



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
November 14, 2017**

The following minutes are a summary of the November 14, 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 closed session, study session and business meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 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 First 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. Closed Session – 5:00 pm**

- A. For the purposed of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASYMHQ58BC68>

**MOTION: Amber Shill made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Study Session – 6:00 pm**

- A. Policy Committee Update: Policy - 600.4 – Exhibit – 1 - Calendar Committee Guidelines; Policy - 500.7 - Search and Seizure; Policy - 500.TBD - Student Attendance; Policy - 500.TBD - Student Records, Privacy Rights, and Release of Information - Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel (First Reading)

Jeff Christensen gave a first reading of policies being revised by the policy committee. The first policy provides guidelines for the school calendar committee on bringing forward school calendars to the Board. Three policies are being re-written in the student section: Student Search and Seizure, Student Attendance and Student Records, Privacy Rights, and Release of Information. These policies are being reorganized and now include an updated legal standard. Mr. Christensen noted that Canyons follows State and Federal laws regarding search and seizure. The Student Attendance Policy is a merger of five different policies. Each school must follow the guidelines of the District attendance policy but should also have their own attendance plan. Guardian excused absences were discussed as well as the value of student attendance in the life skills education of a student. The impact of attendance on the students' education and participation points allowed in grading were discussed. Student Records Policy was updated to follow guidelines set by the State. There are exhibits attached to this policy. The District's retention policy and schedule are outlined in the Student Records, Privacy Rights, and Release of Information policy. Please send feedback to the policy committee. Policies and exhibits are available on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUAS79E51D>

- B. LAND Trust Final Reports – Alice Peck, Director of Elementary Principals  
Alice Peck shared LAND Trust data with the Board. The final reports have been sent to the State. The reports reflect accountability for what schools have done over the last year with LAND Trust monies. Schools did a commendable job of spending the money they were allocated. Most schools were under the 10% carry-over. A new component has been added to the final report with follow-up on the goals that were set to see if those goals were met. There will be a link available to the State website for review of the final reports.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWURX7C36E6>
- C. Middle School Course Update – Mike Sirois, Director of Elementary and Middle School Principals  
This is a work in progress because the State Board proposed a rule that all courses are elective except English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The State Board is currently reconsidering that rule to add more required courses while allowing flexibility for parents. Kathleen Riebe, State Board Member, voiced some of the reasons for the State Board's decisions. They are trying to reach the needs of most parents and districts by giving flexibility and latitude with the course requirements. Competency is not currently in the rule. The State Board is still working on guidelines for competency. Canyons has a recommended course pattern for middle school students to be well-rounded and ready for high school. There will continue to be potential that if an offered course doesn't have enough students registered, the course may be dropped and those students will be placed in an alternate course. The Board requested a copy of the course registration cards before they go out to students and parents.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUSB7C4543>
- D. Union Middle School Proposal for Increased Between Class Pass Time - Mike Sirois, Director of Elementary and Middle School Principals  
Union Middle School wants to add 5 minutes to their day in the morning so class times begin and end on the 5's. The Board requested confirmation that the SCC has reviewed this change. The proposed change would be effective for the 2018-19 school year. The Board approves all school bell schedules in the spring and this proposal can be included at that time. Documents available on BoardDocs.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUSE7C4DA4>

### 3. Business Meeting – 7:30 pm

#### 4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for November 14, 2017  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUAW79E527>

**MOTION: Nancy Tingey moved to approve the Agenda for November 14, 2017. Claren Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Crescent Elementary – Scout Pack 4433  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUAX79E528>
- D. Reverence and school update – Camie Lloyd, Principal Crescent Elementary  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUAY79E529>

#### 5. Recognitions

- A. Jeff Haney, Director & Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications & Public Relations  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUB279E52B>

The following were recognized:

- The U.S. Department of Defense presented CSD's Board of Education with its Above and Beyond Award for going beyond the legal requirements in providing their Guard and Reserve employees additional, non-mandated benefits.
- Emilee Astle, Alta, 5A tennis first-singles champ
- Karli Branch, Corner Canyon, 5A cross country state champ
- Georgia Ray, Lindsey Brown and Lydia Stueber, Alta High - Students who did the artwork for the District's official holiday card
- Students whose art is featured in the District Office

- Nicole Brooks, Jordan High School (*Award of Merit*)
- Hongying Alana Liu, Hillcrest High School (*Award of Excellence*)
- Ben Powell, Corner Canyon High School (*Award of Merit*)
- Camill Verreault, Alta High (Honorable Mention)
- Sage Dumas, Brighton High School (*Award of Excellence*)
- Thanks, from Canyons to the community for approval of the BOND

Presentation is available on BoardDocs.

## 6. Patron Comments

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUB679E52F>

The following public comments were given:

- **Kristy Ellis** - Lone Peak, Chiller/Air Conditioning

## 7. Consent Agenda

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUBA79E533>

- Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2017
- Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- Approval of Purchasing Bids
- Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- Approval of October Financial Reports
- Approval of Land Trust Amendments for Brighton High School, Union Middle School, Edgemont Elementary and Silver Mesa Elementary

**MOTION: Chad Iverson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2017; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7D Approval of Student Overnight Travel; Item 7E Approval of October Financial Reports and Item 7F Approval of Land Trust Amendments for Union Middle School, Edgemont Elementary and Silver Mesa Elementary except for the Land Trust Amendment for Brighton High. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item 7C and Land Trust Amendment for Brighton were pulled from the motion. There was a Board discussion on Construction Managers and priority of building projects. Mr. Wilcox explained that in September the Board approved architects to design the rebuilding or remodeling of high schools. The purchasing bids would be approving the construction managers so the contractors can begin to work with the architects on preliminary plans. Approving these bids is not locking us into a timeframe but it is locking in the costs. The administration's recommendation is to do the high schools first to get ahead of increasing costs.

**MOTION: Nancy Tingey made the motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 7C Approval of Purchasing Bids. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Six yea, one nay – the motion passed.**

## 8. New Business

- Calendars – Dr. Floyd Stenstrud, Director of Planning and Enrollment (Second Reading)  
Dr. Stenstrud reviewed the 2018-19 school year calendar showing start and end dates, PD days, parent teacher conference days and holidays. 2019-20 and 2020-21 tentative calendars looks similar to the 2018-19. Alternative calendars for 2019-20 and 2020-21 were discussed and results of a survey given to SCC members in the district were presented. The survey results indicated a preference for earlier start and end dates of the school year. The benefits of this calendar were discussed by the Board including having professional development at the beginning of the year, more instruction time prior to end of year testing, and enhanced productivity with more full weeks during the year. A final reading will be in December. The Board thanked the calendar committee and Dr. Stenstrud for the dedicated work on the calendars. Calendars and presentation are available on BoardDocs.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUBG79E539>

- B. Approval of \$49 Million General Obligation Bond Issuance and approval of 2011 General Obligation Refunding – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator (First Reading)  
Now that the bond has passed, Canyons School District will begin issuing the bonds and start the projects. Mr. Wilcox explained the process and the timeframe for getting bonds. Once the bonds are issued, proceeds must be used within 24 months.. This will be brought back on November 21<sup>st</sup> as an action requested item.  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUU97CA66C>

**9. Staff Comments**

- A. Superintendent Report - Dr. James Briscoe  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUBJ79E53B>
- B. Business Administrator Report – Leon Wilcox  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ASWUBM79E53E>

**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=ASWUBR79E542>

**11. Closing Items**

- A. Adjourn at 9:15 pm

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ATTEST	_____	Board President
	Sherril Taylor	
	_____	Superintendent
	James Briscoe	