



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 15, 2025, Canyons Board of Education Public Hearing.

To listen to the entire board meeting, including all comments made during the meeting, please go to Diligent Community at <https://canyonsdistrict.community.highbond.com/Portal/>

The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a public hearing on Tuesday, October 15, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm at Granite Elementary 9760 S. 3100 E., Sandy, UT 84070.

Those in attendance were:

Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Andrew Edtl, Vice President
Katie Dahle, Board Member
Jackson Lewis, Board Member
Holly Neibaur, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Rick Robins, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Excused: Amber Shill – Board President, Daniel Harper – General Legal Counsel, Charlie Evans – Director of External Relations, McKay Robinson – Assistant Superintendent

1. Public Open House – 6:00 p.m.

A public open house was held for patrons of the community to review information regarding the boundary study. The Board of Education and Administration engaged with the community to answer questions and listen to concerns.

2. Presentation/Patron Comments – 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed information regarding the boundary changes and school consolidation/closures. The District is studying boundaries to maintain optimal class sizes and a full menu of academic opportunities for every child.

The District's funding is based on state-legislated formulas. The largest funding sources is the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). For every student enrolled for 180 days in 2024-2025, the District will receive \$4,674 per student from the state for the 2025-2026 school year. With an estimated 659 fewer students for the 2025-2026 that equals \$3.2 million less funding for the district in 2026-27.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed where the District has been preserving funding for schools through absorbing district level administrative position, reassigning district office employees to work in the schools, delaying technology and equipment replacements to extend their use, placing a hiring freeze and prioritizing positions for employees if schools are consolidated.

Canyons has been subsidizing small schools to maintain staffing. Continuing to do so long term pulls funding away from other schools affecting class sizes, electives and student support elsewhere.

There were two proposals presented that would combine Park Lane and Granite and one of the schools would close. To align middle school feeders a portion of Granite Elementary would feed into Eastmont Middle school to align with Jordan High School's boundaries. The region of Granite Elementary that is being considered for transition to lone Peak Elementary would attend Indian Hills Middle.

Independent studies will be conducted in the next two weeks to determine the fitness of existing facilities for increased traffic flows, transportation and walking routes.

Preschool and Special Education units are currently under review to explore where to locate early childhood classrooms and SPED units to best serve families and balance enrollment.

Future planning considerations include school rebuilds under study. There are many factors that this decision would depend on such as construction costs, interest rates, enrollments, building age and condition, debt repayments, taxable values of property etc.

School choice permits and proposed boundary changes to accommodate the school-transfer request for students impacted by boundary changes or school consolidations were reviewed.

The following patrons commented:

1. Public Comment – Jillian Jenkins
2. Public Comment – Dallin Sudbury
3. Public Comment – Van Peterson
4. Public Comment – Ashley Hellstrom
5. Public Comment – Kelsie Roberts
6. Public Comment – Julia Shepard
7. Public Comment – Joe Berger
8. Public Comment – Shelly Christensen
9. Public Comment – Bryce Bartell
10. Public Comment – Commentary Questions
11. Public Comment – Bart Pickett
12. Public Comment – Julia Sorenson
13. Public Comment – Audrey Sudbury
14. Public Comment – Commentary Questions and Bridget Smith
15. Public Comment – Ryan Plott
16. Public Comment – Samuel Cloward
17. Public Comment – Victoria DiPietro
18. Public Comment – Gioconda Vetez
19. Public Comment – Kinley Garfield
20. Public Comment – Ketara Channell
21. Public Comment – Brandi List
22. Public Comment – Taylor Hekking
23. Public Comment – Juliette Palmer
24. Public Comment – Tiffany Smith
25. Public Comment – Molly Fenton
26. Public Comment – Jean Shelly
27. Public Comment – Jocelyn Robinson
28. Public Comment – Kim Adams
29. Public Comment – Lara Tanja Miller
30. Public Comment – Chloe Fritson
31. Public Comment – Kurt Young
32. Public Comment – David Edmunds

33. Public Comment – Commentary Comment and Lane Vamianakis
34. Public Comment – Hilary Johnson
35. Public Comment – Jill Wagner
36. Public Comment – Lauri Meidell
37. Public Comment – Ashley Brown
38. Public Comment – Jake Garfield
39. Public Comment – Nicole Ford
40. Public Comment – MiLena Zarmaca
41. Public Comment – Kay Cox
42. Public Comment – Shannon Herbert
43. Public Comment – Melanie Slavens
44. Public Comment – Wil Felt
45. Public Comment – Elizabeth Finlinson
46. Public Comment – Brittany Miller
47. Public Comment – Leslie Jensen
48. Public Comment – Jay Tobey
49. Public Comment – Meghan Bailey
50. Public Comment – Brianne England
51. Public Comment – Randy Moore
52. Public Comment – Jacqueline Atkinson
53. Public Comment – Lori Springer
54. Public Comment – Brooklin Springer
55. Public Comment – Roe Seifers

The presentation and audio are available on [Diligent Community](#).

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Amber Shill

Board President

Rick Robins

Superintendent