CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the June 16, 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, June 16, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm at 9361 S 300 E, Sandy, UT 84070.

Those in attendance were:
Amber Shill, President
Amanda Oaks, Vice President
Katie Dahle, Board Member
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Jackson Lewis, Board Member
McKay Robinson, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused: Andrew Edtl - Vice President, Holly Neibaur Hayes- Board Member, Rick Robins - Superintendent

1. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**
2. **Opening Items**
   A. Welcome
   B. Approve Agenda for June 16, 2026

      MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve the agenda for June 16, 2026. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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   C. Pledge of Allegiance – Danny Davis, Director of Accounting
      Audio available on Diligent Community

3. **Patron Comments**
   The following patrons commented:
   - Nancy Nichols – Sex Education Curriculum
   - Shayla Streiff – Oak Hollow, DLI French Program
   - Mariela Sueldo – Oak Hollow, DLI French Program
   - Bethany Oneil – Oak Hollow, DLI French Program
   - Abbie Lubeck-Oak Hollow, DLI French Program turned in statement

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4. **Consent Agenda**
   A. Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2026

B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
D. Approval of May Financial Reports
E. Approval of Sex Education Instructional Materials

MOTION #1: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 4A Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2026; Item 4B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 4C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 4D Approval of Approval of May Financial Reports. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Documents and audio available on Diligent Community

There was discussion to the motion. Ms. Amber Roderick-Landward answered questions related to the removal of the Consent Agenda Item 4E Approval of Sex Education Instructional Materials. The District is required by the State to have a Sex Education committee. This committee reviews and approves or rejects all the materials consider to be used in the curriculum, and, if approved, recommends them to the Board. The materials approved must be in line with the state statute. The five components of social emotional learning are self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making, relationship skills, and social awareness. These are required by state statute and the Everfi curriculum and are not associated with Castle. The District is currently two updates behind in the curriculum, which limits the ability to teach what is required based upon state statute. Students need to opt in for this curriculum. If a parent permission slip is not received, a student is presumed to be opted out. President Shill read a statement on behalf of Ms. Holly Neibaur Hayes.

MOTION #2: Karen Pedersen moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 4E Approval of Sex Education Instructional Materials. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and documents available on Diligent Community.

5. New Business

A. Policy Update: Policy—500.06—Technology Resources—Electronic Devices and Network Acceptable Use (Students); Policy—300.03—School Wellness (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

The updated policy for Technology Resources included statutory revisions. No changes were made since the first reading.

Policy-300.03-School Wellness requires an update adding a statutory nutritional requirement prohibiting food additives in foods sold, donated, offered, or served in public schools beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Christensen clarified a point of confusion with the prior policy language that did not receive proper elucidation previously. Statutory language of 53G-9.202.2(3)(a)(i) provides: “a student’s parent may provide students with a food item descried in Subsection (2)(a) during the school day.” However, the wellness committee proposed language that was more restrictive: “a student’s parent may provide their own students with a food item with food additives ingredients described above during the school day.” Karen Pederson indicated that the Wellness Committee’s restrictive language was an attempt to clarify what seemed confusing in the statute. Now, the policy before the board for approval reflects the statutory language, not the Wellness Committee’s suggested restriction. As the statute provides, a public school may not sell, donate, offer or serve on school grounds during the school day, food that contains: (i) potassium bromate; (ii) propylparaben; (iii) FD&C Blue No. 1; (iv) FD&C Blue No. 2; (v) FD&C Green No. 3; (vi) FD&C Red No. 3; (vii) FD&C Red No. 40; (viii) FD&C Yellow No 5; and (ix) FD&C Yellow No. 6.

<u>MOTION:</u> Amanda Oaks moved to approve Policy—500.06—Technology Resources—Electronic Devices and Network Acceptable Use (Students); Policy—300.03—School Wellness. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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B. Transition Life Skills Academy (LSA) and Entrada to Bella Vista building for the 2027-28 school year (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Dr. Tom Sherwood, Director High School Principals

Diamond Ridge HS is currently at capacity and LSA needs a new location because their current building is under contract for purchase with Sandy City. LSA and Entrada both serve students that are seeking a post graduate diploma, and it would allow for cross over services. LSA provides real life experience opportunities such as holding a job, taking transportation and retail shopping. The Bella Vista location is adjacent to a UTA stop, which would help accommodate transportation needs. This location would also draw students from other districts that do not offer adult education services.

LSA and Entrada are schools without a boundary, so no legal notification is required. However, the Board requested that all LSA parents be notified and be able to provide feedback on the proposed move. The agenda item will be brought back for a third reading in July after notifying parents. Audio available on [Diligent Community]

C. Approval of lunch and breakfast price increase (Third Reading, Possible Action) – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The last lunch price increase occurred for the 2020-2021 school year but did not go into effect until the 2022-2023 school year as lunches were subsidized by the federal government during Covid. The proposed increased amount is $2.00 for elementary breakfast, $2.50 for elementary lunch, $2.25 for secondary breakfast, $3.00 for secondary lunch, $4.00 for adult breakfast and $6.00 for adult lunch. Community Economic Provisions (CEP) schools will remain and all students there will still receive free breakfast and lunch. Those schools are Copperview, East Midvale, Midvale, Midvalley and Sandy Elementaries and Midvale Middle school.

<u>MOTION:</u> Katie Dahle moved to approve for the 2026-27 school year: 1- Lunch prices will increase to $2.50 for elementary schools and $3.00 for secondary schools. 2 - Breakfast prices will increase to $2.00 for elementary schools and $2.25 for secondary schools. 3 - Adult breakfasts prices will increase to $4.00 and lunch prices will increase to $6.00. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. Yea 4 (Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Dahle, Ms. Pedersen) Nay 1 (Mr. Lewis). The motion carries.

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6. Budget Hearing

A. Public Hearing

<u>MOTION:</u> Katie Dahle moved to open the Public Budget Hearing. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Presentation of Final FY 2025-26 Budget and FY 2026-27 Budget
    i. Proposed intent property tax increase statement and tax impact schedule:
        1. Statement to exceed certified tax rate

2. Approximate amount of increase will be $6,871,000
3. Approximate percentage of increase will be 5.8%

Mr. Wilcox, Business Administrator, reviewed highlights for the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-26. The proposal is requesting approval for $408,396,000 for General Fund expenses and $398,883,000 in revenues. The $4.7M of school carryovers from 2024-25 for supplies, textbooks, technology and increases in electricity and water have been added. The expenses are trending under-budget by 2%-3%. The State unspent carryovers in TSSA, Land Trust, and CTE are added back into the budget. Also, federal IDEA and Title I funds not spent in prior years are still available.

Mr. Wilcox presented the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The local, state and federal funds used to support the operations of the District, such as teacher salaries, benefits, utilities, and supplies total proposed budget is $412,823,000. The budget includes a state-funded WPU increase of 4.2% and other state increases/decreases. There is a proposed property tax increase of $2,371,000 for the Voted Levy in the General Fund. The budget includes the negotiated agreements for Certified, ESP's and Administrators as approved on May 19, 2026. Other items included are increases for school supplies and utilities, teacher paid professional development, educator salary adjustment increase from $10,350 to $10,661 and a $1,117,000 (3.6%) increase in District paid insurance premiums. State revenues will only increase slightly due to loss in students and elimination of the Digital Teaching and Learning grant and reduction in Teacher Student Support Act. Property taxes revenue is proposed to increase $2.4M with the tax increase and new growth. A majority of the general fund is spent on instruction, with 89.2% of the fund going towards salaries and benefits. Instruction expenses will decrease with 53 fewer teachers and staffing decreases will need to be made in other areas. Starting teacher pay has increased from $50,000 in the 2019-20 school year to $65,825 for the 2026-27 school, which is a $15,825 increase or 31.7%.

The Capital Outlay Fund is financed primarily with local property taxes for acquiring sites, buildings or remodeling facilities, procuring equipment and vehicles. The proposed budget for these expenses is $58,260,000. There is a proposed tax increase of $4,500,000. The Capital Outlay tax levy is proposed to increase $4,500,000, offset by a decrease in the Debt Service tax levy of the same amount. The sale of existing District properties will provide $23.3M. Lease Revenue Bonds will continue to fund Canyons Innovation Center ($26.9M) and Jordan High improvements ($752K). Small Capital improvements projects include Jordan High baseball field and lighting ($1.8M), Alta High Foods room remodel and irrigation upgrade ($1.6M) and Elementary door locks ($750K). Districtwide improvements (plumbing, carpet, electrical, etc.) $4.8M; Information Technology (equipment, networks, projects) $3.6m; and school equipment $1.9M. The Lease Revenue Bonds uses, and repayment schedule were reviewed. A three-year capital fund forecast for FY28-FY30 was provided.

The local property taxes to make principal and interest payments on general obligation outstanding bonds, which were sold to finance construction projects, were reviewed. Per the 2017 referendum, the debt service tax levy cannot exceed 0.001565. The estimated total budget for Debt Service is $45,315,000. The Debt Service repayment schedule was reviewed.

The Other Non-Major Fund budget and highlights included District Activity Fund, Pass-Through Taxes Fund, Canyons Education Foundation Fund, Nutrition Fund and Employee Benefits Self-Insurance Fund.

Mr. Wilcox made the following statement: "The 2026-2027 Tentative Budget for Canyons School District includes a proposed tax rate increase. The increase will be for approximately $6,871,000. The percentage increase will be approximately 5.8%. The Truth-In-Taxation hearing will be held on August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Offices."

The Tax Impact Schedule is found on the District's website, Diligent Community and handouts at the door. The fund will be used for a 0.75% COLA increase for all employees ($2,161,000), hire two teachers at the CIC ($210,000) and increase the Capital Fund for general obligation debt ($4,500,000). The tax revenue will be required to be held in a restricted account in the General Fund. The Board approved to a committed fund balance on the June 2, 2026, consent agenda. Revenues cannot be spent until after the August 4th tax hearing. The tax increase includes the employee negotiated agreements. If the tax increase passes, pay for necessary employees will be retroactive.

A sample tax statement for the average homeowner and a commercial business was reviewed. The certified rate is complete, waiting for State to formally set the Basic Rate.

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2. Patron Comments on Final FY 2025-26 Budget and FY 2026-27 Budget (see item 3 above for procedures)

   No patrons signed up for comment.

<u>MOTION:</u> Amanda Oaks moved to close the Public Budget Public Hearing. Jackson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Final FY 2025-26 Budget (Action Requested)

The Board of Education discussed the 2025-2026 Budget issues.

<u>MOTION:</u> Katie Dahle moved to adopt the 2025-26 final budget for revenues and expenditures for each fund as presented. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Tentative Approval of FY 2026-27 Budget (Action Requested)

<u>MOTION:</u> Katie Dahle moved to 1. Adopt the 2026-27 budget revenues and expenditures on a tentative basis for each fund as presented as final approval will be at the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing. 2. Authorize a Truth-In-Taxation Hearing on August 4th at 6:00 p.m. to set the property tax rates as follows:
a) Basic School Levy -Certified rate as determined by the Tax Commission and Utah State Board of Education. b) Voted Levy - a rate to yield an additional $2,371,000 above the certified rate. These funds will be used for a 0.75% cost-of-living adjustment for employees and to hire two CIC teachers. c) Capital Levy -a rate to yield an additional $4,500,000 above the certified rate to offset a decrease of the same amount in the Debt Service tax levy. d) Debt Service Levy -a rate to yield a decrease of $4,500,000 below debt service requirements to offset an increase of the same amount in the Capital tax levy. Amanda Oaks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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7. Staff Comments

A. Superintendent Report

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B. Business Administrator Report
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8. Board Comments

A. The President will recognize individual Board members for reports
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9. Closing Items

A. Adjourn 8:40pm

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ATTEST

______________________________ Board President
Amber Shill

______________________________ Superintendent
McKay Robinson