

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – JULY 9, 2026

The Board of Education of the Lake Mountain School District met in a study session on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 4:01 PM. The study session took place in the board room at the Lake Mountain School District office in Saratoga Springs, UT.

Board members present: President Julie King, Vice President Matt Isaacson, Charity Judkins, Melissa Sauser, and Ilene Strong. Late: Julie Myers. Absent: Joylin Lincoln.

Also present: Superintendent Carter and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 3 others in attendance. Absent: Deputy Superintendent Bollinger.

Space Center

James Porter, Director of the Space Center, presented an overview of the programs and services provided by the Space Center to students, schools, and the community. He highlighted educational opportunities including field trips, simulations, camps, classes, tutoring, and internships offered to multiple school districts, charter schools, and the general public. Mr. Porter also discussed the valuable contributions of community volunteers and the public service projects completed by the Space Center. He expressed how much the Space Center and its volunteers mean to him, personally, emphasizing the significant impact the program has on students and the community. Mr. Porter encouraged the Board to support efforts to keep the Space Center open and operational. He concluded by inviting Board members who had not previously visited the Space Center to tour the facility. Mr. Porter fielded questions from the Board of Education.

RFP Updates

Board Vice President Isaacson presented an update on the current Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in progress, the District's critical operational needs, and the tentative plan to achieve operational readiness by the July 2027 start date while maximizing the District's independence.

Vice President Isaacson fielded questions from the Board of Education.

Enrollment Projections

Board President King presented enrollment projections for the Lake Mountain School District area for Fall 2026, Fiscal Year 2027, and Fall 2030, covering all school levels. She noted that Special Schools were not included in the projections. Board President King also explained that, because the Lake Mountain School District area continues to experience rapid growth, the projections may vary due to the unpredictable pace of community development and fluctuations in the number of families moving into the area. She noted with the District's continued growth, the District must expand its facilities to meet future enrollment needs with those anticipated needs being 14 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 3 high schools. Board leadership developed a 15-year capital plan based on projected growth, which anticipates the potential need to construct up to 17 schools within that timeframe. To support this level of capital investment, the Board engaged bond counsel to provide expert financial guidance.

President King fielded questions from the Board of Education.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM.