



## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the March 10, 2026, Canyons Board of Education meeting.

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The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm at Granite Elementary, 9760 S. 3100 E Sandy, UT 84092.

### Those in attendance were:

Amber Shill, President  
Amanda Oaks, Vice President  
Katie Dahle, Board Member  
Jackson Lewis, Board Member  
Karen Pedersen, Board Member  
McKay Robinson, Assistant Superintendent  
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Excused: Andrew Edtl - Vice President, Holly Neibaur - Board Member, Rick Robins - Superintendent, Daniel Harper - General Counsel, Charlie Evans - Director of External Relations

### 1. Presentation/Patron Comments – 6:00 p.m.

#### Presentation

Mr. Wilcox reviewed information regarding the boundary changes and school consolidation/closures. The District is striving to maintain optimal class sizes, a full menu of academic opportunities for every child, while at the same time maximizing the uses of taxpayer-funded buildings without jeopardizing teaching and learning quality. When school enrollment drops some of the challenges that arise are staffing classes at a size that allow personal attention, ability to offer programs families value and sustaining specialized supports. Elementary enrollments have declined and are expected to continue to decline for the next few years, driven primarily by slowing birth rates and soaring housing prices.

The District's funding is based on state-legislated formulas. The largest funding source is the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). For every student enrolled for 180 days in 2026-2027, the District will receive \$4,870 per student from the state. Canyons School District had 659 fewer students in 2025-2026 than the previous year, translating to \$3.2 million less in funding. Projections are for 567 fewer students in 2026-2027, translating to \$2.7 million less in funding next year.

The District has been belt-tightening, while redeploying District Office staff to work in schools. Canyons also 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 districtwide.

The EEC will move with Granite allowing students to advance with their peers, give students predictable environments, minimizes disruption, contributes to inclusive school cultures, fosters empathy, leadership and peers supporting general education and improves convenience.

Revised recommendation to the proposal reflects months of review and input from employees, families, and the community. The consolidations position the District for stronger facilities and smarter stewardship. If approved, transition teams for both school consolidations would begin summer/fall 2026 with implementation for the 2027-2028 school year. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#).

**Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- 1) Tiffany Smith - Granite
- 2) Randy Moore - Granite
- 3) Leanne Walker - Granite
- 4) Allyson Stockdale - Granite
- 5) Judene Shelley - Granite
- 6) Brianne England - Granite
- 7) Brooke Eastham - Granite
- 8) Kate Hulme – Lone Peak
- 9) Kurt Young - Granite
- 10) Lauri Meidell
- 11) Amelia Heul – Lone Peak
- 12) Becca Hill - Granite
- 13) Shannon McIYeily - Granite
- 14) \*Cherie Sadowski – Quail Hollow
- 15) Emily Henderson - Granite
- 16) Lacey Ence
- 17) Annie Larsen – Quail Hollow
- 18) Nicolas Heines – Quail Hollow
- 19) Bridget Smith - Granite
- 20) Julie Greenfield - Granite
- 21) Michelle Smith -
- 22) Bethany Seifers

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**2. Closing Items**

- A. Adjourn 7:15 p.m.

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Amber Shill Board President

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McKay Robinson Superintendent