

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2024

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a board meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The board 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, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson. Sarah L. Beeson joined remotely.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and members of the administrative staff. There were 67 others in attendance.

Board Vice President Julie King conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Joel Perkins offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OR REFLECTION

Mandy Ford shared an inspirational thought.

RECOGNITIONS

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS FOR FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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| ● Kate Miller | Hannah Fowles |
| ● Aubrey Kenney | Khalyn Lemusu |
| ● Lillie Story | Jessica Anderson |
| ● Brighton Mitchell | Ethan Croff |
| ● Fernando Gutierrez Rivera | |
| ● Benjamin Rich | |

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE RECOGNITIONS FOR FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Teachers

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| ● Susan Abney | Jeanette Black |
| ● Jenny Dipko | Heather Probert |
| ● Melinda Morgan | Stacey Hames |
| ● Beth Williams | Tonya Crosby |
| ● Jen Phillips | Cristy Davies |
| ● Sandy Grow | Amy Anderson |
| ● Kim Reiter | |

Support Professionals

- Amy Reda
- Ken Decker
- Janet Buchmiller

Volunteers

- Melissa Taul
- Mandy Ford

High School State Championships

Skyridge High School – 6A Girls Tennis State Champions – their fifth consecutive year

Westlake High School – Orem High, and Skyridge are all Special Olympics Unified Soccer State Champions in their respective divisions.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

James Gaffney shared frustration about inappropriate books in the school libraries and asked for help getting them removed. Dr. Joel Perkins met with him to discuss his concerns.

Tracy McMillan spoke against the closure of Lindon Elementary. She asked the board members to vote no and to study other options to addressing the problems of declining enrollment of general ed students at Rocky Mountain and the aging building of Lindon.

Lisa Monuir spoke against the closure of Lindon Elementary. She would like the school to move as a community when a change is made.

Katrina Brittner spoke against closing Windsor Elementary and moving the DLI program.

Lisa Lesser asked that Windsor Elementary remain open. There are new developments coming in also which will increase the enrollment at Windsor.

Trica Nef spoke in favor of keeping Lindon Elementary open. She thanked the Board for listening to her, she feels heard. Would like the opportunity to keep Lindon kids at Lindon schools.

Maria Haynie lives in Eagle Mountain and explained why she doesn't feel the current boundary options for the new middle school meets the best interests of the students in her neighborhood. She lives in Oak Hollow which is closer to Vista Heights rather than Frontier or the new middle school. She would like Oak Hollow, to attend Silver Lake Elementary and Vista Heights or Frontier Middle School.

Lindsay Heidbrink has three children who attend Lindon Elementary. She understands that the school is old, but is asking that the decision to close the school be postponed until after the November 5 vote on Prop. 11. She requested that if the students are moved, that they stay together and not split amongst three schools.

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS1. Student Trip Requests

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

2. LEA Specific Licenses

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

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of the routine business. Mark Clement made the motion to approve the routine business, Sara Hacken seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS1. Resolution 2024-014 – Authorizing the Surplus and Deed of Property in Orem, Utah

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the approval of Resolution 2024-014 – Authorizing the Surplus and Deed of Property in Orem, Utah. He explained that this is straightening the fence line on the north west side

of Centennial Elementary and deeding 619 square feet of property to John and Sarah Healey. **Ada Wilson made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-014, Stacy Bateman seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution 2024-015 – Authorizing the Surplus and Deed of Property in Orem, Utah
Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of Resolution 2024-015 – Authorizing the Surplus and Deed of Property in Orem, Utah. He explained that this is straightening the fence line on the north west side of Centennial Elementary and deeding 619 square feet of property to Alan and Ellen Loveland. **Sara Hacken made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-015, Mark Clement seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.**
3. Resolution 2024-016 – Authorizing a Forklift Declared Excess for Disposition
Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the approval of Resolution 2024-016 – Authorizing a Forklift to be Declared Excess for Disposition. Stacy Bateman made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-016, Sarah Beeson seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Resolution 2024-017 – Authorizing a Grounds Sweeper Declared Excess for Disposition
Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of Resolution 2024-017 – Authorizing a Grounds Sweeper to be Declared Excess for Disposition. Sara Hacken made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-017, Joylin Lincoln seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Policy No. 4010 – LEA-Specific Teacher Licensing (revise)
Superintendent Farnsworth invited the board to discuss Policy No. 4010 and then move to an action item if they were ready to approve it. Kraig Brinkerhoff, Executive Director of Legal Counsel, explained that the revisions were made to align with the state code. **Sara Hacken made a motion to move this to an action item and approve Policy No. 4010 as revised. Joylin Lincoln seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**
2. Policy No. 5150 – Student Travel (revise)
Superintendent Farnsworth invited the board to discuss Policy No. 5150 and then move to an action item if they were ready to approve it. Kraig Brinkerhoff, Executive Director of Legal Counsel, explained that the main change to the policy was moving the approval of travel to the superintendent and his leadership team. In the previous board meeting, there was a question about reporting back to the principal or school board about the trips once they have been completed. A clarification was made to the policy on page 10, stating that the decision on whether or not there will be report on the trip will be left up to the principal. On page 8, in 2.2.3.2 Board Member Bateman discussed striking “*a preliminary vote on the trip shall be taken*” so the sentence would read, “*At the parent meeting the complete plan for the trip shall be discussed. All items of interest and concern should be detailed and explained.*” She also discussed at the end of 2.2.3.5 adding a comma and “*which may include an electronic option.*” On page 14, 3.3, Board Member Bateman recommended changing “*Excursions outside of the continental U.S.A. or outside the country shall not be approved*” to “*may not be approved*” or “*shall be approved by the board.*” Kraig Brinkerhoff clarified that any exception to what is written would require superintendent approval, whether it says “shall” or “may”. Superintendent Farnsworth recommended that the approval should stay at the staff level and wording of the policy be “*possible excursion outside the U.S.A. or outside the country will only be approved by exception.*” Mark Clement recommended allowing the policy committee to make the changes and bring it back to the next board meeting. Board Member Bateman said she would support moving Policy No. 5150 to an action item with the first two recommended changes. The third change is under rules and regulations and does not require board approval. **Ada Wilson made the motion to approve Policy No. 5150 with the two amended changes, with the understanding that the policy committee will address the third change. Stacy Bateman seconded the motion and it passed five to two with Stacy Bateman, Sarah Beeson, Sara Hacken, Julie King, and Ada Wilson voting in favor and Julie King and Mark Clement opposing.**

3. Policy No. 6044 – Guidance – Elementary Schools (retire)

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the board retire Policy No. 6044 – Guidance – Elementary Schools. Kraig Brinkerhoff explained that this is an old policy and no longer needed. **Sara Hacken made the motion to move this to an action item and retire Policy No. 6044, Sarah Beeson seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.**

4. Policy No. 7250 – Acceptable Use of Technology Resources (renew)

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the board discuss Policy No. 7250 – Acceptable Use of Technology Resources and then move to an action item if they are ready to renew it. Kraig Brinkerhoff explained that a requirement of the grant the technology department applies for each year, requires the policy be updated and renewed at a minimum of every three years. He clarified that there were no changes made to the policy. **Ada Wilson made the motion to move this to an action item and renew Policy No. 7250, Stacy Bateman seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

1. Alpine By the Numbers

Scott Sumner, Executive Director of Leadership, Results & School Activities, Jason Crowther, Director of Research & Assessment, and Brandon Jackson, Assistant Director of Research & Evaluation reported on the state school report. The data from their presentation can be found at reportcard.schools.utah.gov.

BOARD MEMBERS' AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Stacy Bateman reported on the teaching and learning committee meeting. They received an update from Kerry Milner about the literacy adoption.

Sara Hacken reported that the purchasing department has received the Achievement in Excellence award for three years in a row and is the only district who has had this accomplishment. She also reported that the ASD warehouse services 15 charter schools and the Provo School District.

Mark Clement reported on the capital planning committee meeting. The new middle school in Eagle Mountain is on schedule. The land owner of the future high school property in Saratoga Springs has approved the placement of the school, so now we can move forward with soil testing and finalizing the purchase.

Ada Wilson reported on the teaching and learning committee meeting. Melissa Bostwick reported on the in-house climate, culture and connection survey.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Sara Hacken and seconded by Mark Clement, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.