



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
January 17, 2017**

**The following minutes are a summary of the January 17, 2017 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 study session and business meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Canyons Administration Building - East, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Sherril Taylor, Board President  
Nancy Tingey, Board Vice President  
Amber Shill, Board Second Vice President  
Clareen Arnold, Board Member  
Chad Iverson, Board Member  
Mont Millerberg, Board Member  
Steve Wrigley, Board Member  
James Briscoe, Superintendent  
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator  
Dan Harper, General Counsel  
Charles Evans, Director External Relations

**1. Study Session – 5:00 pm**

- A. Legislative Preview – Charlie Evans, Director of External Affairs & Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

Charlie Evans reviewed some of the bills that will be presented to the House this legislative session. A list was given to the Board showing pre-filed bills including funding bills for public education, high school athletics, USBE elections and others. Handout available on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPFD645A7B>

- B. Board Committee Assignments – Board President Taylor & Board Vice President Tingey

There are two types of committee assignments, outside and internal. Worksheet on committee assignments was reviewed and new committee assignments were discussed and assigned. Updated assignments document is available on BoardDocs

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRHC6E0D0F>

- C. Update on Kindergarten Supplemental Hours Program – Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director, Instructional Supports Department

Dr. Roderick-Landward updated the Board on the pilot year of the program. The program was in four schools this past year. Leigh Ann Fisher, Instruction Supports Department Specialist and Michelle Veazie, a current kindergarten teacher from Altara, were also in attendance to answer questions.

Information was presented on current enrollment numbers, scholarships awarded, program implementation highlights and benefits to students. Academic progress was outlined for the Board. The program has a projected net revenue of \$14,300 for the first year. Indirect costs may go up in the future due to needs for furniture, curriculum, etc. We are looking to expand the program next year by adding more schools including more economically diverse schools. Board member Mont Millerberg would like to see data on the full day kindergarten from Title One and data on the supplemental hours' kindergarten. Dr. Roderick-Landward will report to the Board at the end of this school year. Lessons were learned on how to improve the program and recommendations for 2017-2018 were given including continuing the program at the four pilot schools and adding programs in schools where space is available. We would like to be more neighborhood/community oriented as this is better for families and for the school. There are six schools that do not have space available but portables may be considered. We would like to start registration for next year within the next two weeks.

Growth would depend on space available in schools, resources and enrollment numbers. It is important to keep this program cost-neutral. This will be discussed in agenda planning and will be brought back to the next meeting. Presentation documents are on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRHV6E223F>

- D. Update on High School Advanced Language Program - Dr. Amber Roderick-Landward, Director, Instructional Supports Department - Cassie Kapes, Instructional Supports Specialist was also in attendance.

Parents were asked to complete an intent to continue in the dual language program. Numbers were presented on current enrollment, the number of responses and numbers of those intending to continue. This is for the Advanced Language 5H classes not AP classes but students will be prepared to take the AP test. Recommendations are to offer Chinese 5H at Alta and Corner Canyon High, French 5H at Corner Canyon and Spanish 5H at Jordan High. Programs at Brighton High School and Hillcrest High School will come online in 2018-19. Planning variables are dependent on student enrollment, USBE supports for college bridge programs, staffing at schools and hiring and retaining qualified teachers. Teachers may need to teach at two schools. Recommendations will need to be evaluated each year. The current recommendation is to teach Chinese at both Alta and Corner Canyon if a teacher can be found. Presentation documents are available on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AHBVC6800C3B>

- E. Hazardous Walking Route – Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Dowdle reviewed the history of hazardous walking routes. We adopted 155 hazardous walking routes from JSD. We get zero reimbursement for hazardous routes vs regular bus routes where we get reimbursed around 65%. An assessment was created with a range of 1 to 100, with 100 being the most hazardous. It was decided that routes with a score of 36 or higher, will continue with a hazardous bus route. Ridership percentages and space available bussing options were discussed. Each year SNAP plans, submitted by the schools, are reviewed with the individual cities. Bob will take a concern about a Draper Middle School route to Draper City. Draper is waiting for federal funding to finish the project on 1300 East. Handout document is available on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AHBVDH803EEF>

- F. Graduation Report -- Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent and Dr. Hal Sanderson, Director, Research & Assessment

This is a yearly update to the Board. Charts and graphs show the growth in graduation rates. Trends are in the right direction but in two categories we are not keeping up with the State. Ongoing improvements were presented. Schools have until the following fall to get a student graduated. We can do a better job of getting this group of students to graduate possibly using administrative intern hours to focus on these students over the summer. Claren Arnold requested the number of 24 credit students at each high school. Presentation documents are available on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRJZ6E4D02>

## 2. Business Meeting – 7:30 pm

### 3. Opening Items

- A. Welcome

- B. Approve Agenda for January 17, 2017

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPFH645A7F>

**MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve the Agenda for January 17, 2017 as written. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Eastmont Middle School, Scout Troop 728

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPFJ645A80>

- D. Reverence – Stacy Kurtzhals, Principal, Eastmont Middle School

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPFK645A81>

### 4. Reorganization of Board Leadership

- A. Reorganization of Board Leadership – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Leon Wilcox took charge of reorganizing the Board Leadership. He reviewed the Board Policy relating to Board elections and the procedure to be followed for the election. Any board member may nominate a

board member for any office including one's self. Nominations do not require a second. A motion, second and vote are required to close nominations. To be elected, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes. Voting shall be by raise of hand.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRLT6E85BB>

**MOTION:** Nancy Tingey moved that the Board to continue the Office of Second Vice-President for the next two-year term. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion passes 6 Yea to 1 Nay.

B. Elections for President of the Board of Education – Sherril Taylor

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRNZ6EE2EC>

*Nominations for the Office of President. Chad Iverson nominated Sherril Taylor.*

**MOTION:** Nancy Tingey moved to close nominations for the Office of President. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VOTE:** All those in favor of Sherril Taylor as President of the Board of Education of Canyons School District, please indicate by raising your hand. The vote was unanimous. Sherril Taylor will serve as the President.

C. Elections for the First Vice President of the Board of Education – Nancy Tingey

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRPE6EF1C9>

*Nominations for First Vice President. Amber Shill nominated Nancy Tingey.*

**MOTION:** Chad Iverson moved to close nominations for First Vice President. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion passes 6 Yea to 1 Abstain.

**VOTE:** All those in favor of Nancy Tingey being elected to the Office of First Vice President of the Board of Education of the Canyons School District, please indicate by lifting your hand. The voting is 6 Yea and 1 Abstain. Nancy Tingey will serve as Board Vice President.

D. If needed, elections for the Second Vice President of the Board of Education – Amber Shill

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRPN6EFA99>

*Nominations for Second Vice President. Clareen Arnold nominated Amber Shill.*

**MOTION:** Chad Iverson moved to close nominations for Second Vice President. Nancy Tingey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VOTE:** All those in favor of Amber Shill as the Second Vice President of the Board of Education of the Canyons School District, please indicate by raising your hand. The vote was unanimous. Amber Shill will serve as Board Second Vice President.

## 5. Recognitions

A. Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, Communications

Student recognitions and recognition of Board Member Nancy Tingey for being elected USBA President.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPFM645A83>

## 6. Patron Comments – Parents, students and Canyons School District employees shared comments regarding the Middle School schedule. Comments included patrons wanting a schedule to accommodate more elective classes, teaming, continued progress in student achievement at the middle schools, support for fine arts programs in the schools and opportunities for dual-language students. Also, two patrons spoke regarding the Kindergarten Supplemental Hours Program. Individual comments can be heard by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPFR645A87>

Holly Neibaur

Katie Smith

Kerstin Olcett

Amanda Oaks

Kit Linkous

Clark Croshaw

Joanne Andrus

Stacie Raddatz  
Elaine Lindsay  
Ben Brockbank  
Victoria Bromfield  
Sterling Oaks  
Erika Bradshaw  
Jen Buttars  
Daniel Emrazian  
Zoe Smith  
Adriana Steck  
Alisha Neyman  
Hanna Bartnicki  
Alexsys Campbell  
TJ Neyman  
Natalie Fisher & Elise Baghdoian  
Monett Rupp  
Delese Bettinson for Brian Bentley, IB Director  
Terri Culberson  
Tami Knubel  
Paul Madsen  
Mike Nymong  
Randy Madsen  
Nichol Druckemiller – *Kinder Extended Day Fee Based at Butler Elementary*  
Destiny Rockwood  
Heather White  
Marianne Barrowes  
Alex Nibley  
Kaylie Hayter  
Blayke Gym  
Christina Stentem  
Krista Pippin  
Marilyn Larson -- *Kindergarten*  
Kim Steenblik  
Corrine Harrymem  
Ruddie Gallardo, Isabelle  
Gretchen Hyer  
Ben Ellisor  
Brahams Briggs  
Tristan Cooper  
Jana White  
Laura Ruppert  
Mark Fellows – speaking for Kami McMaster  
Alex Schneider  
Wendy Smith  
Chad Smith  
Kathryn Smith  
Libby Smith  
Valerie Wietzel  
Dave Christensen  
Grant Croshaw

**7. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2016 & January 3, 2017
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of November Financial Reports

- F. Approval of December Financial Reports
- G. Approval of Donation Agreement from Real Salt Lake for Mini-Pitch at Sandy Elementary
- H. Approval of Unified Police Department SRO Agreement  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPFV645A8B>

**MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2016 & January 3, 2017; 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 November Financial Reports; Item 7F December Financial Reports; Item 7G Approval of Donation Agreement from Real Salt Lake for Mini-Pitch at Sandy Elementary and Item 7H Approval of Unified Police Department SRO Agreement. Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **8. New Business**

- A. Middle School Schedule Applications – Mike Sirois, Director of Elementary & Middle School Principals (Second Reading, Possible Action)  
Sharee Jorgenson – Arts Specialist, Instructional Support Department. Ms. Jorgenson shared her experiences and her thoughts on the Middle School schedule and how it might affect the students and staff of Canyons School District.

Mr. Sirois noted that there is no perfect schedule and we are not out to eliminate the arts. There was a last-minute change at USBE over the past weekend regarding USBE requirements on the CTE electives. There was a waiver offered by the State. Due to the waiver that was offered, Board Member Nancy Tingey made a motion to accept the waiver.

**MOTION: Nancy Tingey made a motion to instruct Dr. Briscoe and the administration to immediately submit a letter to the Utah State Board of Education to claim the waiver that was offered, waiving the required courses of College & Career Awareness and Eighth Grade Digital Literacy. Mont Millerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Board members had the opportunity to ask Middle School Principals about their schedule choices.

Mr. Sirois said that we heard mostly one point of view in the Patron Comments. A few years back we conducted a survey and learned that CSD middle school academics needed to be brought up. Four years ago, we were tasked to get our academic scores up and we have done that. We are seeing improvements in our SAGE scores. We know that it is not perfect and that some programs have taken a hit due to the emphasis on academics. The priority was academics and maybe the priority has changed. We could have gone to a 60-minute schedule and we would have stayed on the same path but we choose to use teaming. Teaming is key and needs to continue to be an emphasis. We were concerned with the new State requirements and we knew the students would have less elective opportunities. Hard choices needed to be made and we selected the six-period schedule. The State has given some leeway on these requirements for a year.

Middle School Task Force was compiled of administrators and teachers. The Task Force spent over 20 hours looking at schedules. Principals looked at the whole school when recommending a schedule. Presentation and documents are available on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRXQ7029F8>

**MOTION: Chad Iverson made a motion to approve the individual school applications for schedules for a one year trial period. He requested that the District provide an update to the Board in one year. He also requested that a survey be done of parents and teachers to gain feedback. For the 2018-2019 school year, he requested that a task force be reconvened with parents to seek to allow more electives. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion passes 6 Yea to 1 Nay.**

- B. Digital Citizenship Resolution – Jeff Haney, Director, Communications & Dr. Darren Draper, Director, Education Technology (Action Requested)  
Every school has a plan to teach digital citizenship at the schools. A list of Common Sense Certified

Schools was displayed. A resolution was presented to make February 6-10, Digital Citizenship Week in Canyons School District. Presentation and resolution are available on BoardDocs.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPG3645A91>

**MOTION:** Nancy Tingey moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Mont Millerberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Policy Update: GCD – Professional Staff Vacations -- Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel (Final Reading, Action Requested) \*Dr. Briscoe presented the update on the policy. Policy documents are available on BoardDocs.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGSRWJ6FFBA0>

**MOTION:** Steve Wrigley made a motion to update policy GCD – Professional Staff Vacations as proposed, Clareen Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Staff Comments**

- A. Superintendent Report – no comments.
- B. Business Administrator Report – no comments.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPG5645A93>

**10. Board Comments**

President Taylor provided an opportunity for Board Members to comment on recognitions and events throughout the District, please review audio on BoardDocs if you would like to listen to individual Board Member comments.

- A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGNPGC645A9A>

**11. Closing Items**

- A. Adjourn – 12:50 am on January 18, 2017.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ Board President  
Sherril Taylor  
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James Briscoe Superintendent