MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JULY 16, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, July 16, 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 and Business Administrator Bea Twede. There were approximately 15 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rich Stowell.

REVERENCE

Reverence was given by Doug Webb.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director of Jordan River Commission. He spoke of the Jordan River being one of the most polluted rivers in Utah. He wants to share a partnership with schools in our school district that will help change this pollution issue. He wants to develop a program that will help clean up the Jordan River and the area around it by working with our students and teachers.

MINUTES

President Knight recommended the approval of the June 11, 2026 Study Session minutes and the June 11, 2026 Board Meeting minutes. Board member Sparti made the motion to approve the June 11, 2026 Study Session minutes and the June 11, 2026 Board Meeting minutes and it was seconded by Board member Burrows. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

President Knight recommended the approval of the June 11, 2026 Public Hearing for Final Budget FY26 meeting minutes and the June 11, 2026 Public Hearing for Proposed Budget FY27 meeting minutes. Board member Bonner made the motion to approve the June 11, 2026 Public Hearing for Final Budget FY26 meeting minutes and the June 11, 2026 Public Hearing for Proposed Budget FY27 meeting minutes and it was seconded by Board member Hart. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

President Knight recommended the approval of the June 22, 2026 Work Session minutes. Board member Sparti made the motion to approve the June 22, 2026 Work Session minutes and it was seconded by Board member Brammer. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS - Superintendent Perkins reviewed the following report and recommended the approval of the report.

1. Expenditure Detail Report/Claims

President Knight asked for a motion to approve the Expenditure Detail Report/Claims. Board member Brammer made the motion to approve the Expenditure Detail Report/Claims and it was seconded by Board member Theler. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Aspen Peaks School District Mission Statement
   a. Board member Theler stated that the most important pillar that this Board can provide to our new Aspen Peaks community is alignment. We need to focus on why and how we build something

before we get into what we are building. We have had many discussions about what our purpose should be. Board member Theler stated that after many discussions the Board decided that the Aspen Peaks Mission Statement is EVERY STUDENT – EVERY DAY.

b. **President Knight recommended to adopt EVERY STUDENT – EVERY DAY as the Aspen Peaks School District Mission Statement. Board member Bonner made a motion to adopt EVERY STUDENT – EVERY DAY as the Aspen Peaks School District Mission Statement and it was seconded by Board member Sparti.**
   i. Discussion
      1. Board member Bonner loves our mission statement, it is easy, simple and puts the focus of our school district right where it needs to be.
      2. Board member Brammer stated that the board had so many different discussions about the mission statement but at the end each board member agreed that they wanted it to be simple and focused on every student, every single day. She appreciates all the work that the board went through and was so grateful that everyone on the board was aligned.
      3. Board member Theler commented on the simplicity of the statement. Every student, teacher, staff member in our district will know what our mission statement is.
      4. **The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

2. 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 Calendars
   a. Board President Knight commented that at a previous meeting the 2027-2028 calendar was approved. The following 2 years calendars were not approved. The Board wants to grant the wishes of our teachers to have the first day back from the winter holiday break to be a teacher work day. Previous discussions were to move the teacher day in February or March to the first day back in January as a teacher work day to facilitate the wishes of our teachers.
   b. Superintendent Perkins reported that the responses from the survey when asking which day the teachers wanted to switch were split 51% / 49%. After speaking with our AEA President he recommended that the board adopt Option B which would move the March teacher work day and allow the first day back from the winter holiday break in January to be a teacher work day.
   c. **President Knight asked for a motion to adopt the Option B calendars which is to move the March teacher work day to the first day back from winter holiday break as a teacher work day in January. Board member Theler made a motion to adopt Option B calendars for both years 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 and the motion was seconded by Board member Sparti.**
      i. Discussion
         1. Board member Brammer thanked the board for tabling the adoption of these calendars until this time. She stated that she is in favor of moving the March teacher work day to January but she would be voting "no" because she wants to be a voice for her constituents that want the start of the school year later, at least after August 20.
         2. Board member Bonner would love to survey our community for feedback on the calendar. She feels that the community also needs to be made aware of challenges of manipulating calendars with making sure that the semester ends prior to the winter holiday break and due to MTEC and college classes for high school students.
         3. Board member Theler likes the idea of a survey to the community. He feels we need to be very transparent about what changes in the calendar do to current breaks and vacations.
         4. Board President Knight noted the importance of aligning the 3 years of transitional calendars with the other 2 districts. Moving the teacher workday does create a minor change from the other 2 districts. She stated that the board feels that the minor changes are warranted to address the wishes of our teachers.
      ii. **The Board voted in favor to approve the Option B calendars and the motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 1 vote against.**

3. Resolution 2026-007 1 Vehicle as Excess for Disposition
    a. Superintendent Perkins stated that the district is recommending the disposal of a vehicle.
    b. **President Knight asked for a motion to approve Resolution # 2026-007 1 Vehicle as Excess for Disposition. Board member Hart made the motion to approve the Resolution # 2026-007 1 Vehicle as Excess for Disposition and it was seconded by Board member Sparti.**
    c. **The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
4. MOU for Reciprocal Data Center Colocation
    a. Superintendent Perkins explained that there are 2 MOUs for Reciprocal Data Center Colocation. One MOU is between Aspen Peaks School District and Timpanogos School District, and the other MOU is between Aspen Peaks School District and Lake Mountain School District. This resolution is to provide rack space and backup for the other districts.
    b. **Board President Knight asked for a motion to approve the MOUs for Reciprocal Data Center Colocation between Aspen Peaks School District and Timpanogos School District and between Aspen Peaks School District and Lake Mountain School District. Board member Burrows made a motion to approve the MOU for Reciprocal Data Center Colocation between Aspen Peaks School District and Timpanogos School District and between Aspen Peaks School District and Lake Mountain School District and it was seconded by Board member Sparti.**
    c. **The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Perkins expressed appreciation for his district team and all the work they are doing in offering positions to district level staff. He also stated that he is very appreciative of the patience of the employees as we work through this process.

Board member Sparti explained the process of disposing of a district vehicle and the paperwork that the board receives prior to board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Sparti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Board member Theler. The board voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. 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.