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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2026

The Board of Education of the Timpanogos School District met in a board meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:02 PM. The board meeting took place in the meeting room of the ASD SPED Office in Lindon, UT.

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

Also present: Superintendent Jensen. There were approximately 34 others in attendance.

President Jen Lyman called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michaelene Munro, Timpanogos Council PTA President.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

An inspirational thought was given by Michaelene Munro, Timpanogos Council PTA President.

RECOGNITION

Board member Sorensen recognized the Timpanogos High School Girls Swim Team for winning the Regional State Championship. She commended the team for their hard work and dedication. Katie Sundberg, who has coached the team for seven years, has guided them to break 20 of the 22 school records during her tenure. Board Member Sorensen wished the team continued success as they aim to break even more records.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Justin Davis of Pleasant Grove shared that he has submitted questions to the Board via email and hopes to receive a response. He stated that he represents the Alpine Education Support Professionals (ESP) group and is also the parent of three high-functioning autistic children within the new Timpanogos School District, giving him both a professional and personal interest in the future of special education services. Mr. Davis expressed concerns about the long-term sustainability of the SPED program following the district split. He noted that while districts receive federal funding for IEP students, those funds do not fully cover the costs associated with special education services. He stated that Alpine's strength historically came not only from federal dollars but from local investment, which, due to the district's size, allowed costs to be distributed across a larger tax base. This model supported specialized schools such as Dan Peterson and ATEC, as well as districtwide transportation services, including bus aides and specialized drivers, often supplemented through the general fund. He observed that smaller districts also receive federal funding but, without comparable scalable local investment, may rely more heavily on inclusive classroom models—not necessarily because it is optimal for every student, but because it is more financially sustainable. Mr. Davis raised concerns about how collaboration or separation of resources among the new districts may impact services. He asked what the long-term sustainability plan is for specialized SPED programs and whether changes could affect bus aides, specialized drivers, program offerings, or staff hours. He further questioned whether pooling resources across districts could recreate tensions related to tax base distribution that contributed to the split. He asked the Board to consider: What is the long-term sustainability plan for specialized SPED programs? How will the district ensure services go beyond minimal compliance and maintain current levels of care? What protections exist for transportation staff and aides who support these programs? How will funding transparency prevent concerns similar to those that contributed to the split? Mr. Davis emphasized that the issue extends beyond budget considerations to the well-being of students and employees, and he urged the Board to ensure that changes in district boundaries do not result in diminished care for vulnerable students.

Ian Woods of Orem, a student at ATEC, spoke about the importance of student independence and the critical role of UTA in supporting mobility. ATEC students use UTA weekly for outings, including FrontRunner trips to Salt Lake City. He noted that Sharon and Windsor are about a mile from the nearest bus stop, which is difficult for many ATEC students with physical disabilities, and that Northridge and Geneva are even farther. He emphasized that the proposed location of the ASD SPED offices would provide ideal access to UTA. In contrast, a Dan Peterson-type school could be located anywhere, as the transportation needs of its students differ.

MINUTES

President Lyman recommended the approval of the January meeting minutes and the January expenditure report. Board member Smith made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes and the January expenditure report, and it was seconded by Board member Fugal. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2026-003: 16 Vehicles as Excess for Disposition
   Superintendent Jensen noted that certain items will need to be reviewed by all three new districts as the split progresses. One such item is the disposition of 16 older fleet vehicles recommended for surplus.
   Board member Wilson stated that items presented to the Board typically have a purpose and that the staff's recommendation to dispose of these vehicles can be trusted.
   Board member Smith asked whether the remaining fleet will be sufficient for district needs following the split. **Superintendent Jensen** responded that the list of vehicles shows the oldest from 1986 and the newest from 2012, and offered to confirm whether the remaining fleet could meet operational needs.
   Board member Smith suggested it would be prudent to double-check, even if staff has likely considered it. **President Lyman** recommended following up with Alpine School District to request additional details regarding the fleet.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2026-002: Cell Tower Amendment at Orem Jr High
   Superintendent Jensen presented the renewal of the cell tower agreement at Orem Junior High. He noted that the school receives a significant portion of the revenue, which is very helpful and reduces the need for additional fundraising. Having previously served as principal at Orem Junior High, he emphasized the benefit to the school. While this is primarily a renewal, it requires Board action because it extends beyond the district split.
   Board member Smith motioned to approved Resolution 2026-002: Cell Tower Amendment at Orem Jr High, and it was seconded by Board member Rex.
   Board member Smith asked how frequently the agreement is renewed. **Superintendent Jensen** responded that the agreement is renewed every five years.
   Board member Wilson commented that the revenue is very beneficial to schools. She noted that the towers are located at a distance from the school property, so they do not impact school operations, yet provide valuable funding without the need for additional fundraising.
   The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Board member Fugal commented that the work session this evening was very productive, providing a clear view of available options. He suggested that at the next meeting, the Board should motion to select the least expensive option, which is temporarily converting the Sharon School, and the most prudent approach.

Board member Wilson noted that the work session with Frank Pulley was very productive, and she appreciated the presence of the Special School directors and SPED director in answering questions. The Board reviewed numerous options, including investing a larger amount of money to complete a permanent special school by 2027, or investing a smaller amount to open sooner in 2026 at the Sharon campus. She emphasized that this approach is not a compromise, but a forward-looking plan to guide future permanent solutions. Board Member Wilson expressed support for the Sharon option at this time. She also noted that current decisions are joint decisions, requiring resolutions that meet the legal requirements of all parties, and therefore a vote could not be taken tonight.

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Board member Sorensen recalled attending the October Study Session when the SPED department presented the need for a special school in the south. The department emphasized the importance of having a facility in place by 2026 to provide support before the district transition. Having a full year in the new facility prior to the split would be highly beneficial. Board Member Sorensen stated that she believes the Sharon option is the best choice to meet this need.

Board member Rex responded to Ian Woods' comments, noting that it has been acknowledged that ATEC requires a nearby bus stop, and the Board will ensure that wherever ATEC is located, a bus stop will be accessible. She expressed support for the Sharon campus as a temporary location while planning for the future, emphasizing the importance of minimizing disruption for students. She also noted the need for a boundary study to determine the optimal permanent location for the school.

Board member Smith thanked attendees for their comments and shared that the discussion resonates personally as a parent. He invited everyone to the district celebration tomorrow, describing it as a significant event. He plans to give a speech about why "Timpanogos" was chosen as the district name, recognize the many students involved, introduce the new Superintendent, and unveil the new district graphic. He expressed excitement for the celebration and encouraged attendees to bring friends and participate in the event.

Superintendent Jensen shared that over the past two weeks, he had the opportunity to visit schools with either the full Board or parts of the Board. He remarked on the incredible energy and commitment of the Board in taking the time to get to know staff, students, and facilities. Superintendent Jensen noted that the Board will make many important decisions over the next 18 months, and praised them for actively engaging with the district rather than viewing it from a distance.

President Lyman expressed gratitude to the municipalities the Board has been working with. During Superintendent interviews, a different space was needed, and Lindon offered their building for use. She also acknowledged Orem High School culinary students, noting the tradition of providing meals during long Board days. Paige Wright, the culinary teacher at Pleasant Grove High reached out to offer catering services, and the Orem students provided meals last week, which were delicious; the Board is very grateful. President Lyman mentioned that the next meeting will feature catering from another high school. She thanked the public for their respectful engagement and the information they provide, noting that the Board continues to gather information during site visits and will maintain that practice.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

On motion by Board member Sorenson and seconded by Board member Fugal, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM. The Board Members who voted in favor were President Jennifer Lyman, Guy Fugal, Grace Rex David H. Smith, Michele Sorensen, and Ada Wilson.

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