

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.