and encourage the learning process. The Seamless Summer Program is designed to provide nutritionally balanced, high quality meals to children 18 year or younger during summer vacations. This program started operating on September 2020 due to the COVID-19 waiver and they served 2,386,475 lunches and 841,694 breakfasts during the 2020-21 school year. The Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a federally assisted program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to children at eligible elementary schools during the school day. The FFVP's goal is to introduce new fruits and vegetables and encourage healthier eating habits.

The District provides catering to district departments or non-district entities to meet catering needs. The Canyons Café offers breakfast, lunch and snacks to district employees and provides catering for professional development meetings at the district office. Nutrition service works to provide a connection and correlation to nutrition education through registered dietitians teaching in the classroom, disseminate education to the community and promotions such as the 2021-21 theme "Go for the Gold with School Meals." The daily meal participation has increased for lunch

and breakfast from last school year in elementary and secondary schools. The USDA Seamless Summer Program will be continued through the last day of school in June 2022. The State provided a grant in the amount of \$111,445 that was used to update software for transactions at the point of sale, and parents will be able to access account balances through Skyward when they start paying for student lunches again. The current challenges in the department include labor, food, paper and cleaning supplies shortages. Presentation available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WMJD5B72BC>

B. Annual SCC Training (State Statute) – Susan Edwards, Susan Edwards, Community Engagement Coordinator

Ms. Edwards reported the first round of scheduled School Community Council (SCC) trainings have been completed and a makeup training has been added for September 30, 2021. This year with the earlier start of school some SCC's were not quite in place by the time of the trainings, but they are almost all fully staffed now. The SCC's are responsible for helping prepare, approve and submit plans to the Board of Education for TSSP, School LAND Trust, School Safety, Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship. The Board of Education will receive requests for approval as plans are submitted by school this year and the deadline to the State is May 15, 2022 with a grace period of two days. Discussion available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WMLZ5BBA76>

C. Annual Open Meetings Training – Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel

Training for the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act is required by State Statute, Utah Code 52-4-101 and the presiding officer of the Board of Education is responsible to ensure the annual training requirements are reviewed. The purpose of the act is to require government entities take actions openly and ensure deliberations allow for an open public process. Presentation available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WMM75BC24A>

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

Accreditation is the process of continuous improvement through system monitoring and system reflection. The primary national and international accrediting body, Cognia, will evaluate and provide feedback based on CSD progress toward District goals. The District Accreditation coordinators have been reviewing evidence in accreditation and ensuring standard alignment and data collection throughout leadership, learning and resources. Ms. Hanson provided a timeline of next steps in preparation for the accreditation visit scheduled for October 18-21, 2021. The Accreditation team will send the Board of Education the updated draft document this Friday, as well as the meeting schedule. Presentation available on BoardDocs.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WMMC5BC8F7>

E. Policy Update Policy 500.11 Special Education for students with disabilities and updated CSD Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual (First Reading) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Mr. Christensen indicated that the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) updated Special Education Rules, in August 2020. Local Education Agencies will need to adhere to the new rules, which require minor changes in CSD policy. The policy revision includes language that

the CSD Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual is referenced in Board Policy and is approved by the Board of Education. Presentation and Documents on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WMML5BD0C0>

F. Board Discussion of USBA trainings – President Nancy Tingey

The Board of Education had a discussion about trainings they attended and upcoming events. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

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2. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

3. **Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for September 21, 2021

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for September 21, 2021. Amanda Oaks 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:

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- **Alta High School band and Colorguard** – Oquirrh Mountain band invitational, 3rd place
- **Alta High School Violeta Martinez, Best in Show and Ethan Johnson, Congressional award** – Springville All-State High School Art Show
- **National Merit Scholars – Semi Finalist**
Alta – James Numbers

Brighton – William Faerber, Kaylee Rowley, Aarav Singh

Corner Canyon – Creed Gardiner, Rachal Oldham, Allison Oler

Hillcrest – Lucas Bolster, Ryan Chen, Danju Liu, Micaela Madariaga, Dallin Rima, Selena Yu, Erin Zhang

Jordan – Britton Bettinson

5. **Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

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- Emily Davis – Social Emotional Learning curriculum
- Stacie Petersen – Strategic planning
- Sarah Hamilton – Alta instrumental remodel issues
- Tyler Hansen – Alta High School Band room
- Eli Glende – Alta High School band room
- Alex Miller – Alta High School band room

6. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes for September 7, 2021

- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of August Financial Reports

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes from September 7, 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 of August Financial Reports. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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7. New Business

- A. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins

Superintendent Robins reported that Strategic Planning is currently in the community engagement phase, and they are conducting focus groups, a public survey is available on the Canyons website, and Superintendent has just completed his listening tours. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WN7J5CAF56>

- B. Fine Arts Update – Sharee Jorgensen, Teacher Specialist

Ms. Jorgensen presented on the use of the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts learning program, which focus is on integration of the arts into instructional learning in elementary schools, giving students a more robust learning experience. She also discussed the benefit the arts provide students in the area of social and emotional learning. Canyons has created its own arts implementation guide to help schools, specifically principals and teacher specialists, identify areas of integrations strengths as well as areas of improvement. Ms. Jorgensen discussed the notable decrease in arts enrollment in all schools at the secondary level. She and the board discussed the need to conduct a community-wide survey ascertaining the factors that have contributed to this change in arts enrollment in the middle and high schools. The Board was interested in additional information on enrollment in arts classes. Discussion available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WN7X5CB878>

8. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

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- B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C6WMKG5B73D6>

9. Board Comments

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

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10. Closed Session – 10:30 pm

- A. For the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

MOTION: Mont Millerberg moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. *A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Person in Attendance: All Board Members, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Dan Harper – General Counsel, Charlie Evans – Director of External Affairs.

11. Closing Items

A. Adjourn

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ATTEST _____ Board President
Nancy Tingey

Rick Robins Superintendent