

MINUTES OF THE TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING – AUGUST 05, 2025

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a public hearing on Tuesday, August 05, 2025, at 6:03 PM. The meeting took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Julie E. King, Vice Presidents Stacy M. Bateman and Emily B. Peterson, Sarah L. Beeson (remotely), Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Interim Superintendent Robert W. Smith, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and administrative staff. There were approximately 80 others in attendance.

Business Administrator Jason Sundberg did a short overview clarifying the proposed tax increment increase. The net increase proposed will be approximately 1.76%.

Board Vice President Stacy Bateman declared the public hearing open to receive input from the public concerning the proposed FY25-26 tax rates by the district.

Virtual Comments:

Brent Gray from Vineyard, UT spoke against the tax increase.

Lia Collings from Orem, UT spoke in support of the tax increase.

2 people were in the waiting room for comment but left and were no longer present for comment.

In person comments:

Jonathan Bejarano from Highland spoke in support of the tax increase.

John Barrik from Orem spoke against the tax increase.

John Gadd from Pleasant Grove spoke against the tax increase.

John Gillespie from American Fork passed on his public comment.

Roy Palacios from Saratoga Springs spoke against the tax increase.

Brandon Wallace from Lehi spoke against the tax increase.

Devon Noyes from Lehi spoke against the tax increase.

Jose Palacios from Saratoga Springs spoke against the tax increase.

Sean Slattery from Highland spoke against the tax increase.

Jeremy Goff from American Fork spoke against the tax increase.

Jennifer Osborne from Lehi spoke against the tax increase.

Terry Osborne from Lehi was not present to speak.

Reese Able from American Fork spoke against the tax increase.

Lora Stephens from Lehi spoke against the tax increase.

Bruce Smith from Highland spoke against the tax increase.

LJay Silvester from Lindon spoke against the tax increase.

Andrew Young from Alpine spoke against the tax increase.

Mahlow Braden from Eagle Mountain spoke against the tax increase.

Daniel Cash from Cedar Fort spoke against the tax increase.

Darren Swasey from Lehi was not present to speak.

Loren Brownle from spoke against the tax increase.

Ken Hoen from Orem was not present to speak.

Guy Fugal from Pleasant Grove spoke in favor of the tax increase.

Vice President Stacy Bateman declared the public hearing closed and opened discussion for the Board members.

Emily Peterson spoke a little about what the budget goes to as well as the pros and cons of increasing the tax rate. Requested opinions of the other Board members as she is torn on her decision.

Sarah Beeson spoke about the demands and concerns of the people at this time and will be voting no on this tax increase.

Stacy Bateman responded to questions presented to the Board during the Public comment and spoke about discussions she has had with individuals in her community.

Ada Wilson thanked all those who commented. Expressed understanding for their concerns and discussed the pros and cons of the tax increase and stated she will be voting yes on this tax increase.

Mark Clement questioned Sarah Beeson on her vote and verified that she is voting no on any kind of tax increase.

Joylin Lincoln spoke about her efforts to speak to her constituents and listen to their concerns and needs and more effective ways to communicate and stated she will be voting yes on this tax increase.

Finalization of the FY26 Property Tax Rate

Board Vice President Stacy Bateman requested a motion to set the FY26 final tax rate for Alpine School District. Joylin Lincoln motioned to set the FY26 final tax rate for Alpine School District at 0.005774 as proposed, and Ada Wilson seconded it. The Board Members in favor were Ada Wilson, Joylin Lincoln, Mark Clement, Julie King, and Stacy Bateman. The Board members who voted against were Emily Peterson and Sarah Beeson.

The motion passed by a 5 to 2 vote.

Stacy Bateman motioned to close the public hearing and was seconded by Ada Wilson. The Board members who voted in favor were Ada Wilson, Joylin Lincoln, Mark Clement, Julie King, Stacy Bateman, and Emily Peterson. The Board member who voted against was Sarah Beeson. The public hearing adjourned at 8:02pm.