



**CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
September 22, 2020**

The following minutes are a summary of the September 22, 2020 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, September 22, 2020 beginning at 4:30 pm at the Canyons Administration Building - East, 9361 S. 300 East, Sandy, Utah 84070.

**Those in attendance were:**

Nancy Tingey, Board President  
Amber Shill, Vice President  
Steve Wrigley, Vice President  
Clareen Arnold, Board Member  
Chad Iverson, Board Member \*  
Mont Millerberg, Board Member \*  
Amanda Oaks, Board Member  
Rick Robins, Superintendent  
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator  
Dan Harper, General Legal Counsel  
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

\*Attended the meeting via electronic means.

1. **Business Meeting – 4:30 pm**
2. **Opening Items**
  - A. Welcome
  - B. Approve Agenda for September 22, 2020

**MOTION:** Amber Shill moved to approve the agenda for September 22, 2020. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Amber Shill  
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**3. Patron Comments**

If you would like to participate remotely during the patron comment period of the meeting of the Canyons Board of Education, please send via email your name and phone number to [communications@canyonsdistrict.org](mailto:communications@canyonsdistrict.org) by 4:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting. In the email, please indicate the item or topic you wish to address. The Canyons District Office of Public Communications will then send you an email message with detailed information regarding how to access the teleconference system that will be used to facilitate the patron comments.

The following patrons commented:

- **Mandy Allen** – Changes to action plan
- **Samantha Webb** – COVID-19 school guidelines

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#### 4. New Business

- A. Review of school status levels Tier 2 and Tier 3 of school opening plan (Possible Action) – Superintendent Rick Robins

Superintendent Rick Robins presented additional clarifying language for school communities in Tier 2 to include, “mitigation strategies such as increased cleaning and sanitation efforts, a reduction in adult visitors and volunteers in the school building, further limitations to in-person meetings, and community-awareness campaigns will be developed and put into place.” Additional clarification was added to a traditional high school that reaches the 1 percent case rate to read, “other precautionary measures, such as specific group-activity and/or event temporary suspension or cancellation; the temporary adoption of a split or hybrid schedule; a change to an online-learning-only schedule; and a three-day school closure and pivot to online-instruction-only to allow for deep cleaning and sanitation at the building.”

The Board suggested adding language which encourages adhering to health safety practices while not in school to the vigilance letter that is sent to parents/guardians when a school community is in the Tier 2 level.

**MOTION: Clareen Arnold moved to approve the clarifying language in the Board adopted framework as presented on BoardDocs. Amber Shill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

There was discussion to the motion by the Board of Education.

**MOTION: Nancy Tingey moved the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to make decisions regarding mitigation strategies for schools in Tier 3. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. Nay 3 (Ms. Arnold, Ms. Oaks, Mr. Iverson) Yea 4 (Mr. Millerberg, Ms Shill, Ms. Tingey, Mr. Wrigley). The motion carries.**

The Superintendent indicated further research needs to be done for Draper Park Middle school in regards to the school case counts to confirm with the County Health Department before a decision is made with that school. Alta and Brighton will be moved to online-only learning on September 23, 2020 for two weeks.

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- B. Proposal for adjustment to in-person school schedules (Possible Action) – Superintendent Rick Robins

Principals from Elementary, Middle and High schools expressed concerns regarding the tremendous work load and unprecedented stress that educators are experiencing from the additional work load to effectively meet the needs of all students within current COVID19 restrictions.

The School Performance directors presented options with pros/cons for modified in-person school schedules or a Districtwide Early-release.

The District received information from the State Board of Education indicating a waiver for the hours of instruction will not be required because Canyons has adopted policy for a learner validated program and enrollment measures (500.35-Student Attendance) which will be sufficient to meet the state board rule requirements.

**MOTION: Amber Shill moved to approve a 4-day in person and 1-day virtual school learning model for the 2020-2021 school year. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

There was discussion to the motion by the Board of Education. The 4-day in-person school week will begin on Monday October 5, 2020. The Board of Education requested a report back, prior to winter break on the progress of this learning model.

**MOTION:** Clareen Arnold moved to approve the modified in person four-day full schedule with Friday designated as the virtual learning day. Steve Wrigley seconded the motion. The motion passed . Yea 5 (Ms Arnold, Ms.Oaks, Ms. Shill, Ms. Tingey, Mr. Wrigley), 0 Nay, 2 Abstain (Mr. Iverson, Mr. Millerberg).

There was discussion to the motion by the Board of Education.

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C. Online learning update – Superintendent Rick Robins

Dr. Amber Roderick Landward presented data for on-line and in-person learning from August 14, 2020 to September 22, 2020 in elementary, middle and high schools. Teachers are managing multiple learning environments simultaneously as they teach in-person, online and support students in quarantine. An online program was developed in under 30 days with an increase in rigor, consistency and alignment to standards, from what took place at the end of the previous school year. The community is reaching out to express gratitude for the online option. The collaboration across the district between educators and schools has increased.

The feedback regarding challenges include time supporting technology questions, preparation time needed to provide effective online instruction, varied expectations, and course accessibility. Canyons is currently working to clarify expectations of stakeholders, provide more tech support to families and provide teachers with more time. She will report back with additional information requested by the Board in a future board meeting.

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5. Board Comments

A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports

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6. Closing Items

A. Adjourn

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ Board President  
Nancy Tingey  
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Rick Robins Superintendent