



**CANYONS**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the May 5, 2026, Canyons Board of Education meeting.

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The Board of Education of Canyons School District met in a board meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, beginning at 4:30 pm at 9361 S 300 E, Sandy, UT 84070.

**Those in attendance were:**

Amber Shill, President  
Amanda Oaks, Vice President  
Andrew Edtl, Vice President  
Katie Dahle, Board Member  
Holly Neibaur Hayes, Board Member  
Karen Pedersen, Board Member  
McKay Robinson, Superintendent  
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator  
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Rick Robins - Superintendent, Daniel Harper – General Counsel

**1. Closed Session – 4:30 pm**

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

**MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. \*A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

\*Persons in Attendance: All Board Members, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, McKay Robinson - Superintendent, Charlie Evans - Director of External Relations, Mindy Robison – Assistant Superintendent, Tiffany Midgley – Director of Human Resources. Audio available on [Diligent Community](#)

**2. Study Session – 5:15 pm**

- A. Annual Report from Sex Education Instruction Committee and Resources (State Statute) – Jesse Hennefer, Instructional Support Administrator

The committee schedules to meet every year in the fall and spring as needed. The committee reviews request for new resources, speakers and curriculum. The two proposed materials include an updated version of the Health Textbook for middle and high schools (Goodheart Willcox: Human Development and Relationships 2025) and one for middle school (Everfi – The Character Playbook: Building Healthy Relationships). A copy will be available for review for the public at the front desk located at the District office. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#).

- B. Biennial Review of the Sex Education Policy (State Statute) – Jesse Hennefer, Instructional Support Administrator

Policy was update approved by Canyons Board of Education June 12, 2018, and no updates have been made after that date. The policy is reviewed biennially.

It is required that parents give permission for a student to participate in the Sex Education Health course. The main portion of instruction is focused on abstinence first. If there are any complaints or violations, they should be reported at school level and then move to district if needed.

The policy requires that the District designate a Sex Education Instruction Committee, hold educator training every 3 years and have the school board review every 2 years. The annual maturation program is held for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and guardians. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#).

- C. Biennial Review of Specified County Statistics (State Statute) – Jesse Hennefer, Instructional Support Administrator

He reviewed local county data for Utah adolescent births for 2021, local health district cases & rates for sexually transmitted disease and disciplinary issues categorized as pornography for the District. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#).

- D. Strategic Plan Focus Group Report: Access and Opportunity – Paula Logan, Director of Federal and State Programs

Canyons School District provides access to resources and opportunities that build a positive and inclusive environment for all students and parents. Ms. Logan reviewed student enrollment trends for multilingual learners, Special Education, low SES, McKinney Vento and advanced learners. Access and opportunity success criteria is measured by student access/supports, parent engagement/transitions, educator development and equitable distribution. Focus and successes for each of these areas were highlighted. Presentation and documents available on [Diligent Community](#)

- E. Policy Update: Policy-100.01-Board Governance; New Policy-200.07-Disposition of Real Property; Policy-300.13-Data Privacy and Governance; New Policy-300.16-Cybersecurity; Policy-400.02-Nondiscrimination (Employees); Policy-400.10-Workers Compensation; Policy-400.42-Termination Employment (Administrative Personnel); Policy-500.01-Nondiscrimination (Students); Policy-500.02-Student Conduct and Disciplinary Process; Policy-500.22-School Fees; Policy-500.24-Student Educational Travel; Policy-500.30-Open Enrollment, School Admission, School Moratoriums; Policy-600.01-Graduation Requirements; Policy-600.02-Instructional Materials; New Policy—600.07-Focused Graduation Pathway; Policy-600.16-Study of Controversial Issues – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

Policy-100.01-Board Governance

Updates to this policy include a board member providing notification to the Board President at least three days prior to the meeting, a board member may participate remotely provided the member is recognized by the presiding officer. A Board member may vote only if the member is recognized by the presiding officer as participating in the meeting at the time the vote is called. A member may not join solely for the purpose of casting a vote. No Board member may cast a vote on behalf of another Board member, and no vote may be submitted through another member. Board member shall not relay statements, motions, request or votes on behalf of another Board member. The presiding officer must recognize the remote member before any participation occurs.

New Policy-200.07-Disposition of Real Property

This new policy is added to set forth principles of governance of real property and to establish a Real Estate Committee chaired by the Business Administrator.

Policy-300.13-Data Privacy and Governance

Updates to this policy include legal requirements from the Government Data Privacy Act and reflect the policy's applicability to both data privacy and data governance.

New Policy-300.16-Cybersecurity

This new policy is added to designate a Cybersecurity contact in accordance with HB 44 (2026). It also sets forth safeguards for the District's information technology resources from digital attacks. The policy allows cooperation with statewide cybersecurity assessments and information-sharing initiatives coordinated by the Utah Cyber Center and the Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN). It will provide minimum standards for workforce training components for students, staff, contractors, and third-party vendors.

Policy-400.02-Nondiscrimination (Employees)

This policy will align definitions for bullying and staff bullying in Utah Code and remove Title IX language vacated by federal court.

Policy-400.10-Workers Compensation

This policy will align language for reporting of injuries as reasonable and practicable to a supervisor. It will inform employees that if an employee's claim is denied by the Third-Party Administrator based on the Workers Compensation statute, an employee may be required to personally pay for the medical treatments not covered under Workers Compensation and they may be able to submit their claim to their own personal insurance to cover the cost of medical treatments.

Policy-400.42-Termination Employment (Administrative Personnel)

This policy requires an update to the definition of administrative intern.

Policy-500.01-Nondiscrimination (Students)

This policy requires an update to the definitions for bullying and staff bullying.

Policy-500.02-Student Conduct and Disciplinary Process

Update includes clarifying language for reporting sharing of recorded incidents of bullying, hazing, cyberbullying, abusive conduct and retaliation. Update language for investigating and reporting of drug offenses. Update for reintegration plans. Definitions and provisions for nicotine offense, including alternative nicotine products. Definitions for adjudication, arrest and charge for sexual offenses.

Policy-500.22-School Fees

This policy is being updated to include statutory language pursuant to H.B. 142 School Fee Waiver Amendments, 2026.

Policy-500.24-Student Educational Travel

This policy is being updated to include statutory language pursuant to H.B. 142 School fee Waiver Amendments, 2026.

Policy-500.30-Open Enrollment, School Admission, School Moratoriums

This policy is being updated to include the requirement for Personal Care Independence Standards (S.B. 58. Public School Attendance Requirements, 2026).

### Policy-600.01-Graduation Requirements

This policy is updated to remove language for the Differentiated Diplomas. It will also clarify and update course and credit requirements for the for a standard diploma, basic diploma, alternative diploma and adult diploma.

### Policy-600.02-Instructional Materials

This policy will add language for classroom displays, that they are not public forums for promotion of political, religious or personal viewpoints. Classroom walls and displays are government speech under the First Amendment and subject to review and approval by the District.

### New Policy—600.07-Focused Graduation Pathway

This new policy is recommended in accordance with R277-722, Procedures for the Focused Graduation pathway. The policy will enable students to earn a traditional high school diploma through a combination of continued school enrollment, instructional support, and demonstrated competency on the General Educational Development high school equivalency assessments. This pathway is intended to support students who are significantly behind in core credit attainment while maintaining engagement in school through graduation.

To offer the Focused Graduation Pathways, a school shall comply with the USBE rules regarding implementation, USBE reporting and maintaining enrollment for students completing GED courses.

### Policy-600.16-Study of Controversial Issues

The policy is updated to include new Board Policy statements and a new definition of controversial issues. The policy sets forth instructional and educator expectations. Presentation and documents available on [Diligent Community](#).

## **3. Student Advisory Council Recognitions – 6:30 pm**

### 2025-2026 Student Advisory Council

#### Alta

Christopher (Topher) Willmore  
Sophie Lo  
Andie Anderson  
Brigham Hale  
Haylie Kemp

#### Brighton

Madelyn Boyack  
Alexander Robert Kofoed  
Mary Ann Jensen  
William Kokeny  
Nathan Moehle

#### Corner Canyon

Zack Ware  
Luis Ortega Sanchez  
Maren Crosby  
Lily Winchester  
Brody Meier

Diamond Ridge  
Caren Ventura  
Nancy Ceballos

Entrada  
Aaron Ashbaker

Hillcrest  
Veeranshu Danech  
Shreya Sanghvi  
Atticus Bradley  
Aahana Sharmacharya

Jordan  
Lucia (Zee) Anderson  
Victor Reynaud  
Henry Sorenson  
Jonetzy Rivera  
Addison Downing-Garza  
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**4. Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

**5. Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for May 5, 2026

**MOTION:** Holly Neibaur moved to approve the agenda for May 5, 2026. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Crescent Elementary, Principal Kierstin Draper

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- D. School Highlights – Crescent Elementary, Principal Kierstin Draper

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**6. Canyons Strong Employee Recognitions – Jeff Haney, Director, and Kirsten Stewart, Associate Director of Communications**

The following employees were recognized:

- Lisa Hayes, Silver Mesa Elementary, 2026 Teacher of the Year
- National Association of School Nurses – May 6, 2026, School Nurse Day
- Ken Rowley, Utah PTA Administrator of the Year
- Eric Taylor, IT - 2026 Jack Erikson Excellence in Technology Services Award, UCET
- Facility Workers were spotlighted, Fox13 Utah, for summer jobs for students
- New Assistant superintendent Mindy Robison
- Jordan Valley Faculty and Staff for assisting with person who broke her leg...

Presentation on [Diligent Community](#).

**7. Patron Comments**

The following patrons commented:

- Brooke Eastham – Boundary Granite
- Heather O’Kane – Boundary

- Laura Anderson – Boundary
- Anna Jeppson – Boundary
- Dillon Liew – Community Recycling
- Chad Butler – Boundary
- Randy Moore – Boundary
- Brandi List – Boundary
- Tiffany Smith – School Closure
- Kathryn Torello – Boundary Study
- Jared Herbert – Boundary Study
- Taylor Berhow – Boundary Study
- Brianne England – Boundary Study

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## 8. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes for April 21, 2026
- Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- Approval of Purchasing Bids
- Approval of Administrative Appointments
- Approval of LEA Specific Endorsements

**MOTION:** Holly Neibaur moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 8A Approval of Minutes for April 21, 2026; Item 8B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 8C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 8D Approval of Administrative Appointments; Item 8E Approval of LEA Specific Endorsements. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carries. Documents and audio available on [Diligent Community](#).

## 9. New Business

- Long Range Planning Committee (Third Reading, Action Requested) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

Mr. Wilcox reviewed highlights for the recommended Proposal A for Granite and Quail Hollow to combine school communities. It was recommended that Proposal B for Park Lane with Willow Canyon be tabled and both schools remain open for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. A new proposal was recommended for the realignment of the Raintree neighborhood with the Brighton High feeder be tabled to allow time to comply with State code 53G-4-402 regarding the 30-day notice to JHS and BHS.

The next phase of boundary and feeder review includes no changes to existing school boundaries or feeder systems for the 2026-2027 school year. The District will conduct a comprehensive review of middle and high school feeder systems. The committee will focus on long-term alignment, ensuring equitable access to programs and opportunities, and positioning schools for long-term enrollment and community stability. An evaluation will consider districtwide patterns not individual schools in isolation. Any future recommendations would follow additional analysis and community engagement.

Andrew Edtl moved to approve, effective for the 2027-2028 school year, the south section of Granite Elementary be included in Lone Peak Elementary boundary. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion.

There was discussion to the motion. A vote was taken after the substitute motion\*

Katie Dahle made a substitute motion and moved to table proposal A for the consolidation of Granite Elementary to Quail Hollow Elementary for the 2027-2028 school year. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion.

There was discussion to the substitute motion. President Shill called for a vote. She stated the motion is that we pause for the 2027-2028 school year moving the south section of Granite Elementary to be included with Lone Peak Elementary's boundary. The board voted with 5 Yea: Ms. Neibaur, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Pedersen. 2 Nay: Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks. The motion carried.

Then President Shill went back to the original motion that effective for the 2027-2028 school year, the south section of Granite Elementary be included in Lone Peak Elementary boundary. The Board voted with 3 Yea: Ms. Neibaur, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks. 4 Nay: Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Pedersen. The motion failed.

The Board of Education accepted the recommendation for Proposal B for Park Lane with Willow Canyon be tabled.

Presentation and audio available on [Diligent Community](#).

**10. Staff Comments**

- A. Superintendent Report  
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- B. Business Administrator Report  
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**11. Board Comments**

- A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports  
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**12. Closing Items**

- A. Adjourn 9:00 pm

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Amber Shill Board President

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McKay Robinson Superintendent