

Board Meeting Documents  
January 29, 2026

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – DECEMBER 11, 2025

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a study session on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 4:00 PM. The study session took place in the boardroom at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Jason Theler. Arrived late: Steve Sparti

Also present: There were approximately 15 others in attendance.

Capital Planning Report

Eric Woodhouse, Executive Director of Operations with the Alpine School District, presented an overview of the district's capital planning process. He outlined the steps involved, the research conducted, and the reports used to support fiscally responsible decision-making and efficient use of current resources. Mr. Woodhouse and his team also shared districtwide enrollment projections and presented the Board with several options to consider, including potential boundary adjustments, school consolidations, and the construction of new facilities. Mr. Woodhouse and his team fielded questions from the Board of Education.

Budget Report

Jason Sundberg, Business Administrator with the Alpine School District, presented information to the Aspen Peaks School Board pertaining to Lease Revenue Bonds (LRB) including how the new district can leverage them to finance upcoming capital projects. He reviewed the potential capital and building funds the district is expected to receive and explained how these revenues can be allocated for capital projects. Mr. Sundberg fielded questions from the Board of Education.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING– DECEMBER 11, 2025

The Board of Education of the Aspen School District held a public hearing on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:14 PM regarding the FY26 Budget. The public hearing took place in the boardroom at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, Steven Sparti, and Jason Theler.

Also present: There were approximately 20 others in attendance.

**Board member Brammer made a motion to open the public hearing to discuss the FY26 budget for the Aspen Peaks School District, and it was seconded by Board member Hart. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**Board member Sparti made the motion to reopen the board meeting and it was seconded by Vice President Bonner. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

**The public hearing closed at 6:15 PM.**

## MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – JANUARY 15, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a study session on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 4:04 pm. The study session took place in the boardroom at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Steve Sparti. Remote: Jason Theler.

Also present: There were approximately 3 others in attendance.

### Policy Presentation

Joylin Lincoln of the Alpine School District Board of Education delivered a presentation on policy development. She described the purpose of Board policy and reviewed applicable federal and state requirements, as well as State Board of Education mandates. She explained the role of the Board of Education in the policy-making process and highlighted how these various requirements align to support effective policy development. Board member Lincoln also outlined her approach and process for developing policy. Board member Lincoln fielded questions from the Board of Education.

### Advocacy Presentation

Board member Amber Bonner delivered a presentation on effective advocacy for board members' assigned areas, schools, and the district. She reviewed key representatives at the federal, state, and local levels and explained how to locate their contact information. Board member Bonner also outlined best practices for communicating with constituents and elected officials, along with common pitfalls to avoid. She also briefly reviewed upcoming legislative bills that board members should monitor.

### “How the Legislature Works” Presentation

Board member Nicki Brammer presented an overview of the legislative process and its interaction with school districts. She reviewed the legislative session timeline, explained the structure of the legislature, and provided an overview of legislative websites, including guidance on how to navigate them effectively.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING– JANUARY 15, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen School District held a public hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:12 PM regarding Board compensation. The public hearing took place in the boardroom at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Steve Sparti. Remote: Jason Theler.

Also present: There were approximately 4 others in attendance.

**Board member Sparti made a motion to open the public hearing to discuss Board Compensation for the Aspen Peaks School District, and it was seconded by Board member Hart. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

**Briawna Hugh** of - spoke in support of the board compensation change and requested it be offered to employees.

**The public hearing closed at 6:17 PM.**

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:03 PM. The board meeting took place in the boardroom at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Steve Sparti. Absent: Jason Theler.

Also present: There were approximately 8 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board member Jason Hart.

### Reverence

Reverence was given by Board member Nicki Brammer.

**Vice President Bonner made the motion to adjourn from the board meeting to go into the public hearing and Board member Burrows seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **OPENED BOARD MEETING AT 6:17 PM.**

**Board member Sparti made the motion to reopen the board meeting and it was seconded by Board member Burrows. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

### MINUTES

**President Knight recommended the approval of the December board meeting minutes. Vice President Bonner made the motion to approve the December board meeting minutes, and it was seconded by Board member Brammer. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### CLAIMS

**President Knight recommended that the Board accept the December Claims report. Board member Sparti made the motion to accept the December Claims report, and it was seconded by Vice President Bonner. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Board Compensation

**Board member Brammer** reviewed SB188 as it relates to the Board compensation policy. She discussed the provision allowing board members who already have health insurance coverage to receive a stipend in lieu of district-provided insurance. The proposed stipend would be equivalent to the cost of a single-party health insurance plan, resulting in a lower overall expense for the district and savings for taxpayers.

**Board member Hart** motioned to change Board member compensation to the offer Board members the option to receive District Plan A health insurance at no cost or a stipend equal to the monthly

**cost of the District Plan A health plan for a single party, retroactive to the first offered month of coverage, and it was seconded by Vice President Bonner.**

**Vice President Bonner** expressed support for the proposal, noting that it saves the district money while still providing a benefit to board members, and stated she was satisfied with the tradeoff.

**Board member Brammer** added that she consulted with other city councils and elected officials, many of whom offer a similar stipend at a lower cost as a means of saving taxpayer dollars, emphasizing that this approach is well established and an effective way to provide compensation.

**The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

2. Policy #9092 – School Calendar Adoption

**Board member Sparti** read the Policy Statement, which outlined the purpose of the policy, Board expectations, and the process for creating and submitting school calendars.

**Board member Sparti motioned to approved Policy# 9092, and it was seconded by Vice President Bonner.**

**Vice President Bonner** sought clarification on whether the policy permits the Board to adopt more than one school-year calendar at a time, noting that Alpine School District policy currently allows adoption of only a single calendar. **Board member Sparti** confirmed that the proposed policy does allow for adopting multiple school-year calendars.

**Board member Sparti** also shared that significant feedback had been received from teachers regarding the additional day during winter break and noted that the Board reviewed the calendar across future years, explaining that scheduling can be challenging depending on when Christmas falls.

**President Knight** further clarified that the policy under consideration authorizes the Board to adopt more than one school-year calendar at a time.

**The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. Approve the APSD Calendars for 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30 (From ASD Calendars)

**President Knight** explained that the Board was voting on the adoption of three recommended calendars from the Alpine School District. She stated that a Calendar Committee had been formed and emphasized that developing the calendars is a complex process that incorporates input from teachers, parents, and students. She noted that the most frequently requested item was to designate the first day back in January as a Teacher Work Day, and that there was strong interest in continuing this practice in future years. However, she explained that due to the timing of Christmas in the 2028–2029 and 2029–2030 school years, it was not possible to schedule a Teacher Work Day in January. As a result, the committee chose to schedule the Teacher Work Day on the last day before Winter Break, with the understanding that it would serve as a flexible work day.

**Vice President Bonner made a motion to adopt the 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030 school year calendars that Alpine School District previously approved, with the caveat that the second and third years, that Teacher Work Day be a flexible work day to be used over the break rather than a specific day, and it was seconded by Board member Burrows.**

**Vice President Bonner** discussed the school calendars and noted that many teachers strongly supported having a Teacher Work Day in January and wanted to continue that practice. She observed that two of the proposed calendars did not include this feature. Alternative options were discussed, including placing the work day on the Friday before school begins; however, this would eliminate a full weekend. She noted that Alpine had already planned for flexibility in scheduling the work day, expressed enthusiasm for the approach, and stated that providing teachers with this flexibility is a positive and innovative solution.

**Board member Burrows** shared feedback from a teacher she encountered during the break, who expressed appreciation for the January Teacher Work Day. Board member Burrows noted that she reviewed the calendars closely, including considerations such as daylight-saving time, which the district

has off this year and which can be challenging for students, as well as Halloween, which will fall on a Sunday. She indicated these were among the factors she considered prior to approving the calendars.

**Board member Brammer** shared that she has received significant teacher feedback supporting the additional day in January and would like to continue supporting that change, noting it has not been reflected in the last two years' calendars. However, she has also heard substantial feedback from parents expressing concern about starting school in the second week of August, with many feeling that summer is shortened and preferring a start date no earlier than August 20th. Board Member Brammer proposed making an alternative motion: she is comfortable approving the 2027–2028 calendar but would like the Board to address these concerns in the 2028–2029 and 2029–2030 calendars. She also encouraged community and teacher input on future calendar planning.

**Board member Brammer motioned to amend the current motion to approve the 2027-2028 calendar and table the 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 calendars to gather more feedback from the community, and it was seconded by Board member Hart.**

**Vice President Bonner** stated she will be voting against the proposal. She reflected on her experience with older children in school, noting that when the second term ended 10 days into January, it felt like the break was not truly a break for either teachers or students. Assignments were due before Christmas, requiring teachers to grade over the break or students to study for tests immediately upon returning. Based on a survey conducted, parents indicated a preference for an earlier start date. She explained that if the first and second semesters are to be equal in length, the school must either start earlier in August or allow the term to extend beyond Christmas break. Many teachers and parents, she noted, prefer the term to end before Christmas. While not opposed to community feedback, she expressed concern about starting later in August, noting that adjusting the calendar could affect the balance of instructional days between terms and potentially reduce student instructional time.

**Board member Hart** shared that, as a teacher, he would have appreciated having the Teacher Day in January and values the flexibility of that day in the future. He indicated he agreed with Board Member Brammer on approving the 2027–2028 calendar, but emphasized the importance of surveying the community to determine if additional adjustments are needed. He acknowledged that the proposed calendar may create misalignment with other districts and suggested reviewing the 2028–2029 and 2029–2030 calendars before approving them.

**Board member Brammer** commented that it was a great discussion and emphasized the intention to approach the calendar thoughtfully. She noted that for the 2028–2029 and 2029–2030 calendars, only three (3) student days would need to be adjusted to move the start date to after August 20th. She stated a preference for not starting before August 20th and recommended taking additional time to survey the community and further review the calendars.

**The Board members who voted in favor were Board member Brammer, Board member Sparti, and Board member Hart, and those who voted against were Board member Burrows, Vice President Bonner, and Board President Knight.**

The Board agreed to table the conversation until they can bring it to the next Board meeting after further review.

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND INFORMATION

**Board member Burrows** reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. She provided an update on the district logo contest, noting that it has opened and four (4) submissions have been received so far. She mentioned that there have been numerous questions, particularly regarding AI-generated submissions, clarifying that anything created using AI cannot be trademarked. She noted the contest will close at the end of the month and expressed excitement about the initiative and commented that staff engagement has generated enthusiasm for the new district. Board member Burrows announced a community night on January 28th at the District Office with

the final Superintendent applicants, emphasizing the importance of community participation. Community members are encouraged to submit questions via email to [burrows4schoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:burrows4schoolboard@gmail.com); all questions will be reviewed. The event will include a Q&A session during the first hour, followed by a meet-and-greet in the second hour.

**Vice President Bonner** provided an update on the Superintendent Search Committee and expressed excitement about the progress that has been made. She stated that USBA's Richard Stowell's expertise was utilized in developing the application, and that Board members contributed significant effort to its creation. She noted that the application period closed last Friday with approximately 20 submissions received. Vice President Bonner reported that over the past three days, about 75 community members have reviewed the applications and provided feedback regarding which candidates they would like to see interviewed. She explained that each Board member also had the opportunity to nominate individuals from their area, including city leaders, state board members, and Alpine Board members, resulting in a strong and diverse pool of candidates. She expressed appreciation for the work of the community and Board members, noting that their participation and feedback has been invaluable. Vice President Bonner stated that the Board will deliberate and begin interviews, with finalists participating in the upcoming community meeting. She added that the Superintendent announcement is expected around the first week of February.

**Board member Brammer** provided an update on the Business Administrator (BA) Search Committee, noting that the process officially opened last week. She stated that significant time was spent over the Christmas break developing the application. She explained that the BA role is distinct from the Superintendent position, requiring a different knowledge base focused on areas beyond teaching and learning. The application was intentionally crafted to attract candidates with Chief Financial Officer experience and startup skills. Board Member Brammer reported that she reviewed other BA announcements from neighboring districts and expressed satisfaction with how the application turned out. She noted that the position is now posted on the USBA website, which has received 57 page views so far, and has also been shared through the website "Handshake." The KSL job posting went live yesterday and has received 110 views, with one application submitted to date. She stated that the posting will remain open until February 13th, after which the hiring process will proceed in collaboration with the new Superintendent. Board Member Brammer expressed enthusiasm about involving the new Superintendent's expertise and feedback in the selection process.

**President Knight** remarked on the numerous exciting developments taking place as the Aspen Peaks School District launches. She stated that she is enthusiastic about being part of these efforts and looks forward to the opportunities ahead.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**On motion by Board member Burrows and seconded by Board member Sparti, the meeting adjourned into a closed session to discuss personnel issues at 6:52 PM. The Board Members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Steven Sparti.**

#### MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 15, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a closed session on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 7:15 PM. The meeting was held in the administrative conference room at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Steve Sparti. Remote: Jason Theler at 7:34 PM.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss personnel, property, litigation, and collective bargaining.

ADJORNMENT

**On motion by Board member Burrows and seconded by Board member Hart, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.**

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MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in an open meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 11:36 AM. The meeting was held in boardroom at Mountainland Technical College in Lehi, UT.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Jason Theler. Arrived Late: Steve Sparti

Also present: There were approximately 2 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

Action Items

1. Presentation by Richard Stowell of USBA

Richard Stowell of the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) presented information to the Board regarding the interview process. He explained that multiple data points should be considered to support informed decision-making. He also outlined key cautions related to the interview process, including recommended best practices and items to avoid. Mr. Stowell emphasized the importance of Board consensus on the final candidate, noting that unity and consistency are critical. Mr. Stowell fielded questions from the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

**On motion by Board member Theler and seconded by Board member Bonner, the meeting adjourned into a closed session to discuss personnel issues at 11:56 AM. The Board members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Steve Sparti, and Jason Hart.**

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 19, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a closed session on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 11:59 AM. The meeting was held in boardroom at Mountainland Technical College in Lehi, UT.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, Steve Sparti, and Jason Theler.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss personnel issues.

ADJORNMENT

**On motion by Board member Hart and seconded by Board member Brammer, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM. The Board members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Steve Sparti, and Jason Hart.**

MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in an open meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 1:56 PM. The meeting was held in boardroom at Mountainland Technical College in Lehi, UT.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Jason Theler. Absent: Steve Sparti

Also present: There were approximately 0 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

**On motion by Board member Theler and seconded by Board member Bonner, the meeting adjourned into a closed session to discuss personnel issues at 1:57 PM. The Board members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, and Jason Hart.**

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 20, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a closed session on Monday, January 20, 2026 at 1:57 PM. The meeting was held in boardroom at Mountainland Technical College in Lehi, UT.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Jason Theler. Arrived Late: Steve Sparti

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss personnel issues.

ADJORNMENT

**On motion by Board member Bonner and seconded by Board member Hart, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM. The Board members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Steve Sparti, and Jason Hart.**

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 26, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a board meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The board meeting took place in the boardroom at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, Steve Sparti, and Jason Theler.

Also present: There were approximately 75 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paul Spencer.

### REVERENCE

Reverence was given by Vice President Amber Bonner.

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of New Superintendent of Schools

**Board member Sparti motioned to appoint Dr. Joel K. Perkins as Superintendent of the Aspen Peaks School District, and it was seconded by Board member Burrows.**

**President Knight** stated that the Board sought a leader who would honor the district's strong foundation of excellence while bringing both experience and a fresh perspective. She noted Dr. Perkins' extensive experience with ASD, as well as the desire for innovation and wisdom to help the district forge its own identity. President Knight reported that during the reference-check process, every reference consistently highlighted Dr. Perkins' capacity for innovation. She shared that the deciding factor was hearing multiple stories that spoke to Dr. Perkins' character and leadership. As an example, she described an incident from Dr. Perkins' time as a principal in which a student with special needs became overwhelmed and lay down on the floor. Dr. Perkins joined the student on the floor, calmly engaging in conversation about what they could see above them. That moment of connection allowed the student to regain composure and return to class. President Knight emphasized that this story exemplifies Dr. Perkins' leadership style—listening first and leading with empathy—and concluded that Dr. Perkins is the ideal leader to guide Aspen Peaks into the future.

**Board member Theler** stated that he has known Dr. Perkins for many years and has worked alongside him at various times, including in a school site setting and at the District Office. He referenced the principle that in education, a lesson to be taught should never be more important than a student to be nurtured. Board Member Theler noted that the story previously shared by Diane clearly reflects where Dr. Perkins' heart lies. He emphasized that Dr. Perkins is deeply committed to student success, growth, support, and excellence, and that his focus is on achieving excellence not only for students academically, but in their lives. Board Member Theler expressed confidence that as Dr. Perkins assembles a leadership team, he will prioritize relationships over problems to be solved, recognizing that strong relationships are

what unite the organization and move it forward. He concluded by stating his enthusiasm for Dr. Perkins joining the district leadership team.

**Board member Burrows** stated that she spends a significant amount of time in the community and developed a personal checklist based on conversations with parents, staff, and community members. She shared that a principal advised the Board to seek the best superintendent to lead a new district at this stage, emphasizing the importance of finding a leader who aligns with the community's identity and current needs while building a new district. Board Member Burrows noted that a teacher expressed missing a superintendent who regularly visited schools and surprised students in classrooms, and that parents emphasized the importance of selecting a superintendent with classroom teaching experience and a clear understanding of educating children. She reported that the Board interviewed several exceptional candidates and that the process was inspiring. Board Member Burrows concluded that it became clear by the end of the interviews that Dr. Joel Perkins best met the criteria needed for the district at this time, and she expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with and support him.

**Vice President Bonner** expressed appreciation to all applicants and interviewees for the Superintendent position, noting that over two full days the Board met many exceptional candidates, several of whom would have made outstanding superintendents. She shared that what most distinguished Dr. Perkins was his experience opening Skyridge High School and the intentional manner in which he built a strong and positive culture. Vice President Bonner commented on being impressed by Skyridge's success and noted that Dr. Perkins was involved from the construction phase through hiring, demonstrating thoughtful and effective leadership. She observed clear parallels between opening a high school and launching a new district, and expressed confidence that Dr. Perkins possesses the skills and care needed to do the same for the district. Vice President Bonner concluded by stating she was thrilled to support Dr. Perkins.

**Board member Hart** shared that prior to knowing Dr. Perkins or his professional background, his first interaction with him occurred when he attended a Board meeting at the District Office. He recalled that Dr. Perkins approached him, knew him by name, and took time to engage in conversation, which demonstrated his personal and thoughtful approach. Board Member Hart emphasized that it is clear how deeply Dr. Perkins cares about the community and how invested he is in the children and their future. He noted that excellence is not defined solely by academic performance, but by the kind of people students become and the strength of the community being built. Board Member Hart expressed his support for Dr. Perkins as Superintendent, stating that he will bring a personal touch and genuine care to the role.

**Board member Sparti** stated that the Board received a large number of applications and sought community feedback before narrowing the field to interview candidates and developing the interview questions. He acknowledged that beginning a new school district is a significant undertaking and, as someone without an extensive background in education, selecting a Superintendent carried a heavy responsibility. Board Member Sparti shared that as interviews began, he offered a silent prayer for guidance—that each candidate would interview well and that it would become clear who was best suited to lead the district. He noted that Dr. Perkins was among the final candidates interviewed and that the interview process included strong, thoughtful questions. Board Member Sparti described the interview with Dr. Perkins as an enjoyable experience, highlighting his personality and presence, and stated that he felt confident that securing Dr. Perkins as Superintendent would place the district in capable hands. He concluded by expressing excitement about the opportunity to work with Dr. Perkins in building the new school district.

**Board member Brammer** expressed enthusiasm in explaining how the Board reached a unanimous decision to select Dr. Perkins as Superintendent so early in the process. She noted that the caliber of applicants was exceptional and that after the first day of interviews, the Board anticipated a difficult decision. However, following the second day of interviews, the Board reached unanimous agreement.

Board Member Brammer emphasized that the district would have been well served by any of the candidates and expressed hope that those not selected would consider applying for other positions within the district. She shared that she has known Dr. Perkins for several years and is impressed with his deep knowledge of the community. Board Member Brammer highlighted Dr. Perkins' ability to focus on individuals, particularly those on the margins, and to provide meaningful support. She further noted Dr. Perkins' capacity to analyze complex educational challenges in depth, thoughtfully considering implications, obstacles, and solutions. Board Member Brammer concluded by expressing excitement about working with Dr. Perkins and gratitude that he is willing to serve the district.

**The Board members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, Steve Sparti, and Jason Theler.**

**President Knight** stated that as the Aspen Peaks School District is being built, the most important responsibility of the Board is selecting the right leader, noting that nothing is more critical to the success of students, employees, families, and the community. She emphasized that the superintendent selection process was truly a team effort and that the Board listened carefully to community input. President Knight expressed gratitude to all those who assisted with the process and noted that the Board had the opportunity to interview several outstanding candidates. She stated that through strong alignment between community feedback and Board consensus, it became clear who should lead the district forward. Once that determination was made, the Board moved forward decisively. President Knight concluded by stating that the Board is thrilled to appoint Dr. Joel K. Perkins as the inaugural Superintendent of the Aspen Peaks School District and thanked Dr. Perkins for his willingness to serve the district.

## 2. Oath of Office

Board President Diane Knight administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Joel K. Perkins, who was appointed Superintendent for the Aspen Peaks School District, effective July 1, 2026.

**Superintendent Perkins** expressed gratitude for everyone present and thanked the Board for the opportunity and trust extended to him. He acknowledged the support of his wife and son, as well as the contributions of colleagues and others who have helped him reach this point. Superintendent Perkins emphasized that his achievements are the result of surrounding himself with people more capable than himself and providing support where needed. He noted that gratitude is the foundation of all he does. He stated that the district is building upon a strong foundation established by ASD, which has exemplified excellence, and that many initiatives and directions lie ahead. He concluded by thanking the Board again for their support.

**President Knight** invited the community to attend an Open House on Wednesday, the 28th, to meet the new Superintendent. A Q&A panel will be held, and questions may be submitted in advance to [burrows4schoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:burrows4schoolboard@gmail.com). Following the panel, a small reception will take place. President Knight encouraged everyone to join and participate in the event.

## ADJOURNMENT

**On motion by Board member Theler and seconded by Board member Hart, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM. The Board Members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, Steven Sparti, and Jason Theler.**

**BOARD RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING 25 BUSES TO BE  
DECLARED EXCESS FOR DISPOSITION.**

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable and in the best interests of the Aspen Peaks School District that the following action be taken by the ASD Board of Education, pursuant to this Resolution, and to provision 53G-3-302 (6)(d) within the Utah Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to applicable law, the Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District hereby consents to approve and adopt the following:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO DECLARE 25 BUSES  
AS EXCESS FOR DISPOSITION, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE ATTACHED LIST.**

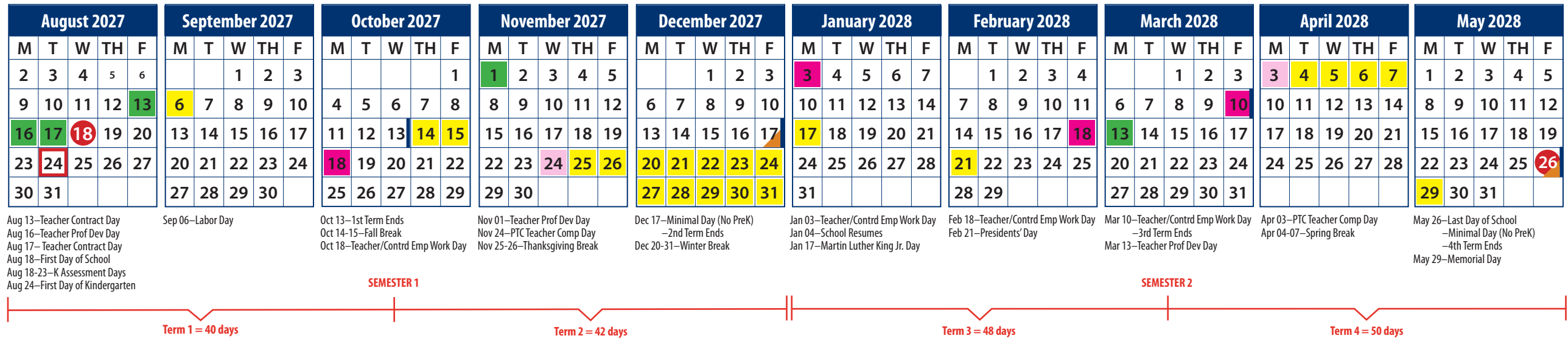
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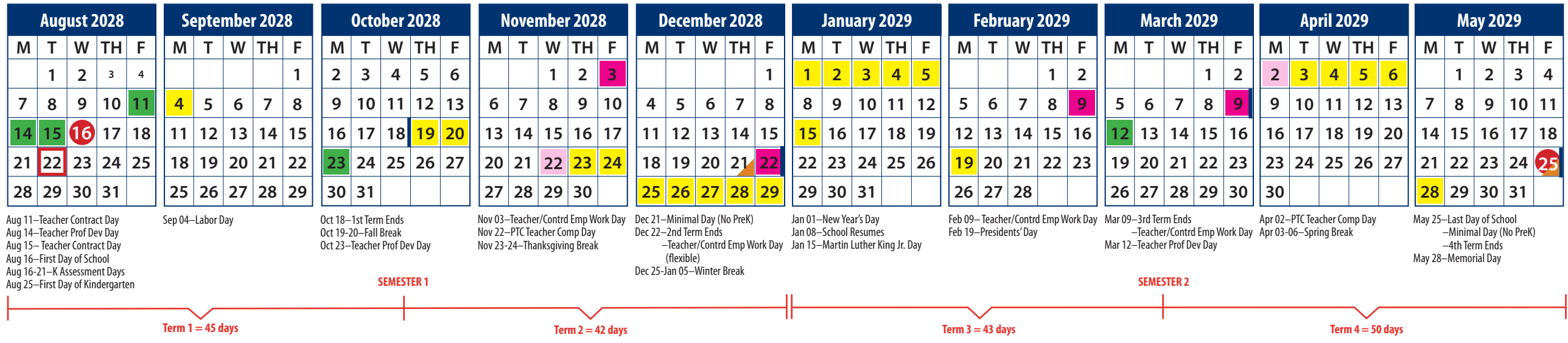
# 2027-2028

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