

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:00 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 25 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Diane Knight.

REVERENCE

Reverence was given by Todd & Raquel Telles.

RECOGNITIONS

Board Member Burrows expressed appreciation for the strong student participation in the logo contest. She recognized Russ for his support throughout the process, as well as the assistance he and Adobe provided to students in refining their designs. The top five finalists were invited to attend and will each receive an award. A total of 55 logo submissions were received. All entries were compiled into a slideshow and shared with the Board, who were asked to select their top ten choices. The combined selections were narrowed to 15 finalists. These 15 students were then given access to Adobe professional tools and provided guidance from the Board to further refine their designs. After the revisions were completed, the Board selected the top five logos. Those five designs were presented to the public for voting to determine the top three. The Board then made the final selection, which aligned with the community's top choice. The finalists were announced as follows: 5th place: Kimberlyn Honji, 4th place: Jaden Howe, 3rd place: Grady Gunter, 2nd place: Andre Sebresos, 1st place: Noah Palmer.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Bethany Paxton of Highland, a French teacher at Lone Peak High School, addressed the Board regarding academic distinctions for high school students. She shared that her hometown high school was recognized for its academic excellence and encouraged students to exceed minimum requirements. One incentive offered was an Advanced Diploma, comparable to the current 28-credit diploma in Alpine School District. The Advanced Diploma required two world language credits, one additional credit each in math and English, one additional elective credit, and one workshop credit. Ms. Paxton noted that the current 28-credit diploma does not provide meaningful distinction from the standard 24-credit diploma, despite the additional coursework required. She questioned why students would pursue four extra credits when both diplomas receive the same recognition. She shared an example of a student working toward the 28-credit diploma who, after encountering academic challenges, was advised by a counselor to instead focus on completing the 24-credit diploma. In contrast, she explained that at her high school, earning the Advanced Diploma was considered a significant achievement. The designation "Advanced" was prominently displayed on the diploma, recipients wore distinctive cords at graduation, and they were asked to stand for recognition during the ceremony. She emphasized that the distinction was particularly beneficial when applying for college and scholarships, as it allowed students to highlight their academic rigor and stand out among applicants. Ms. Paxton stated that Aspen Peaks School District has the opportunity, beginning in 2027, to formally name and recognize the 28-credit diploma in a way that honors students' efforts, provides public acknowledgment, and enhances their competitiveness when applying for colleges, scholarships, and employment opportunities.

Rebecca Jane Waite of Lehi, librarian at North Point Elementary and a Board member of the ESP Association, addressed the Board regarding the equitable division of assets among the three new districts. She specifically

referenced the Instructional Media Center, which is located within the Alpine Peaks district boundaries. Ms. Wight advocated on behalf of teachers, librarians, and special education educators across all three districts, emphasizing the importance of maintaining equal access to the Instructional Media Center. She noted that the center houses a wide range of valuable curriculum resources that support student learning and are available for checkout by educators. She highlighted the availability of curated instructional kits, particularly beneficial for school libraries and special education teachers. She urged the Board to ensure that these resources remain accessible to all three districts moving forward and encouraged members to visit the center to see firsthand the materials that have been carefully selected to serve Alpine School District and that could continue to benefit each of the new districts.

MINUTES

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Superintendent Perkins recommended the approval of the routine business. Vice President Bonner made the motion to approve the routine business, and it was seconded by Board member Heart. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution #2026-002: Cell Tower Amendment

Superintendent Perkins presented a resolution to allow Alpine School District to extend the cell tower contract currently existing at Lone Peak High School and recommended approval.

Board member Sparti motioned to approve Resolution #2026-002: Cell Tower Amendment, and it was seconded by Vice President Bonner.

Vice President Bonner noted that several schools have cell towers located on district property. She explained that the rental revenue generated from these agreements is directed back to the individual schools to support school-specific programs and activities. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity these agreements provide to benefit the schools.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution #2026-003: 16 Vehicles as Excess for Disposition

Superintendent Perkins presented a resolution comparable to the previously approved bus resolution. He explained that the resolution pertains to 16 white fleet vehicles that are surplus and ready for disposal. The resolution would authorize Alpine School District to proceed with disposing of these vehicles. He advised the Board they could keep this as a discussion item only or recommend approval.

Vice President Bonner motioned to approve Resolution #2026-003: 16 Vehicles as Excess for Disposition, and it was seconded by Board member Theler.

Vice President Bonner stated she had no formal discussion on the item but shared that she and Board Member Sparti had noted that one of the vehicles slated for disposal was 40 years old. She expressed appreciation for the Physical Facilities Department, commenting that the District had clearly maximized the value and lifespan of that vehicle.

The Board voted in Favor and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

President Knight read a post that was posted on the Board of Education Facebook page prior to December & will be reposting it shortly: "To each and every future employee of Aspen Peaks School District: We want to say something that doesn't get said often enough: thank you. Thank you for showing up every day for our students, for caring deeply, and for giving your time, energy, and heart to this work. The difference you make in the lives of our students, their families, and our communities is real and lasting. In the Aspen Peaks School District, students will be the guiding star of everything we do. And caring for them begins with caring for you. Our vision for salaries, benefits, and early retirement incentives is to provide the security you deserve while looking for opportunities to improve these offerings in the future. You are truly the heart of our district, and we are deeply committed to ensuring that every employee feels valued, respected, and heart. As we look ahead, we are excited to

build on the strong foundation already in place and to move Aspen Peaks forward with thoughtfulness and care. We truly value your ideas, your voices, and your partnership, and we look forward to shaping the future of our district together. We are grateful to work alongside you and proud to have you as part of the Aspen Peaks team. We look forward to the great things we will accomplish together. With sincere thanks, Aspen Peaks School Board.”

Board member Burrows reflected that while the two weeks between Board meetings can sometimes feel lengthy, the amount accomplished during that time is remarkable. She noted that she had visited nine Aspen Peaks schools over the past two weeks and observed many outstanding initiatives taking place. She attended an FCCLA regional competition at Viewpoint and expressed appreciation for seeing secondary students actively engaged and showcasing their work. She also attended the Lehi High School production of *Sense & Sensibility*, sharing that it was an enjoyable performance that left her smiling. Additionally, she referenced a boundary study affecting one of her schools and stated she was able to engage with parents during the process. Despite some confusion surrounding the changes, she observed a sense of hope and goodwill within the community. She offered a shout-out to those who continue to remain positive, flexible, and focused on doing what is best for students amid ongoing transitions.

Board member Brammer provided an informational update regarding the Business Administrator (BA) position. She stated that the job posting would close on February 13 and expressed excitement in reviewing the applicant pool. She noted that considerable effort was made to clearly outline the district’s needs in the posting and that the Superintendent has been developing an organizational chart. She also shared that the Board has received emails and feedback from employees and community members and encouraged continued input. She asked that anyone with CFO or finance experience be encouraged to apply for the position.

Vice President Bonner expressed appreciation to several groups. She noted that with the current legislative session underway, she has spent significant time at the Capitol and expressed gratitude to legislators for the time and effort they dedicate to their work. She also thanked those who advocate on behalf of schools and students, acknowledging the collaboration between these groups as they work together to do what is best for children. She further expressed appreciation for teachers in the district, referencing a recent incident at Lone Peak High School during a rehearsal in which a student was injured and staff immediately stepped in to assist. She shared gratitude for district employees who care for students in parents’ absence and recognized the dedication they demonstrate daily. She concluded by acknowledging the many individuals—both within the schools and throughout the community—who are committed to improving schools and creating a stronger future for students.

Board member Hart expressed agreement with Vice President Bonner’s remarks and shared appreciation for the legislators and the work they are doing during the current session. He stated he values observing the legislative process and gaining insight into how it functions. He also shared that he attended the STEM Fair at Willowcreek and was impressed by the hard work demonstrated by the fifth- and sixth-grade students. He noted appreciation for the opportunities provided to students to participate in such events and expressed pride in what students across the district are accomplishing.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board member Burrows and seconded by Board member Sparti, 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.