

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a study session on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 4:00 PM. The study session took place in the boardroom 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, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Interim Superintendent Robert W. Smith, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 35 others in attendance.

Special Education Presentation for 2025-2026

Director of Special Education, Dr. Royd Darrington shared a presentation introducing himself and his history with the Alpine School District. Dr. Darrington's presentation covered the current District directives, how he and his team have begun building a culture focused on inclusion around the Special Education program, the mission and vision of the current Special Education team, and recommendations on how we can improve the Special Education program and better support our students and families both now and in the future.

Board Vice President, Stacy Bateman thanked Dr. Darrington for coordinating the all staff meeting for the Special Education Department.

Lease Revenue Bond (LRB) Updates

Stifel representative, Matt Dugdale, shared a presentation that provided information on the success of the lease revenue bonds for the Alpine School District. Mr. Dugdale explained the process of obtaining the bonds through to the sale of them on the market and that the sales for this school year was extremely successful. At the end of his presentation, Mr. Dugdale fielded questions from the Board of Education.

Business Administrator, Jason Sundberg thanked Mr. Dugdale and his team for all of their hard work and assistance with the bond work for the district.

Interim Superintendent, Robert W. Smith also thanked Mr. Dugdale and his team for the work they do for the district.

Early Learning Plan for Literacy and Math

Director of Math K-6, Boyce Campbell and Director of Literary K-6, Kerry Millner shared a presentation that provided information on the Early Learning Plan for the Elementary Literacy and Math requirements for the district. The presentation covered the district data from the 2024-2025 school year and how our students (K-3rd) performed as a district as well as the district goals for the 2025-2026 school year in both literacy and math.

Interim Superintendent, Robert W. Smith thanked Mr. Campbell and Ms. Millner for their time and their dedication to the students of the Alpine School District.

Library Report

District Lead Librarian, Joy Peterson, shared a presentation that reviewed data on all of the libraries in the Alpine School District for the 2024-2025 school year, how the function of libraries has changed as well as the services they now provide to our students and their learning. Ms. Peterson fielded questions from the Board of Education.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.