

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 29, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 6:01 PM. The board meeting took place in the boardroom at the Alpine School District office in American Fork, UT.

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

Also present: Superintendent Perkins. There were approximately 10 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### REVERENCE

Reverence was given by Board member Steve Sparti.

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

**Serena Buddulph**, a Spanish teacher at American Fork Jr High, thanked the Board for its service. She shared that she has taught for 28 years across four (4) states and five (5) school districts and noted that her experience with Alpine School District has been the most rewarding of her career. She attributed this to the district's commitment to valuing teachers, fostering collaboration and efficacy, and investing in high-quality professional development. Ms. Buddulph expressed hope that the Aspen Peaks School District will recreate a similar culture of professional safety and validation, contrasting it with toxic environments she has experienced in other districts. She stated that Alpine School District reignited her creativity and supported significant professional growth. She recommended that Aspen Peaks prioritize alleviating teachers' concerns about job security and family well-being; secure pay, benefits, and retirement similar to Timpanogos School District; continue investing in professional development for teachers and staff; and, as policies are developed, recognize that teachers are committed to students and doing their best. She emphasized that demonstrating trust in educators will be met with strong commitment and results.

### ROUTINE BUSINESS

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

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Board Resolution 2026-001: Authorizing 25 Buses to be Declared Excess for Disposition  
**Vice President Bonner motioned to approve Board Resolution 2026-001: Authorizing 25 Buses to be Declared Excess for Disposition, and it was seconded by Board member Brammer.**  
**Vice President Bonner** clarified for the public that Alpine School District has buses that are no longer in usable condition and due to the ongoing transition related to the district split, all four (4) school boards must vote on the disposition of these buses.  
**The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
2. Approve the Proposed ASD Calendar for 2027-2028  
**President Knight** reported that Alpine School District developed proposed calendars for all three (3) new districts. She explained that a committee comprised of parents, students, and teachers considered various

complexities in the process. Adopting calendars aligned with surrounding districts was intended to provide continuity for families and staff, and MTECH also encouraged calendar alignment. She noted that the Board previously discussed adopting all three (3) calendars and stated that the Board is in agreement to adopt the proposed 2027–2028 calendar, while continuing discussion on the 2028–2029 and 2029–2030 calendars.

**Board member Theler motioned to approved the recommended ASD calendar for 2027-2028, and it was seconded by Board member Hart. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

**Board member Burrows**, Chair of the Communications Committee, reported that the District’s Facebook page reached 500 likes and thanked the community for its support. She noted that the logo contest will close on Saturday the 31st and that approximately 30 submissions have been received. She explained that an issue was identified in that a district email address was not available for student submissions, and efforts are underway to provide appropriate email addresses for contestants to submit their work. She stated that the Board will select the finalists, that Adobe has agreed to partner with the District to assist finalists in refining their logo designs, and that public input will be sought prior to making a final decision.

**Board member Hart**, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported that the Legislature is currently in session and that the committee is actively engaged in the process. He stated that members are attending meetings to stay informed on legislative actions and will be at the Capitol to participate directly. He emphasized the importance of tracking legislation and remaining informed in order to effectively advocate for the District and its communities.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**On motion by Board member Hart and seconded by Board member Sparti, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 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.**