



CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the August 18, 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, August 18, 2026, beginning at 5:00 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 – joined electronically
Karen Pedersen, Board Member
Jackson Lewis, Board Member
McKay Robinson, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, Legal Counsel

Excused: Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

1. Study Session – 5:00 pm

- A. Teacher Satisfaction Survey, Education Support Professional Satisfaction Survey and Senior Exit Survey Results – Dr. Lora Tuesday-Heathfield

The Administrators had a strong response rate, but ESP response rates were low. The overall satisfaction has improved in a 3-year period for those who responded. The satisfaction similarities for Educators, Administrators and ESP's include student impact, supports, colleagues and administration support. The dissatisfaction similarities for the three employee groups included workload, compensation, administration support, leadership, professional growth, appreciation and training.

The 2026 Senior exit survey results indicate that, overall, senior students are satisfied with the education they received attending CSD's schools. Students with academic support had high satisfaction ratings. Students receiving multilingual or special education supports reported higher ratings than seniors overall. A primary concern is that close to a quarter of seniors report personally experiencing bullying or harassment and less than 80% reported feeling physically safe attending high school. Presentations available on [Diligent Community](#)

Ms. Neibaur-Hayes left the meeting

- B. Policy Update: Policy 300.01-School Access (discussion of visitor management protocols) (First Reading) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

The Policy Committee is recommending an update to include school visitor management protocols. Mr. Christensen reviewed success for employees, parent, visitor and community facility access. The proposed protocols for school visitor management include entering the front office-controlled access point, reporting immediately to the front office and being prepared to present valid government-issued identification or other acceptable identification. There are multiple forms of approved identification. The exceptions to the visitor's management protocols were reviewed. Presentation and documents available on [Diligent Community](#)

Ms. Neibaur Hayes joined the meeting.

C. Technology Use Update – Mindy Robison, Assistant Superintendent

The District's technology policy guidelines state that instruction and student learning needs to be balanced between the instructional benefits and the need to protect instructional time disruptions. CSD is focused on providing purposeful and intentional use of technology.

Senate Bill 88 requires school districts to maintain a board-adopted online access policy that restricts obscene content, provides parents the ability to request a preapproved content-filtering system for school approved devices, and requires a parent-accessible monitoring system. The policy must clearly communicate enforcement procedures and how parents and the public can raise concerns or complaints. USBE is required to develop a model policy, including guidelines, for LEA's by December 1, 2026. CSD will follow Board procedure to adopt a balanced technology policy and have a clear plan in place for technology use before July 1, 2027. Families will receive updates and resources throughout the process via Parent Square. Presentation available on [Diligent Community](#)

2. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**

3. **Opening Items**

- A. Welcome
- B. Approve Agenda for August 18, 2026

MOTION: Andrew Edtl moved to approve the agenda for August 18, 2026. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. 6 Yea (Mr. Lewis, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Dahle, and Ms. Pedersen) 1 Not Present (Ms. Neibaur Hayes) The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Altara Elementary, Principal Julie Fielding
- D. School Highlights – Altara Elementary, Principal Julie Fielding

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Ms. Neibaur Hayes joined the meeting.

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

The following students were recognized:

- Back to school highlights were presented
- Hillcrest faculty, students, Federal and State programs, and CSD's Foundation provided shelter and assistance for the North Union Apartment fire residents
- 19 Para Librarians partnership with Utah State University
- Johnathon Kesler, Facilities Maintenance Technician, was as one of the first ACE scholarship recipients, and he will be starting a teaching program this year.
- Ridgcrest Elementary – Road was designated Tiger Club Lane

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5. **Patron Comments**

The follow patrons commented:

- Soren Simonsen – Jordan River commissions Watershed Council

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6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2026
- B. Approval of Minutes for August 4, 2026, Truth in Taxation
- C. Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2026, Board Roundtable
- D. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
- E. Approval of Purchasing Bids
- F. Approval of July Financial Reports

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 6A Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2026; Item 6B Approval of Minutes for August 4, 2026, Truth in Taxation; Item 6C Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2026, Board Roundtable; Item 6D Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 6E Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 6F Approval of July Financial Report. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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7. New Business

- A. Innovation Center Update – Reid Newey, Director of Canyons Innovation Center (CIC)

The current admissions process is a first come, first serve process. This process only allows for students who have internet access and support to get into the high demand CTEC classes. The proposed admissions process will allow for more opportunities for each school, allowing each program to be represented by all high schools. Each high school will be allocated seats based on the proportion of students that are enrolled at each high school. After two weeks, any seat that is still open will be available on a first come, first serve basis to Canyon's students. There will be a CIC Open House on January 7, 2027, from 4 pm- 7 pm. The application window opens January 8, 2027. The street naming options will be filed with SL County in the following order of preference: Launch Point, Launch Place, Launch Way and Ignite Way.

- B. Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Update (First Reading) – Dr. McKay Robinson, Superintendent

The District's DLI enrollments have been falling short of the necessary student numbers to support the program. The purpose of this proposal is to provide first steps in hopes of maintaining the current DLI programs. In 2025-2026, the supplemented FTE for DLI was 13, at a cost of \$1,430,000. The number of FTE and cost associated with them have been consistent for the last few years and have the potential to be higher as the enrollment continues to decline. The Board and Administration have worked hard to find creative ways of preserving the program while keeping in mind the legal requirements to provide an education to all students. The one class cohort in specific schools was looked at and approved due to the enrollment challenges.

The District will be providing opportunities for parents to meet and discuss these challenges this fall. The purpose will be to discuss enrollment, clearly articulate the numbers proposed, and the outcomes if target numbers are not met. There will be discussion on how to collaborate to recruit families and share plans for ongoing communication to keep families informed. If necessary, the District and school administration will host a parent meeting to share next steps in January. Ongoing communication will continue from the District and School. Dr. Robinson reviewed the target numbers of students and the target dates for that

number to be reached. Specific classroom scenarios were presented and discussed.
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8. Staff Comments

- A. Superintendent Report
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- B. Business Administrator Report
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9. Board Comments

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

- A. Adjourn 8:50 pm

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Amber Shill Board President

McKay Robinson Superintendent