



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the December 3, 2024, 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 board meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons Administration Building, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, Board President
Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Andrew Edtl, Vice President
Kris Millerberg, 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 the purchase, exchange or lease of real property.
- B. For the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
- C. For the purpose of discussing regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and for the purpose of discussing regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. *A vote was taken. 5 Yea (Ms. Neibaur, Mrs. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Pedersen) 2 Not Present (Ms. Tingey and Ms. Millerberg joined the meeting after the roll call vote) The motion carries.

*Person in Attendance: All Board Members, Rick Robins – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox - Business Administrator, Daniel Harper – General Counsel
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2. Study Session – 5:15 pm

- A. 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed the Canyons School District ACFR's General Fund's Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in the Fund Balance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Personnel costs (including fringe benefits) for the district was 87.6% of the total expenses. Total expenditures were \$9,050,075, or 2.34% under the approved budget. The General Fund balance increased by \$1,648,776. He reviewed the summary of fair market and taxable property values which showed a large increase in residential property values and a smaller increase in industrial and commercial values over the last ten years. Documents available on BoardDocs.

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B. SB173 Merit Pay Discussion – Dr. McKay Robinson, Assistant Superintendent

Center for Schools of the Future (CSF) has been invited to administer SB173 throughout the state. The State Legislature has stated the purpose of SB173 is to enhance recruitment, enhance teacher retention and increase top-performing teachers working in high poverty schools. The district will need to opt in or out prior to the December 31, 2024, deadline. There is a window of opportunity participate and then withdraw prior to a plan for the district being approved. Dr. Robinson reviewed the timeline for developing, reviewing, and implementing the criteria of student achievement growth data, professional evaluation, and parent survey. The State Teacher Merit Award Identification System was also reviewed and discussed. Presentation and document available on BoardDocs.

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C. Update on Canyons Strategic Goals and Indicators – Superintendent Robins and Hal Sanderson, Director of Research & Assessment

This agenda item was moved to New Business Agenda item 8B.

3. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

4. **Opening Items**

A. Welcome

B. Approve Agenda for December 3, 2024

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for December 3, 2024, with the exception of moving Study Session Agenda Item 2C Update on Canyons Strategic Goals and Indicators to Business Agenda item 8B and the other agenda items will move respectively. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Ridgecrest Elementary, Principal Sara Allen

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D. School Highlights – Ridgecrest Elementary, Principal Sara Allen

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5. **Canyons Strong Student Recognitions** – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications

The following students were recognized:

- Ashley Cadman – Artwork will be featured on the Annual Canyons School District Holiday Card
- Connie True Simons, Midvale Middle School – Utah Middle School AP of the Year
- Eastmont Middle School – National AVID Recognitions
- Corner Canyon High School – State 6A Football Champions

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Nancy Tingey and Kris Millerberg were recognized for their years of service on the Board of Education

6. Patron Comments

No patrons signed up for comment

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7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2024
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Student Overnight Travel
- D. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- E. Approval of 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and related audit reports
- F. Approval to enter an insulin mass litigation lawsuit
- G. Approval to participate in SB173 Pilot Program
- H. Approval of Administrative Appointments

MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2024; Item 7B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 7C Approval Student Overnight Travel; Item 7D Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 7E Approval of Approval of 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and related audit reports; Item 7F Approval to enter an insulin mass litigation lawsuit; Item 7H Approval of Administrative Appointments. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7G Approval to participate in SB173 Pilot Program was pulled for discussion.

MOTION: Nancy Tingey moved to decline participation in the SB173 Pilot Program. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

8. New Business

- A. UCAW and FAFSA presentation – Melissa Baker, School Counseling Specialist

There is at least one evening scheduled for each high school in the district where they will host a FAFSA completion night where school counselors, USHE representative and district translators are available to help students and parents complete the FAFSA application. Other supports in place include a FAFSA coordinator at Jordan, Utah College Advising Corps (UCAC) advisor, Utah college application week, individual and group Plan for college & career Readiness (PCCR's) with students, senior green sheets, and presentations. Ms. Baker presented ideas on how to better support students and parents in completing the FAFSA.

School counselors educate students about CTE pathways through classroom lessons, CTE and CTEC tours, PCCR's and YouScience. In addition, every high school has a CTE Pathways tab on their website that takes student and parents to the different CTE pathways available at their school. Ideas to promote CTE pathways include adding CTE Pathways posters, bring CTEC tours for middle school students, CTE pathways representation and Canyoneering nights, and an increase in industry partnerships. Presentations available on BoardDocs.

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- B. Update on Canyons Strategic Goals and Indicators – Superintendent Robins and Hal Sanderson, Director of Research & Assessment

Dr. Sanderson reviewed the five tenets and goals of student achievement, community engagement, customer service, fiscal accountability, and innovation. The main focus of the presentation was on student achievement regarding early learning, English language arts RISE & mathematics RISE, Science RISE, attendance, secondary letter grades, graduation rate, college readiness – 11th grade ACT and college readiness – writing pilot. Presentation available on BoardDocs. <https://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=DBC5M7A6751>

- C. Proposed calendars for 2025-2026 school calendar and tentative approval for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school calendars (Third Reading, Action Requested) – Steve Dimond, Director of Human Resources

There were no changes to the calendars since the last reading at Board meeting on November 12, 2024.

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve calendars for 2025-2026 school calendar and tentative approval for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school calendars. Andrew Edtl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- D. Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: High Quality Learning – Dr. Amber Roderick Landward, Director of ISD

This agenda item will be moved to a January Board meeting.

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9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

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- B. Business Administrator Report

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10. Board Comments

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

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11. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn

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ATTEST _____ Board President
Amber Shill

Rick Robins Superintendent