MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – MAY 27, 2026

The Board of Education of the Timpanogos School District met in a board meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6:01 PM. The board meeting took place at Timpanogos High School in Orem, Utah.

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

Also present: Superintendent Jensen and Business Administrator Sundberg. There were approximately 16 others in attendance.

President Jennifer Lyman called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and welcomed those in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kim Jones.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Darren Draper shared an inspirational thought centered on the principle known as "Chesterton's Fence." He explained that effective leaders and change-makers should seek to understand why systems, practices, or traditions exist before making changes. He encouraged the Board to thoughtfully examine existing educational structures and practices, understanding the purpose they have served before determining whether they should be maintained, modified, or replaced. Mr. Draper connected this principle to the Board's ongoing work in developing a new school district and exploring innovative opportunities while maintaining respect for lessons learned through public education over time.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

John Gadd, a Pleasant Grove resident, addressed the Board regarding the proposed district office facility. He encouraged the Board to consider utilizing existing district facilities, including schools that may experience declining enrollment or become surplus properties in the future, rather than constructing a new district office building. Mr. Gadd expressed concerns regarding the financial implications of constructing a new facility and advocated for voter approval should financing be required. He discussed the differences between general obligation bonds and lease revenue bonds and stated his belief that district taxpayers should have the opportunity to vote on any debt associated with a district office project. Mr. Gadd further stated that if the district were to pursue a lease revenue bond rather than a voter-approved bond, he intended to pursue legal action to challenge the financing method.

Lindsay Heidbrink, Lindon resident and parent of students participating in the ALL Program, expressed concerns regarding recent changes to accelerated learning programming. She stated that enrollment limits and hybrid program structures may diminish the rigor and effectiveness of the program. Ms. Heidrich shared feedback gathered from parents, teachers, and school administrators and encouraged the Board to maintain strong accelerated learning opportunities within the new district. She provided written materials for Board consideration.

Jessica Heidbrink, a student participating in the ALL Program, shared personal experiences regarding the impact of the program on her educational experience. She explained that the accelerated learning environment increased her engagement, enjoyment of school, and enthusiasm for learning. She encouraged the Board to continue supporting the program.

Alisa Ellingson, Orem resident, parent, and educator, addressed the Board regarding the district's one-to-one Chromebook program. She encouraged the Board and administration to evaluate the effectiveness of current technology practices by gathering feedback from students, parents, and teachers. Ms. Ellingson discussed concerns related to screen time, device management, student engagement, and classroom impacts while recognizing the value of educational technology when used appropriately. She encouraged the district to thoughtfully examine future technology practices as part of the transition to Timpanogos School District.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes previously distributed for consideration.

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Fugal.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Resolution #2026-007: Participation in BYU Public School Partnership**
   Superintendent Jensen presented Resolution #2026-007 authorizing participation in the BYU Public School Partnership. He reviewed the district's recent orientation with the Center for the Improvement of Teacher Education and Schooling (CITES) and explained that the resolution would formalize Timpanogos School District's participation in the long-standing partnership.

   Board members discussed the professional learning opportunities available through the partnership, including support for educators, administrators, and board members. Discussion highlighted the reciprocal relationship between public schools and higher education institutions, the partnership's thirty-year history, teacher preparation opportunities, and the importance of collaboration with both BYU and Utah Valley University.
   Board Member Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-007.

   The motion was seconded by Board Member Sorensen. The Board voted in favor and the vote passed unanimously in favor of the resolution.

2. **Resolution #2026-008: Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids, Design, Engineering, and Construction of a New District Office Facility**
   Superintendent Jensen introduced Resolution #2026-008 and reviewed prior discussions regarding district office needs. Business Administrator Sundberg provided information regarding preliminary design concepts, projected building sizes, and potential utilization of existing district-owned property adjacent to district operations facilities.

Board members engaged in extensive discussion regarding the advantages of a centralized district office facility. Topics included employee collaboration, organizational efficiency, parking considerations, infrastructure limitations of existing school facilities, long-term planning, capital funding sources, and the importance of providing adequate space for district employees beginning July 1, 2027.

Board members emphasized the importance of viewing the district office as a long-term investment rather than a temporary solution. Discussion also clarified that capital project funds established through Alpine School District transition planning could be utilized for such projects and that no bond authorization was being considered through the resolution.
Board Member Fugal made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-008.

The motion was seconded by Vice President Hilton. The Board voted in favor and the vote passed unanimously in favor of the resolution.

3. Resolution #2026-009: MOU for Alternative Schools with Aspen Peaks School District

Superintendent Jensen presented Resolution #2026-009, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Timpanogos School District and Aspen Peaks School District for continued operation of alternative education programs, including Polaris and Summit.
Superintendent Jensen explained that the agreement would provide stability for students and staff while allowing both districts time to evaluate long-term alternatives. The proposed agreement would extend through 2030 and maintain current services while sharing operational costs between the participating districts.
Board members discussed transportation arrangements, program quality, student needs, future planning considerations, and the value of preserving continuity for students receiving services through alternative education programs. Board members reflected positively on previous visits to the schools and expressed appreciation for the dedicated educators serving those students.

Board member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-009. The motion was seconded by Board Member Wilson. The Board voted in favor and the vote passed unanimously in favor of the resolution.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Superintendent Jensen expressed appreciation for the extraordinary commitment demonstrated by Board members throughout the district formation process. He highlighted the Board's completion of visits to every school and facility within district boundaries, participation in Vision and Values visits involving students, faculty, and school leadership, and attendance at learning opportunities across the state. He emphasized that the Board's willingness to learn and engage directly with stakeholders has strengthened district planning efforts.

Superintendent Jensen also announced three new district hires:

- Hyrum Clark as Legal Counsel

- Joe Hayes as Director of Safety and Logistics
- Rex Brimhall as Transportation Director

He noted that each addition strengthens the district's ability to effectively serve students and families for years to come

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, INFORMATION & COMMENTS

Board Member Sorensen expressed appreciation to Superintendent Jensen, Business Administrator Sundberg, Karen Carter, district leadership, and the Super Six leadership team for their extensive work facilitating Vision and Values meetings throughout the district. She highlighted the significant investment of time and effort required to gather stakeholder input and praised the collaborative process used to develop the district's vision.

Board Member Fugal welcomed newly hired district leaders and expressed confidence in the growing leadership team. He noted that each new hire strengthens the district's ability to successfully prepare for operations beginning in 2027.

Board Member Rex reflected on Darren Draper's comments regarding "Chesterton's Fence" and emphasized the importance of understanding why existing systems and practices exist before making significant changes. She encouraged community members and employees to share institutional knowledge as the district evaluates future opportunities and innovations.

President Lyman reflected on the district's assets and facilities, noting that district properties represent opportunities to support innovative learning and future educational programs. She emphasized that the Board's focus remains on maximizing opportunities for students while carefully planning for long-term district success. President Lyman also acknowledged the significant amount of work ahead and expressed confidence in the Board's commitment to making thoughtful decisions that will benefit students for generations.

Vice President Hilton shared reflections from recent visits to Jordan School District and ongoing discussions regarding criteria for robust and thriving schools. He emphasized the importance of approaching future decisions through both objective criteria and community values. Vice President Hilton encouraged community members to view themselves not only as members of individual neighborhoods and school communities but also as members of the larger Timpanogos School District community. He noted that a broader perspective will help guide difficult but necessary decisions during the boundary study process.

Board Member Wilson expressed appreciation for the leadership provided by President Lyman and Vice President Hilton and highlighted the considerable time they dedicate to district planning. She also congratulated graduating seniors across the district's high schools and expressed optimism for the opportunities available to students through Timpanogos School District.

Board Member Smith provided an update regarding the District Dash community event and invited community members to participate in upcoming segments. He also reported on recent meetings with the city councils of Orem, Pleasant Grove, Lindon, and Vineyard. Board Member

Smith expressed appreciation for the strong partnerships being developed with local municipalities and noted their willingness to collaborate in support of students and families throughout the district. He also reminded community members of upcoming cluster meetings scheduled for June 1 and June 2 regarding robust school criteria and the boundary study process.

Business Administrator Sundberg concluded the discussion by expressing appreciation for the support and collaboration demonstrated by the Board. He shared that the Board's unified commitment to district goals provides encouragement and confidence as the district continues its transition work.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Hilton made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205 to discuss personnel, property, litigation, and collective bargaining matters. The motion was seconded by Board Member Smith. A roll call vote was conducted. Board Members Smith, Wilson, Hilton, Lyman, Fugal, Sorensen, and Rex voted in favor. The vote was unanimous, and the Board entered closed session at approximately 7:09 PM. The next regular Board meeting was announced for June 17, 2026

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION- MAY 27, 2026

The Board of Education of the Timpanogos School District met in a closed session on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 7:26 PM. The meeting was held in the meeting room at the Timpanogos High School.

Present: President Lyman, Vice President Hilton, Guy Fugal, Grace Rex (via phone), Michele Sorensen, David H Smith, Ada Wilson Superintendent Jensen, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, Legal Counsel Hyrum Clarke

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board member Smith and seconded by Board member Fugal the meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.