



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 5, 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, October 5, 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. Closed Session – 4:30 pm

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

MOTION: Steve Wrigley 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.

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

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2. Study Session – 5:15 pm

- A. Proposal to add up to 6 virtual learning days to the 2021-22 school calendar (First Reading) – Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

The Administration is recommending that the Board approve 6 virtual learning days starting in November to help families prepare for the changes in the school calendar. The proposed dates were selected through consultation with principals and directors to ensure there are no calendar conflicts. The recommended dates are November 5, 2021; December 10, 2021; January 28, 2022; February 11, 2022; March 25, 2022; and April 29, 2022. Dr. Dowdle

reviewed teacher expectations for these designated days, which include report to school for work, provide and communicate teacher availability for students and parent (2 hours), provide asynchronous learning options designed to support learning intentions and success criteria for the current or following week. Teachers may also use the time to collaborate with peers, provide needed outreach to students and implement interventions for unfinished learning. The rationale for the proposal is due to reports that teachers are tired, stressed and facing unique challenges due to the continued COVID pandemic. In addition to the pandemic, a shortage of substitute teachers, high rates of student absenteeism, increased student behavioral challenges, and implementation needs have created more stress on time and mental health.

There was a discussion about ways to support teachers and how the District can support and meet their needs. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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- B. Approval of 2022-2023 school calendar and tentative approval for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school calendars (First Reading) – Dr. Floyd Stensrud, Director of Planning and Enrollment

Dr. Stensrud presented the Calendar Committee's recommendation for the 2022-2023 school year as well as the tentative 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school calendars. The committee is recommending removal of identifying midterms on all calendars because the dates are selected by school and not the District. They are also recommending color changes so it is easier for members of the community who are color blind to be able to identify the different colors. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7H2UK58588E>

- C. Introduction on redistricting –Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations and Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The review of redistricting occurs every ten years after the completion of a nationwide census. The Salt Lake County has not yet provided the District with specific details or a schedule of their process. However, during initial conversations, the County has indicated they would like the process completed by December 2021, precinct populations should be within 10% of each precinct and Board Members must remain in the current precinct they represent. Mr. Evans provided the precinct populations based on the 2020 census. The Board of Education asked that the administration create options for the Board to review at the next reading for redistricting boundary changes. Presentation and maps available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7H2UR585FF6>

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

Dr. Robert Dowdle introduced the following students representing the 2021-22 Student Council:

Alta – Autumn Engstrom, Luke Bjerregaard, Alisha Ruiz, Mallory Goodfellow

Brighton – Hayley Wilson, Xander Nelson, Taylor Navarro, Bryce Mayer

Corner Canyon – Kimberly Montoya-Garcia, Lance Andrewsen, Creed Gardiner, Bella Nibley

Diamond Ridge – Ava Bolen, Gabe Gutierrez

Hillcrest – Emy Arredondo, Jason Mun, Humzah Khan, Selena Yu

Jordan – Cameryn Coffey, Shelby Hadley, Emma Moreno, Isaac Brockbank

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3. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for October 5, 2021

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve the agenda for October 5, 2021. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Alta View Elementary, Principal Scott Jameson
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7H2SV583F3A>
- D. School Highlights - Alta View Elementary, Principal Scott Jameson
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7H2SW583F3B>

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

- A. Utah College Application Month Check Presentation – Denise Haycock, Foundation Development Officer

The following students and staff were recognized:

- Corner Canyon High and Hillcrest High – 45th Annual Shakespeare Competition
- Utah Principal of the Year – Dr. Brian McGill
- Corner Canyon High – Chargers tied the State Football Record for 48 wins in a row
- Utah College Application Week

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6. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Lisa Bruns – Social Emotional Learning curriculum
- Jeannine Cardenaz – Social Emotional Learning curriculum
- Tori Gillett – Social Emotional Learning curriculum
- Jenn Rupp, Bethany Foster – Second Step curriculum
- Ashley Anderson, Second Step curriculum
- Allie Teller – Second Step curriculum
- Jessica Anderson – Written curriculum for Second Step
- Jeremiah Olsen – Second Step curriculum
- Allyn Kau – Second Step/SEL
- Rebecca Jimas – Second Step curriculum
- Hillary Hewitt – Second Step/SEL
- Cassie Smith – Second Step curriculum
- Stacie Petersen – Curriculum
- Shandra Brown – Second Step curriculum
- Jessica Davies – Second Step curriculum
- Cherrie Sadowski – Social Emotional Learning curriculum
- Alicia Cottle – Social Emotional Learning curriculum
- Brynn Whitchurch – Second Step curriculum
- Christine Morcelewsia – CRT/SEL
- Lavar Christensen – Utah Statute 53E-2-201 Policy for Utah's public education system

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7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for September 21, 2021

- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of LEA specific license

MOTION: Amber Shill moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from September 21, 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 LEA specific license. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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8. New Business

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

Superintendent Robins referred to the Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-328 and the discussion from last meeting about what the rule requires and how the rule supports student's success. He introduced Kevin Giddins, Founder & Senior Partner, and Al Jackson, Senior Partner at Sunlight Works. They have been working with a board subcommittee, as well as District Administration, to assess the diversity and inclusion in the District. Their approach is to use data to be proactive, not reactive, as they provide the opportunity for CSD to align diversity and inclusion principles to the District's mission, vision, values and objectives. They provided survey results from 3 assessments given to principals and District leadership. They identified areas of strength and areas that need improvement. Recommendations include professional development on psychological safety and inclusive leadership, empower and engage committee work that represents all stakeholder levels, encourage leadership to review strategies and operations to ensure equity and inclusive principles are practiced. In compliance with the State rule, the professional development will be made available to the public for their review and will need to be Board approved. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7BMTK5CCBB4>

- B. Policy Update Policy 500.24 Student Educational Travel; Policy 200.6 Teacher and Student Success Act TSSA and Exhibit (First Reading) - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy 500.24 Student Educational Travel

The District is experiencing issues with commercial carriers in transporting students for overnight travel trips. The recommendation from the committee is to modify the policy to reaffirm ground transportation safety priorities while offering alternatives to travel to provide other options. The policy affirms prioritizing ground transportation as first District/school bus, commercial carriers or rental vehicles limited to the rental of 2 vehicles. He also reviewed the safety and travel policy criteria.

Policy 200.6 Teacher and Student Success Act TSSA and Exhibit

The Policy Committee is recommending a modification in the title "School Approval Process" to be changed to "The School Plan Development and Approval Process" to be used to develop Teacher and Student Success Plans (TSSP's). Additional changes include principals must solicit their SCC's input from at least two meetings and provide applicable data, the school's TSSP must include contingency expenditure plans and the TSSP should be available on the school's website.

Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7BMTY5CDD69>

- C. Policy Update Policy 500.11 Special Education for students with disabilities and updated CSD Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Mr. Christensen indicated that the Utah State Board of Education (USB E) 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. There were no changes since the first reading.

MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve Policy 500.11 Special Education for students with disabilities and updated CSD Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7BMUB5CE635>

- D. Discussion on Social Emotional Learning curriculum - Superintendent Rick Robins

Superintendent Robins restated his reasoning for placing the Second Step curriculum on hold in order to provide time for further discussion on how to move forward with Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum in the District. He reviewed the multiple supports that currently support SEL, which include morning circles, peer court, wellness rooms, NOVA, DARE, school psychologist, counselor, social workers and mindfulness exercises. The Superintendent recommended, implementing in the interim, a curriculum called “Nearpod,” which is aligned to current industry standards, CSD’s foundational practice of using evidence-based resources, lessons span at least 20 weeks, and lessons are teacher-ready. He provided sample lesson topics and a proposed timeline for the interim and discussed long-term SEL solutions. The discussion by the Board of Education resulted in support to continue with the hold on Second Step and continue with the SEL supports that are already in place during the interim and that the item will be brought back at the next board meeting.

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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- E. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins

Shelby McIntosh, from Ed Elements, discussed the next action items and the timeline that was given from the Steering Committee. The survey results and open-ended responses will be shared with the Board via email as soon as the information is complete. She was unable to provide a full presentation, due to the lack of time in Board meeting, so the timeline will be adjusted and additional information provided in the next Board meeting. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7BMUP5CF82C>

9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7H2TQ583F55>

- B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C7H2TT583F58>

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=C7H2TX583F5C>

11. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn

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ATTEST _____ Board President
Nancy Tingey

Rick Robins Superintendent