



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the January 4, 2022 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, January 4, 2022, 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  
Clareen Arnold, Board Member  
Mont Millerberg, Board Member  
Holly Neibaur, Board Member  
Amber Shill, 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**

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

**MOTION: Clareen Arnold moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Amber Shill seconded the motion. \*A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Amanda Oaks joined after roll call. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

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**2. Study Session – 4:45 pm**

- A. Update on Strategic Planning – Superintendent Rick Robins

Superintendent Robins indicated that after compiling a summary draft from community input, it is clear that students are at the center of the discussion. The strategic plan being developed will serve as the blueprint for CSD's academic, facility and enrollment growth and the district's ongoing commitment to providing opportunities for all students to grow, learn and succeed by meeting students where they are academically, socially and emotionally. He highlighted milestones Canyons has achieved in the short history of the district. Canyons is striving for continuous improvement in all areas. The strategic planning process has been a transparent and

public process with community engagement through surveys, focus groups, student advisory councils, email messages, partnership with Sunlight Works, input through portal website, popcorn Fridays and Superintendent's listening tours. The Board of Education decided to set aside 3 hours on February 1, 2022 for a workshop to discuss the draft plan in detail. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

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B. Update from Sunlight Works – Superintendent Rick Robins

Mr. Kevin Giddins, from Sunlight Works, reported on their collaborative work with the District the strategic planning process to include a Diversity and Inclusion initiative. The purpose of their work is to provide assessments, consult, support, and provide training. As a result of assessments, the recommendation is attention be given to strategies and goals, valuing employee contribution, operational system communication and increased engagement in decision making. These four areas align with the outcomes produced in the strategic planning process. The professional development will focus on creating a common language for equitable opportunities, representation, belonging and psychological safety, and will meet the requirements of state board rule 277-328. Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QB267F319>

C. 2022 Legislative Priorities – Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Mr. Evans provided the Board of Education with a hard copy and a link for the annual bill tracking system provided by the External Relations Department during the legislative session. A list of the legislative priorities for the 2022 General Session of the Utah State Legislature was discussed. Modifications to the document include adding a curriculum and digital citizenship priority to the list. The annual CSD legislative pre-session luncheon will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Document available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QB467FB8E>

D. Consideration for adoption of a resolution for the Board of Education of Canyons School District, Utah authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$70,000,000 principal amount of its Refunding Bonds, Series 2022 and related matters (First Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator.

*(Moved to New Business 8C)*

E. Proposal for Alta View Cell Tower (First Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator  
*(Moved to New Business 8D)*

3. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

4. **Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for January 4, 2022

**MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve the agenda for January 4, 2022 with the modification of moving Study Session 2D and 2C to respectively New Business 8C and 8D. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Park Lane Elementary, Principal Justin Jeffery

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D. School Highlights – Park Lane Elementary, Principal Justin Jeffery

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

The following students and staff were recognized for their achievements:

- East Midvale Principal Matt Nelson – MLS Community MVP
- East Midvale Teacher Rachel Teasley – Utah Jazz Most Valuable Educator
- Corner Canyon, Cody Hagen – “Mr. Football”
- Corner Canyon, Devin Brown – 6A Player of the Year & All-American Bowl
- Brighton, Lander Barton – All-American Bowl
- Alta, Mallory Goodfellow – 5A Winner of Inaugural Deseret News All-state Humanitarian of the Year award
- Alta, Gary Schneiter – Utah Girls Golf Coach of the Year

Presentation available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8Q9S67D737>

## 6. Patron Comments

The following patrons commented:

- Suzanne Riches – Library
- Maria Jones – Library policy
- Tamra Carlson – Elementary library and parent collaboration
- Jennifer Van Haaften – Library media policy
- Heather Erickson – Elementary library collections
- Senator Kathleen Riebe, Utah State Senator – Upcoming legislative session

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## 7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2021
- B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- D. Approval Student Overnight Travel
- E. Approval of Amended Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Officers with Sandy City

**MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item 7A Approval of Minutes from December 14, 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 Amended Interlocal agreement for School Resource Officers with Sandy City. Holly Neibaur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

It was noted that within the Consent Agenda the Hire report includes Melissa Sirin, Assistant Principal at Alta High School.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QA267D73F>

## 8. New Business

- A. Policy—600.02—Curriculum Adoption; and Policy—600.06—School Library Media Selection and Review (Third Reading, Action Requested) – Amber Roderick-Landward, ISD Director and Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy—600.02—Curriculum Adoption; and Policy: this policy will be retitled to “Instructional Materials”. The policy will include a comprehensive Instructional Material adoption criteria and process, several updated definitions and a Waiver of Participation. No updates since the last reading.

**MOTION: Holly Neibaur moved to approve Policy—600.02—Curriculum Adoption. Clareen Arnold seconded the \*motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

\*There was discussion to the motion.

Policy—600.06—School Library Media Selection and Review:

Mr. Christensen reviewed the process for a school level review and indicated that if the title remains in the school library a parent/legal guardian may initiate a school level challenge. If the school level challenge results in a de-selected title from a school it then becomes subject to a district level challenge. After a review of the committee membership at both levels, it was determined that at the school level the number of employees and parent representatives will remain the same; however, on the district level one employee member was removed to maintain an odd number of individuals. There was discussion about adding the definition of age appropriateness to the policy and including a notification to the requester of the anticipated timeline of the process which may not exceed 90 calendar days.

**MOTION: Steve Wrigley moved to approve Policy—600.06—School Library Media Selection with the insertion of a definition of age appropriateness as found in policy 600.02 Curriculum Adoption. In addition, it will include that within 10 school days a principal will notify the parent that the request has been received, provide an anticipated completion date, and re-affirm that the process will not exceed 90 calendar days. 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=CA8QB96859C5>

- B. Proposal for adoption of new District-wide instructional materials (Second Reading) - Amber Roderick-Landward, ISD Director

There are three curriculum proposals for the 2022-2023 school year, which include Chemistry, Physics and Elementary English Language arts. Dr. Roderick-Landward read the USBE Board Rule R277-328 definitions for educational equity and inclusion. Educational equity means acknowledging that all students are capable of learning and distributing resources to provide equal opportunities based upon the needs of each individual student. Inclusion means the practice of ensuring students feel a sense of belonging and support.

The current ELA standards have been in place for approximately 10 years; however, USBE is now in the process of revising them. The changes they are making will not be significant. The ELA standards reflect expectations for students in reading, writing, speaking, listening and language. They require the curriculum be research and evidence based, aligned to college and career expectations, as well as rigorous. The Wonders program texts set encompasses about 2 weeks of instruction, essential questions, 4 key texts (Interactive Read Aloud, Shared Read, Anchor Text and Paired selections), daily writing, small group instruction and independent reading.

Dr. Roderick-Landward will bring back the feedback from the community on the proposed curricula and data from other district's on progress with the Wonders reading program.

Presentation and document available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QAF67D74C>

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(Moved from Study Session 2D)

Mr. Wilcox reported that \$64,750,000 of bonds issued in August 2012 from the 2010 Bond election are eligible to be refunded by issuing approximately \$56,360,000 in bonds. The proposal includes refunding approximately \$56,360,000 in bonds and reducing the repayment time from a from 10 years to 6 years. The district will save between \$9.2M-\$9.4M (NPV) by doing the refund now. The Board agreed to add the Bond Parameters Resolution with action requested to the agenda for the January 18, 2022 board meeting. Mr. Wilcox reviewed the projected General Obligation Bonds, Projected Outstanding G.O. Bonds and the Debt Service Fund Principal and interest payment due 2021-2022 thru 2037-2038. Presentation and documents available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QB56806FC>

- C. Proposal for Alta View Cell Tower (First Reading) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator (Moved from Study Session 2E)

Atlas tower is requesting to place a cell tower at Alta View Elementary. The tower is functional as a clock and would be approximately 60 feet high. In addition, a small equipment shed would be constructed adjacent to the tower. The Alta View Elementary SCC is in favor of approving the tower. The approval of the cell tower would generate the school approximately \$1,000 per month and increase the revenues for the District-wide cell tower allocation pool. Documents available on BoardDocs. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QB66811D6>

#### 9. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QAK67D750>

- B. Business Administrator Report

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CA8QAN67D753>

#### 10. Board Comments

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

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#### 11. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn 10:45pm

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Nancy Tingey

Board President

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Rick Robins

Superintendent