

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING– DECEMBER 9, 2025

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District held a public hearing on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:21 PM regarding potential boundary adjustments between Black Ridge Elementary, Brookhaven Elementary, Pony Express Elementary, Silver Lake Elementary, and Thunder Ridge Elementary. The public hearing 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 50 others in attendance.

Board member Lincoln made a motion to open the public hearing on the boundary change in Saratoga Springs, and it was seconded by Vice President Bateman. The Board Members who voted in favor were Ada Wilson, Joylin Lincoln, Dr. Mark Clement, Stacy Bateman, Julie King, Emily Peterson, and Sarah Beeson.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Sara Payne of Saratoga Springs expressed appreciation for the work done on the boundary study. Her children attend Thunder Ridge, where her family has been for five (5) years. She noted that they are part of the rapid growth in the area, living in newly built homes, and her children are experiencing challenges related to overcrowding. With many new move-ins, several of their friends will be affected by whichever boundary option is selected. Ms. Payne expressed support for a decision that prioritizes long-term benefits for students. She mentioned that the study may not fully account for newly approved housing or the additional homes expected to be built in the next two (2) years. Ms. Payne voiced support for Option C, stating that it best reflects current growth patterns, provides room for continued expansion, and addresses safety concerns along Pony Express Parkway.

Whitney Colyar of Eagle Mountain was not present to comment.

Board president Julie E. King declared the public hearing closed at 6:24 PM.