

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – JANUARY 5, 2026

The Board of Education of the Timpanogos School District met in a study session on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 9:30 am. The study session took place in the conference room at the Ruth and Nathan Theater in Pleasant Grove, UT.

Board members present: President Jennifer Lyman, Vice President Sterling Hilton, Guy Fugal, Grace Rex, David H. Smith, Michele Sorensen, and Ada Wilson.

Board member Guy Fugal left the meeting at 9:45am and returned at 10:25pm. He then left the meeting early at 1:45pm.

Also present: There were approximately 1 other in attendance.

Selection of District Name

Board member Michelle Sorensen, Chair of the District Naming Committee, provided an update on the progress of naming the South District. She reported that the committee received a significant amount of community feedback and is working to narrow the list of potential names before distributing a follow-up survey. The committee also reviewed plans and timelines for the upcoming Kickoff Event, which will include the official name reveal.

Hiring Superintendent

President Lyman provided an update on the Superintendent search, noting that the application period closes on January 6. She indicated that she will contact Richard Stowell of USBE to discuss next steps. The Board discussed the upcoming screening timeline and interview process.

Hiring Business Administrator

The Board reviewed and discussed a proposed timeline for the Business Administrator search and noted that the recruitment brochure has been compiled and requires Board review. The Board also discussed details related to the Business Administrator contract, potential start dates, and the possibility of part-time service for the South District.

Plan for Balancing the Budget

The Board reviewed the financial presentation previously provided by ASD Business Administrator Jason Sundberg. Members discussed the materials, identified necessary actions, and began developing a plan for the following fiscal year's budget.

Developing District Vision and Values

The Board discussed their aspirations and vision for the new district, building on ideas from previous meetings as they began developing the district's vision and core values. The Board intends to finalize the vision and values statements and present them at a future board meeting for formal adoption.

Establishing Board Norms, Protocols, and Policies

The Board reviewed Board Handbooks from other districts as a reference point to discuss and develop the new district's board norms, protocols, and policies. The Board will continue working collaboratively to define how they would like the Board to conduct business in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM.