

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE A.L.L. PROGRAM STUDY AND CLOSURE OF LINDON ELEMENTARY– NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a public hearing for the A.L.L. program study and possible closure of Lindon Elementary on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:10 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 (remotely), 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 57 others in attendance.

Board President Sara Hacken declared the public hearing open to hear comments for the A.L.L. program study and possible closure of Lindon Elementary.

McKenzie Hess spoke against the closure of Lindon Elementary. She asked that the school remain open and keep the A.L.L. program. She also spoke against closing Windsor Elementary and asked that the school board of the new district make the decision about the future of the schools.

Brody Morton spoke against the closure of Lindon Elementary. He asked that the decision about the school be made in the future by the school board of the new district.

Alicia Alba asked that the board pause on any school closures and allow the school board of the new district to make those decisions.

Shandra Mueller spoke against the closure of Lindon Elementary. She opposes moving the Lindon students to Rocky Mountain Elementary because the facility does not have the capacity.

Cassie Haldeman acknowledged the aging facility for Lindon Elementary, but thinks we should work to minimize the disruptive measures for the students. She recommended that the A.L.L. and general education students all move together to Rocky Mountain Elementary and the Portuguese DLI program be moved to another school. She also requested that Rocky Mountain be moved to a 9:15 start time and the school be renamed.

Alvin Hunsaker moved to Lindon Elementary when Valley View Elementary closed. He asked that Lindon remain open and keep the A.L.L. program.

Noah Hunsaker moved to Lindon Elementary when Valley View Elementary closed. He asked that Lindon remain open and keep the A.L.L. program.

Simon Hunsaker moved to Lindon Elementary when Valley View Elementary closed. He asked that Lindon remain open and keep the A.L.L. program.

Chad Hunsaker asked that the board hold on any decision to close Lindon Elementary. His sons went through the closure of Valley View before moving to Lindon Elementary. If closed, Lindon would be the second school to close within a mile of his house.

Lexi Hooley said this is not the time for this board to make the decision about Lindon Elementary. She would like the A.L.L. program to stay with the Lindon students.

Esther Gwynn spoke about keeping Lindon Elementary open and allowing the A.L.L. program to stay with the school. They moved to the school from Orchard Elementary because they knew there was a plan to make a DLI magnet program at that location.

Hannah Gwynn is a student at Lindon Elementary and does not want it to close.

Ryan Gwynn is a student in the A.L.L. program at Lindon Elementary and does not want the school to close.

Emily Earl moved to Lindon from Orchard Elementary. She asked that the school remain open with the A.L.L. program.

Jared Gray thanked Board Member Hacken for her lifetime of service to education. He supports the decision to keep Lindon and Windsor elementary schools open.

Mayor Carolyn Lundberg asked that no decision be made by the current board, but to allow a future board of the new district to make a decision about Lindon Elementary.

The public hearing closed at 6:47 PM