



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the February 7, 2023 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, February 7, 2023, beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons District Office, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, Board President
Mont Millerberg, Vice President
Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Andrew Edtl, Board Member
Holly Neibaur, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Nancy Tingey, 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 pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- B. 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 pending or reasonably imminent litigation and for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Andrew Edtl 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 External Relations, Steve Dimond – Human Resources, William Shinoff, Esq. Lawyer – Franz Law Group
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPLZH580B7B>

2. Study Session – 5:30 pm

- A. Board Meeting Protocols – Amber Shill, Board President

The Board of Education discussed new ideas for board meetings. President Shill provided a brief review of some Robert Rules of Order procedures. The Communications Department presented ideas for a new look on the website for the Board Leadership section and a new format for Board meeting summaries on social media.

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- B. 2023 Legislative Update– Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations and Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator

Mr. Evans and Ms. Edwards updated the Board of Education on the current education bills that have passed and are being discussed during the 2023 Utah Legislative session. The Public Education Appropriations Co-Chairs Funding item list was distributed to each board member. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPPZJ62BEB2>

- C. Progressive Indicators of the Five Board Tenets: Student Achievement, Community Engagement, Customer Service, Innovation, and Fiscal Accountability – Dr. Hal Sanderson, Director of Research and Development

Dr. Sanderson presented information for the five board tenets which are student achievement, community engagement, customer service, innovation and fiscal accountability.

Student achievement indicators included Grade 3, 5, 8 for RISE English Language Arts, Math and Science and High School Grade 11 ACT Composite Score and graduation rate. Canyons School District consistently scored higher than the state average in all elementary and middle school level indicators. He also reported that although chronic absenteeism is not a tenet, it is an indicator correlated with lower academic achievement. Pre-pandemic numbers had an overall lower absenteeism rate than during the pandemic and present numbers.

Community Engagement includes volunteers and School Community Councils (SCC). COVID-19 had a direct impact on the number of volunteers and volunteer hours. Volunteers are starting to return to help in the schools and classroom. The percentage of principals trained for SCCs for the 2022-23 school year is 91% and members trained is 72%.

Customer Service indicators are measured by website metrics and satisfaction surveys. Due to COVID-19, website views and minutes on the page increased substantially during the pandemic. He reviewed the parents survey, CTESS stakeholder feedback, parents survey, high school senior exit survey and educator satisfaction survey.

He reviewed the multiple innovative programs implemented by CSD and highlighted the addition of Step to the U at Jordan High and the creation and implementation of Thrive Time: Skills for Scholars.

Fiscal Accountability indicators are represented through the maintaining of a AAA bond rating, full compliance on annual audit reports and continually obtaining National Awards for Annual Financial reports. Presentation available on BoardDocs <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPPZN62C5C8>

- D. School Community Council (SCC) updates – Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator and Alice Peck, Director of Elementary Principals

Ms. Edwards reported that districts throughout the state will receive a portion of 100 million dollars funded by the legislature, which is the highest distribution ever approved for School Landtrust. The Board of Education has the opportunity to write an exemption for schools that have unusually low student population or an alternative school/program. It is recommended that Gold Miner's Daughter and CTA currently be considered for the exemption request. This approval request will be included on the next board meeting consent agenda. Presentation available on BoardDocs <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPPZS62CE17>

- E. Strategic Vision High Quality Learning focus area update – Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

This item was moved to business meeting agenda item 8D

3. Business Meeting – 7:10 pm

Ms. Neibaur was excused during this portion of the meeting.

4. Opening Items

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for February 7, 2023

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the agenda for February 7, 2023 with the exception of moving Study Session Agenda Item 2E Strategic Vision High Quality Learning focus area update to Business Agenda Item 8D. Nancy Tingey seconded the motion. 6 Yea. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur)

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Brighton High, Principal Tom Sherwood
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPLZW580B8A>
- D. School Highlights - Brighton High, Principal Tom Sherwood
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPLZZ580B8E>

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

The following staff and students were recognized:

- First-ever State 6A All-Girl cheer camps
- State Drill Competition – Hillcrest, Jordan and Corner Canyon
- 51st Annual Utah All-State High School Art Show – Jordan, Brighton, Corner Canyon and Hillcrest

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPM25580B92>

6. Patron Comments

There were no patrons signed up to comment.

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7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2023 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of Local Education Agency (CSD Specific) Licenses and Endorsements

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2023; 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 Local Education Agency (CSD Specific) Licenses and Endorsements. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. 6 Yea. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur)

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPM29580B96>

8. New Business

- A. Copperview Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) Plan (First Reading) - Wendy Dau, Director of Federal and State programs

Ms. Dau presented an overview of the student and employee demographics. Copperview is a CEP school which means 100% of its students receive free breakfast and lunch. However, approximately 65% actually meet the threshold of low income, which is a family of four earning less than \$28,000 per year. The reasons why Copperview qualified to be placed on a CSI plan were explained. The priorities in the proposal include restructuring of staff and contracts, a

schoolwide incentive, grade level academic incentives and additional staffing. In order for the process to begin, a request for approval will be included on the February 21, 2023 Board meeting Consent Agenda. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPM2N580BA3>

- B. District Case Management Team (DCMT) Secondary Proposal (First Reading) – Wendy Dau, Director of Federal and State programs

DCMT is a problem-solving team which handles safe schools incidents and determines if a student needs a change of placement and recommends supports. The current issue is students who need extensive mental and emotional support are placed in the same classrooms as students who have safe schools' violations. CSD needs a different continuum for students involved with safe school and severe behavior issues than for students who need significant social and emotional support. The proposal for additional continuum includes allowing students to move up or down the continuum if they complete the DCMT requirements. Ms. Dau presented the changes proposed for Youth Academy and a Home and Hospital campus. The goal for DCMT & student interventions continues to be focused on keeping the school environment safe for students while providing and helping them advance in their education. Presentation on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPQ3J6309B8>

- C. Proposal to convert Monday, March 6, 2023 to a virtual learning day (Second Reading, action requested) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The Board of Education requested at the last board meeting for the Administration to find a virtual learning day that would make sense on the current 2022-2023 school year calendar. The Board and Superintendent Robins have consistently heard from teachers that more planning time is needed, particularly in light of all the additional requirements that have been placed on them post-pandemic. Also, a major aim of the day is to support students who are struggling to catch up after losing academic ground during the COVID-19 school years. The date proposed is Monday, March 6, 2023. Mr. Wilcox reviewed the employee expectations, which include employees to be in buildings or assigned a work location, meet with students for two hours virtually for consultation, and remaining time will be used for grading, preparing and collaborating. The ESP's that are contracted will be doing trainings, cleaning and the option to work will be given to hourly employees.

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve Monday, March 6, 2023 to a virtual learning day for students. Approve all employees meet the expectations noted in the presentation. Task the Administration to begin communications with families and employees. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. 6 Yea. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur)

There was discussion to the motion.
Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPQ3Q631158>

- D. Strategic Vision High Quality Learning focus area update – Dr. Robert Dowdle, Assistant Superintendent

“The USBE encourages all schools and district throughout the state to develop their own Portrait of a Graduate. These documents will be helpful as education leaders continue to innovate for competency-based learning to improve outcomes in public schools by advancing student mastery of concepts and skills,” USBE Press Release May 2, 2019. Districts were encouraged to select between four and six of the Utah Portrait of a Graduate thirteen competencies and create one specific to their needs. The committee chose six core competency focus areas for CSD's Portrait of a Scholar: Scholar, Innovator, Critical Thinker, Resilient Learner, Impactful Citizen and Collaborator.

The severity of absenteeism rates across CSD has escalated compared to rates prior to the pandemic. Vulnerable student populations have been impacted disproportionality and students who are chronically absent are at higher risk for poor academic outcomes across all levels. The High-Quality Learning committee requested that the policy committee consider revisions to Policy 500.35 – Attendance Codes, creating stronger district wide attendance requirements. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPQ2C62D53F>

9. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPM2S580BA7>

B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPM2V580BAA>

10. Board Comments

Ms. Neibaur rejoined the meeting

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

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CNPM2Z580BAE>

11. Closing Items

A. Adjourn 9:25pm

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Amber Shill

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent