

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – JANUARY 9, 2024

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a study session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 4:00 PM. The meeting took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King, Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 20 others in attendance.

1. Transportation Report

Kimberly Bird, Executive Director of Internal Relations & Operations, and Eric Woodhouse, Director of Operations, presented a report on the current state of transportation in the district. He shared these statistics:

- There are 18,630 students transported daily.
- There are 207 buses driven daily.
- There are 749 traditional education runs and 421 special education runs.

Eric discussed the relationship between bus routes and school start times. Eric reviewed the eligible route criteria for state funding based on state statute 53F-2-403 [Utah code](#) and Administrative [Rule 277-600-6](#). Of the 18,630 students transported daily, 3,218 are ineligible riders, and 70 routes are ineligible. Because the state does not fund these routes, the cost to the district is \$1.4 million.

Currently, there are 11 junior high/middle schools with double runs. If ineligible routes were eliminated, Frontier Middle School would be the only location with a double run. The number of bus drivers has declined since 2019-20. The district provides the CDL training for all candidates and now compensates them for their time, hoping it will attract more drivers. Eric addressed questions from the board. Joylin Lincoln requested a list ranking the dangerous ineligible routes. The recommended changes for bus routes will be a discussion/action item on the February 27th board meeting agenda.

2. Update to A.L.L. and DLI Study

Jamie James, Director of Gifted and Talented, presented the data that led to the recommended A.L.L. changes. She reviewed the criteria for A.L.L. placement and the percentage of the students attending from inside and outside the school boundary. Aaron Hale, Director of Dual Language Immersion, gave a brief overview of the recommendations for the DLI program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2024

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a board meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The meeting took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King, Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 55 others in attendance.

Board President Sara Hacken conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Scott Sumner.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OR REFLECTION

An inspirational thought was offered by Matt King.

RECOGNITIONS**RISE (Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, Encouraging) Awards**

Lea Nelson, a teacher at Lehi Jr. High, was nominated by parent Wendy Wilkins.

Lexie Jensen, a teacher at Westmore Elementary, was nominated by student Stephen Nielsen.

Melanie Hill, a secretary at Legacy Elementary, was nominated by employee Judy Hainsworth.

Mitchell Hart, a teacher at Cedar Valley High, was nominated by employee Robert Hampton.

CLAES NOBEL EDUCATOR OF DISTINCTION

Shauna Smith, an American Fork High School educator, was selected by The National Society of High School Scholars.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Glenn Judd objected to removing the A.L.L. program from Cedar Ridge and Westfield elementary schools. He said a program does not need to be removed from one school to add it to another.

Ann Marie Gordon commented about the need to keep A.L.L. at Westfield and Cedar Ridge elementary schools. She spoke about the efforts to build the A.L.L. program at Timberline Middle School.

Nicki Brammer, president-elect for the Association for Gifted Children, spoke about expanding the A.L.L. program and not removing it from schools.

Chris Snell spoke about the need to expand the A.L.L. program instead of removing it.

Ashley Carter is the mother of four students who are or have been in the A.L.L. program at Westfield. She requested that the program remain at Westfield and Cedar Ridge.

Katie Hurd has children who attend Windsor Elementary in the DLI program. She spoke against moving the program from Windsor to Orchard Elementary.

Carly Ferrin thanked the board for adding third grade A.L.L. but is concerned about unmet student needs.

Liz Busby is a parent of an out-of-area family who will be affected by removing A.L.L. from Westfield. All of her students have been moved to the school to attend together. She feels the process needs more time.

Debbie Draper has been a teacher in ASD for 24 years and currently teaches at Cedar Ridge. She spoke against moving the A.L.L. program and said she would like all students and parents to have a voice.

Anna Staffien recently moved to the Westfield area from Arizona. She moved to the Alpine area so her children could attend Westfield and Timberline. She would like the A.L.L. program to stay at Westfield.

Online comments from community members were received and read by the Board of Education.

MINUTES

Board President Sara Hacken recommended the approval of the December board meeting minutes. Sarah Beeson motioned to approve the December board meeting minutes, Mark Clement seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the Board accept the December claims report. Check numbers 00250162 through AQVTQ3TV, totaling \$28,835,618.22, and 00004925 through 00005071, totaling \$425,264.07 with a total of \$29,265,927.10 were presented for the Board's acceptance. Ada Wilson motioned to accept the December claims report, Stacy Bateman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Monthly Budget Summary

The latest budget report was included for the Board's review.

2. Alpine Foundation Report Summary

The latest Alpine Foundation report was included for the Board's review.

3. Personnel Hiring and Releasing

Personnel Actions – Certified

Certified Employee – New Hires

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Atkinson, Aspen | Kindergarten | ES - Manila | 01/08/24 |
| Belliston, Madalynn | English | MS - Timberline | 01/08/24 |
| Bowles, Alise | Physical Education | MS - Vista Heights | 01/08/24 |
| Cooley, Bethany | SPED - Preschool | ES - Sego Lily | 12/12/23 |
| Ellsworth, Evelyn | SPED - (S/P) Sm. Grp. Autism | ES - Forbes | 01/08/24 |
| Fisher, Devin | SPED - (M/M) Resource | HS - Timpanogos | 01/08/24 |
| Gonzalez, Amanda | Grade 4 Spanish DLI | ES - Windsor | 01/08/24 |
| Hicken, Catherine | Grade 5 | ES - Ridgeline | 01/08/24 |
| Lloyd, Emma | English | HS - Lehi | 01/08/24 |
| Neilson, Brenda | SPED - Preschool | ES - Orem | 12/21/23 |
| Robinson, Amy | Grade 5 | ES - Trailside | 01/08/24 |

Certified Employee – Resignations

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Evans, Kelsey | Physical Education | MS - Vista Heights | 12/22/23 |
| Jadine, Paula | English | HS - Lone Peak | 12/22/23 |

Personnel Actions – Classified

Classified Employee – New Employees

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Baker, Rachel | Office Technician | HS - Westlake | 12/28/23 |

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| Gonzalez, Stephani | Driver | DO - Transportation | 12/04/23 |
| Gurney, Shannan | Office Technician | HS - Pleasant Grove | 12/13/23 |
| Hellewell, Nichole | COTA | DO - Special Education | 12/08/23 |
| Howard, Wendy | Office Technician | ES - Eaglecrest | 10/06/23 |
| Olsen, Stephanie | Office Technician | HS – Lehi | 12/05/23 |

Classified Employee – Changes/Transfers

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Castanede, Daniel | Electrician | DO - Maintenance | 12/04/23 |

Classified Employee – Resignations/Terms

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Allred, Kelly | Occupational Therapy Asst. | DO - Special Education | 12/08/23 |
| Howard, Wendy | Office Technician | ES - Eaglecrest | 12/01/23 |
| Jones, Kelli Jo | Office Technician | HS - Lehi | 12/14/23 |
| McGraw, Lori | Lead Cook | DO - Nutrition Services | 12/13/23 |
| Ortez, Jerie | Nutrition Service Coordinator | DO - Nutrition Services | 12/13/23 |

4. Student Trip Requests

The student trip requests were included for the Board's review.

5. LEA-Specific Licenses

The LEA Specific License applications were included for the Board's review.

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of the routine business. Stacy Bateman motioned to approve the routine business, Joylin Lincoln seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

1. Policy No. 4726 – Filling Vacancies (Retire)

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval to retire Policy No. 4726 – Filling Vacancies. Kraig Brinkerhoff, Executive Director of Legal Counsel, explained this policy is redundant and covered in Policy No. 2131. **Sarah Beeson motioned to retire Policy No. 4726, Joylin Lincoln seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

2. Policy No. 6240 – Calendar of Special Days (Retire)

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval to retire Policy No. 6240 – Calendar of Special Days. Kraig Brinkerhoff explained that Policy 6240 is unnecessary because Policy 9092 states that the Board approves the calendar. **Joylin Lincoln motioned to retire Policy No. 6240, Sarah Beeson seconde, and the motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

1. Alpine by the Numbers – Out-of-Area Enrollment

Derek Farnes, Director of Business Analytics & Projections, reported that 14% of ASD students attend schools outside their home boundary. Currently, no schools in the district are closed to out-of-area students. The data is available under historical reports on the business services website. (<https://alpineschools.org/business/>.)

2. Membership Report

Superintendent Farnsworth gave a brief overview of the current enrollment report. From October 1 to the present, there is a net difference of three students. There is still significant growth in some areas of the district.

BOARD MEMBERS' AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Analis Ruiz, Jamie James, and Aaron Hale resumed the data report from the study session regarding the A.L.L. and DLI program study feedback and addressed questions from the Board. Public feedback requested additional services in all schools or expanding the program in the West and the Pleasant Grove areas. There was support for adding the A.L.L. program at Shelley Elementary but not to close the programs at Westfield and Cedar Ridge elementary schools. Board members Bateman and Lincoln requested that the Spanish DLI program proposed for Liberty Hills be placed at Snow Springs because of accessibility. Superintendent Farnsworth said the final recommendations are expected in the January 23rd board meeting.

Superintendent Farnsworth announced that full-day kindergarten will expand district-wide. He thanked the legislators for their generosity in providing the funding. The district will provide additional funding for the specialty classes. He also thanked the school board for their support in providing the resources to expand the program.

Ada Wilson reported on the finance committee meeting she attended. An infographic about ASD has been created and will be available online.

Sara Hacken reported on the policy committee meeting she attended.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Sarah Beeson and seconded by Stacy Bateman, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.