

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – MAY 6, 2026

The Board of Education of the Timpanogos School District met in a board meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:01 PM. The board meeting took place in the meeting room of the ASD SPED Office in Lindon, UT.

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

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Jensen and Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 24 others in attendance.

President Jen Lyman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jill Davis.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Ashley Belnap, social studies teacher at Orem Junior High and Social Studies Content Specialist, shared an inspirational thought focused on the importance of education in sustaining democracy. As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, she reflected on the role of schools in helping students become informed, thoughtful, and engaged citizens. She emphasized the importance of teaching students to think critically, evaluate information, seek truth, and work collaboratively in an increasingly complex world. Ms. Belnap noted that one of the greatest investments that can be made in the future of the nation is the investment made in students today.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS*

There were no community members signed up to speak.

MINUTES

President Lyman presented the minutes from the April 15 study session and board meeting, which had been distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. **Board member Sorensen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and it was seconded by Board member Fugal. The Board voted in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.**

CLAIMS

Dr. Joseph Jensen, Superintendent, reviewed the expenditure report and claims, explaining the structure of the district's financial reporting while operating within Alpine School District's accounting system. He reviewed fund structures, budget categories, payroll coding, encumbrances, expenditures, and year-to-date financial activity. Board members discussed financial dashboards, budget transparency, reporting accessibility, and long-term fleet management strategies. Clarification was provided regarding the difference between encumbrances and expenditures, payroll coding structures, and district reporting tools that are being developed for future use by Business Administrator, Jason Sundberg.

Vice President Hilton made a motion to approve the expenditure report and claims as presented, and it was seconded by Board member Rex. The Board voted in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution #2026-005: Authorizing TSD to Request Admission to the Utah Retirement Systems Public Employees Retirement System.

Superintendent Jensen presented Resolution #2026-005 authorizing the Timpanogos School District to request admission to the Utah Retirement Systems Public Employees Retirement System. Business Administrator Sundberg explained that the resolution is a required step in establishing retirement benefits for district employees and part of the formal application process with Utah Retirement Systems. Board members discussed the timeline and application process associated with Utah Retirement Systems participation. **Board member Fugal made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-005, and it was seconded by Board member Wilson. The board members who voted in favor were President Jennifer Lyman, Vice President Sterling Hilton, Michele Sorensen, Grace Rex, and David H. Smith**

2. Resolution #2026-006: Disposition of School Buses & Vehicles

Superintendent Jensen presented Resolution #2026-006 authorizing the declaration of 21 school buses and two vehicles as surplus property for disposition. It was explained that many of the buses had not been used for several years and were no longer part of active fleet rotation. Board members discussed fleet replacement cycles, maintenance costs, vehicle age, fuel efficiency, and long-term transportation planning. Discussion also included the replacement of older buses with newer vehicles and the importance of maintaining a reliable and efficient fleet, particularly for special education transportation. **Board member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-006, and it was seconded by Vice President Hilton. The board members who voted in favor were President Jennifer Lyman, Ada Wilson, Guy Fugal, Michele Sorensen, and Grace Rex. The Board voted in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.** During discussion, Board member Wilson identified a clerical error on the agenda listing the resolutions as “2006” instead of “2026 on the agenda.

3. Board Meeting Schedule Change

Superintendent Jensen presented a recommendation to add a Board meeting on May 27, 2026, due to the extended gap between scheduled meetings and the increasing workload related to district planning and the boundary study process. President Lyman noted that the May 27 meeting would be held at the Timpanogos High School Media Center due to facility availability. **Vice President Hilton made a motion to add the May 27 Board meeting and study session, and it was seconded by Board member Sorensen. The board members who voted in favor were President Jennifer Lyman, Ada Wilson, Guy Fugal, Grace Rex and David H Smith. The Board voted in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.** It was also announced that an additional work session meeting on May 13 would be needed to address a time-sensitive item requested by Alpine School District.

4. Open Boundary Study

Superintendent Jensen formally introduced the proposed opening of the district boundary study process, referencing prior study sessions and discussions regarding robust elementary and secondary schools, long-term planning, and potential future configurations. He emphasized that opening the study initiates the formal process only and does not approve any boundary changes, consolidations, or closures. President Lyman clarified that the Board would direct administration to provide appropriate notice to affected families and stakeholders, conduct a transparent study process including stakeholder engagement and data analysis, and schedule public hearings prior to any future Board consideration of boundary adjustments. She reiterated that no boundary changes were approved through the motion and that the action solely initiated the formal study process. Board members discussed the importance of gathering broad community input, engaging educators and families, and making informed long-term decisions that will benefit students and communities for decades to come. Board members also emphasized that the

study is intended to reduce uncertainty and provide clarity for families, students, and employees. Superintendent Jensen expressed appreciation for Alpine School District staff and consultants assisting with tools, data analysis, and legal compliance requirements throughout the process. **Vice President Hilton made a motion that the Board of Education initiate a formal boundary study regarding potential changes to school attendance boundaries, grade configurations, and special enrollment programs, including potential school consolidations or closures with required notice to affected families and public hearings prior to any final decision. The motion was seconded by Board member Rex. A roll call vote was conducted and Board members Sorensen, Fugal, Rex, Wilson, Lyman, Hilton, and Smith. The Board voted in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.**

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Jensen reported on the district's ongoing Vision and Values school visits, noting that the Board had completed its nineteenth school visit that morning. He shared appreciation for Board members' participation and emphasized the value of hearing directly from teachers, students, parents, and administrators. He noted that the feedback gathered through the visits is helping refine the district's vision and values while also strengthening relationships and culture throughout the district.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS & COMMENTS

Vice President Hilton provided clarification regarding the listing of the Clear Creek property for potential sale, explaining that the action was taken collaboratively among the three new districts and Alpine School District. He emphasized that listing the property does not guarantee its sale and noted that any future decisions would be carefully evaluated. He also reaffirmed the district's commitment to outdoor learning opportunities and experiences for students.

Board member Rex expressed appreciation for the district's ongoing policy review process and noted the extensive work involved in reviewing and adapting Alpine School District policies for Timpanogos School District use.

Board member Sorensen highlighted the continued growth of the district "District Dash" community events and encouraged participation to strengthen employee and community relationships. She also expressed appreciation to Board member Smith for organizing the events.

Board member Wilson welcomed recently announced district hires, including Valen Thomas as Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning, Cindy Davis as Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, and Tyler Vigue as Director of Communications and Foundation. Superintendent Jensen highlighted the importance of teaching and learning as the core focus of the district and explained how the new leadership structure will support that vision.

Board member Smith expressed appreciation for the continued progress being made throughout the district and highlighted the importance of maintaining strong facilities and learning environments for students. He noted excitement regarding the district's future opportunities and ongoing community engagement efforts. He also expressed appreciation for the collaboration taking place among Board members, staff, and community partners as the district continues to grow.

Board member Fugal shared appreciation for the recent BYU partnership discussions and expressed support for future collaboration opportunities that will benefit students and educators.

Board President Lyman encouraged the community to follow the district's social media platforms for updates and communication. She expressed gratitude for the work being done by the Board, district staff, and community members, describing the creation of the new district as meaningful and energizing work that will positively impact students and families for years to come.

Vice President Hilton reflected on the significance of formally opening the boundary study process and emphasized the importance of transparency, community involvement, and thoughtful long-term planning. He noted that the Board's responsibility is to gather information, listen carefully to stakeholders, and make decisions that will best serve students and families for generations to come. He also expressed appreciation for the willingness of community members and employees to engage in the process constructively.

Superintendent Jensen emphasized that the boundary study process is intended to be proactive, thoughtful, and community centered. He stated that the district has a responsibility to look long-term at enrollment trends, school capacities, financial sustainability, transportation considerations, and programming opportunities to build strong and stable schools throughout the district. He noted that while difficult conversations may occur during the process, the goal is to create clarity and reduce uncertainty for students, families, and employees. Superintendent Jensen also emphasized that no predetermined outcomes or decisions had been made and that stakeholder input, data analysis, and community feedback would play a critical role throughout the study. He reiterated the Board's commitment to transparency, communication, and public engagement as the process moved forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Wilson made a motion to enter closed session to discuss personnel, property, litigation, and collective bargaining matters as permitted by Utah Code 52-4-205. The motion was seconded by Board member Smith. A roll call vote was conducted and all in favor were Board members Lyman, Hilton, Fugal, Sorensen, and Rex. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered a closed session at 6:58 PM.

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION- MAY 6, 2026

The Board of Education of the Timpanogos School District met in a closed session on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:58 PM. The meeting was held in the meeting room at the ASD Special Education Building.

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

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Jensen and Business Administrator Jason Sundberg

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss property, litigation and negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board member Smith and seconded by Vice President Hilton the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.