CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The following minutes are a summary of the October 6, 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, October 6, 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
Jackson Lewis, Board Member – joined electronically
McKay Robinson, Superintendent
Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator
Dan Harper, Legal Counsel
Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations

Excused:

1. **Closed Session – 4:30 pm**
   A. For the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
   B. For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property

   MOTION: Karen Pedersen moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange or lease of real property. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. 5 Yea (Ms. Dahle, Mr. Edtl, Ms. Shill, Ms. Oaks, Ms. Pedersen) 2 Not Present (Ms. Holly Neibaur Hayes and Mr. Lewis joined after the roll call vote) The motion carries.

   *Persons in Attendance: All Board Members and McKay Robinson – Superintendent, Leon Wilcox – Business Administrator, Daniel Harper – General Counsel, Mindy Robison - Assistant Superintendent, Charlie Evans, Director of External Relations, Tiffany Midgley – Director of Human Resources, Jeff Christensen – Assistant Legal Counsel.
   Note: Due to timing conflicts, property was not discussed.
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Ms. Neibaur-Hayes moved from in person to electronic participation

2. **Study Session – 5:30 pm**
   A. Discussion of Boundary and Enrollment Consultant – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

   The Administration issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for "K-12 Demographic Consulting Services on August 27, 2026. An evaluation team of six members from the Long-Range Planning Committee reviewed the proposals and recommend MGT Consulting be awarded the contract. MGT has notable experience working with Utah school districts and is familiar with the enrollment decrease impacting neighboring districts. The members of the MGT Consulting team joined the meeting to present past, key, detailed scope of work that was provided prior to their selection and the approach proposed to determine next steps for the discussion regarding district boundary changes. Presentation and documents available on Diligent Community.

   B. Approval of 2027-2028 school calendar and Tentative Approval of 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 school calendars (First Reading) – Tiffany Midgley, Director of Human Resources

   Ms. Midgley presented results from a survey that asked for feedback regarding ending first semester timing, the schedule model and professional learning day placement. There was strong support for ending the first semester before the winter break. A fixed A/B day high school schedule was favored over the current rotating model. Stakeholders were evenly divided in Professional Learning Day calendar placement with a slight preference for keeping them adjacent to holidays and breaks. There are four proposed calendar options for 2027-2028 school year that were evaluated by the calendar committee. The calendar committee key considerations include supporting student learning, teaching time, teacher planning, and family needs. A second reading will occur at the October 20th meeting with the tentative calendars for 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 to be presented and discussed. Presentation available on Diligent Community.

3. **Introduction of Student Advisory Council – 6:30 pm** – Dr. Tom Sherwood, Director of High School Principals

   Dr. Sherwood introduced the 2026-2027 Student Council. The following students will have the opportunity to represent their schools, share what is going well land what they feel could be improved.

   ALTA
   Lucas Benitez, Sam Boone Hansen, Lilly Labrum, Saige Lovell, Nash Lundberg, Dallin Woodley

   BRIGHTON
   Jack Burt, Batia Kaberuka, Josh Lindsay, Maya Paine, Argo Tarr

   CORNER CANYON
   Archer Cazedessus, Zianya de La Parra, Paige Hillstead, Addison (Addi) Paynter, Livy Plenert

   DIAMOND RIDGE
   Jasmin Ortiz, Lexie Smingler

   ENTRADA

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Taylor Oliphant, Jr., Rilee West

HILLCREST
Rylee Capone, Olivia Cholewski, Lavanya Mohnani, Harith Sathish, George (Zhuocheng) Wang

JORDAN
Jimena Perez, Riley Manibusan, Makaylee Reid, Zahraa Aj Juhaishi, Carter Mills
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4. **Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**
Ms. Neibaur-Hayes did not join this portion of the meeting
Mr. Lewis voted electronically during this portion of the meeting

5. **Opening Items**
A. Welcome
B. Approve Agenda for October 6, 2026

MOTION: Amanda Oaks moved to approve the agenda for October 6, 2026. Katie Dahle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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C. Pledge of Allegiance – Jordan Valley, Principal Matt Nelson
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D. School Highlights – Jordan Valley, Principal Matt Nelson
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6. **Canyons Strong Middle School Recognitions –** Angi Holden, Director of Middle School Principals

Ms. Holden recognized achievements for Midvale Middle and Indian Hills Middle schools.
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7. **Patron Comments**
The following patrons commented:
- Celeste Pearson – Records Policy
- Drew Pearson – Grama Policy

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8. **Consent Agenda**
A. Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2026
B. Approval of Hire and Termination Reports
C. Approval of Purchasing Bids
D. Approval of Land Trust and TSSP Amendment for Alta View Elementary
E. Approval of Land Trust and TSSP Amendment for East Sandy Elementary
F. Approval of LEA Specific Licenses

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item 8A Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2026; Item 8B Approval of Hire and Termination Reports; Item 8C Approval of Purchasing Bids; Item 8D Approval of Land Trust and TSSP Amendment for Alta View Elementary; Item 8E Approval of Land Trust and TSSP Amendment for East Sandy Elementary; Item 8F Approval of LEA Specific Licenses. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Audio available on Diligent Community

9. **New Business**

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A. Policy Update: Policy 300.02-Access to Public Records and Retention/GRAMA; Policy 400.02-Nondiscrimination/Policy 500.01-Nondiscrimination; Policy 500.35-Student Attendance (Second Reading, Possible Action) – Jeff Christensen, Assistant Legal Counsel

There were no changes to the policy updates presentation since the first reading.

MOTION: Katie Dahle moved to approve Policy 400.02-Nondiscrimination/Policy 500.01-Nondiscrimination; Policy 500.35-Student Attendance. Karen Pedersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy 300.02-Access to Public Records and Retention/GRAMA will be reviewed again by the policy committee and will be presented again at a future board meeting after information is obtained regarding storage capacity issues with IT servers.

Presentation and documents available on Diligent Community

B. Long Range Committee Update – Leon Wilcox, Business Administrator

The Point Development will be developing 50 acres into homes, town homes and condos. It is expected from this development that approximately 170-200 students would be eligible to attend Canyons schools. The construction is scheduled to being in early 2027 with buildout completed by 2029-2030.

The Miller Group plans to expand the area around Jordan Commons and the RSL Stadium with the recently passed Convention Center Reinvestment Zone (CCRZ) statute. Early projections indicate the potential for 700 high density residential units, with most located north and west of the stadium.

The Oct 1st enrollment totals for the last five school year were reviewed, and as projected enrollment has decreased from 31,499 students in 2025-26 school year to 30,365 students for 2026-27 school year.

Past, current and projected enrollments were presented for all school levels..

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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

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ATTEST

_____ President
Amber Shill

_____ Superintendent
McKay Robinson

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