



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the January 11, 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 11, 2022 beginning at 5:00 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  
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

Excused: Claren Arnold, Board Member

**1. Business Meeting – 5:00 pm**

**A. COVID 19 Update (Possible Action) – Superintendent Robins**

Superintendent Robins expressed appreciation for everyone who has worked hard to provide information that has helped direct decisions during the pandemic. Canyons has stayed committed to keeping students and employees safe while preserving in-person learning. There are currently new pressures that are straining the state of operations. These pressures include rising COVID-19 case counts, County shortage of testing supplies needed to meet legal requirements for test to stay events, increased absenteeism and worsening of staff shortages.

He reviewed the Tiered COVID-19 response which includes daily cleaning of high-touch areas, messaging to families and employees encouraging face masks, second vigilance letters, and enacting test to stay protocols. District level measure continue to provide contact tracing, isolation and quarantine, courtesy COVID-19 testing for students and employees, enhanced ventilation, distribution of PPE, cancelation of teacher trainings and enacting the emergency substitute pool as well as district office employees to help with coverage for absent employees.

A new County Health order requiring face masks has been implemented at the schools. The option to apply for an exemption is available for those who qualify. House Bill 107 states that school districts may not require face masks to participate in, in-person instruction, athletics and extracurricular activities or to be on campus. Senate Bill 195 indicates State and local health authorities must provide 24-hours' notice to County and State elected officials of intent to issue a health or face mask requirement, however, the Legislature or elected county officials may

overturn a health order at any time. The maximum time limit on an initial mask health order is 30 days.

The Superintendent reviewed comparisons of student absences from prior to the winter break, after the break, and current totals which are substantially higher than any other time during the pandemic. There continues to be a high rate of employee absences resulting in substantial need for substitute teachers, transportation drivers, nutrition workers and other staff coverage. All five high schools are at or near the threshold to do a test to stay, however, limited tested supplies and employee shortages may hinder the availability to test.

The proposed emergency solutions include enacting a remote-learning day on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The SLCO Health Department indicated that after the 5 days schools could reset to zero upon return Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Also proposed is an additional three remote Friday learning days for January 21<sup>st</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>. This will help provide relief to teachers who due to rising student absences are supporting at-home learners.

**MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve adding three additional remote learning days which will be January 18, 2022 January 28, 2022 and February 4, 2022. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

There was discussion to the motion.

Presentation and discussion available on BoardDocs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ut/canyons/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CAJUFQ7BC946>

## 2. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn 6:40 pm

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Nancy Tingey

Board President

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Rick Robins

Superintendent