MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JULY 9, 2026

The Board of Education of the Lake Mountain School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The board meeting took place in the boardroom of the Lake Mountain School District Office in Saratoga Springs, UT.

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

Also present: Superintendent Carter and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 7 others in attendance. Absent: Deputy Superintendent Bollinger.

President Julie King conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Travis Hamblin, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OR REFLECTION

An inspirational thought was given by Kim Romeril, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board president King recommended that the Board approve the consent agenda. Board member Sauser made the motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Naming of ATEC West

   Lucas Charon, Principal of ATEC West presented to the Board of Education on behalf of the Naming Committee regarding the selection process for the new ATEC West school name. He highlighted the extensive collaboration among community members, teachers, and district leadership, noting the abbreviated timeline and expressing appreciation to everyone whose efforts made the new school possible. Mr. Charon explained that the Naming Committee consisted of eight parents, himself, Kim Romeril, and the Horizon School Community Council Chair. A community survey was distributed in June, with responses collected over one week, resulting in 28 name recommendations from residents of Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs. The committee met in July and followed Board Policy 1618 throughout the process. Members established committee norms and naming criteria, worked in small groups to review the potential names, reconvened for committee discussion, selected final recommendations, and began preliminary discussions regarding the school's mascot and colors. The committee will reconvene to finalize the mascot and school colors. Mr. Charon reviewed the committee's naming considerations and the factors evaluated throughout the process. He also shared several names that were considered but not recommended, including ATEC West Warriors, Lakeside Bees, and Phoenix Rising Academy. The committee's recommended school names are Beacon Hill, Bridgepoint, and Pinnacle Peak. Mr. Charon concluded by thanking the Board for its tireless efforts in securing the new school site and for its leadership in establishing the new district.

   Vice President Isaacson asked whether staff had a preference for the proposed name.

   Lucas Charon responded that there was no staff preference, explaining that their role was to gather information and present it to the Board, with the final naming decision resting with the Board.

   Vice President Isaacson also asked whether there had been any consideration of including a descriptor such as "School," "Transition," or "Center" as part of the name.

Lucas Charon emphasized that, regardless of the final name, consideration should be given to the descriptor that follows it. He noted the importance of conveying that the facility is a place where adults come to learn, develop job skills, and access community resources, while distinguishing it from other entities within the district. He reiterated that the final decision rests with the Board.
Board member Strong asked what the acronym "ATEC" originally stood for.
Lucas Charon explained that the meaning has evolved over time. It originally stood for Adult Transition Education Center before later becoming Alpine Technical Education Center, reflecting the program's evolution.
Vice President Isaacson motioned to rename ATEC West "Bridgepoint", and it was seconded by President King.
Vice President Isaacson commented that the recommended name was particularly meaningful, noting that its symbolism effectively reflected the vision and mission of the school. He acknowledged that all of the proposed names were strong options and recognized that the decision was a difficult one. He stated that his motion was intended to begin the Board's discussion of the recommendation.
President King commended the Naming Committee for its thoughtful work, stating that the recommended name clearly communicates the purpose and vision of the school. She acknowledged the difficulty of the task and congratulated the committee on its collaborative efforts and successful outcome.
Lucas Charon remarked that the committee was made up of thoughtful, knowledgeable individuals who contributed valuable perspectives throughout the process.
Board member Strong expressed support for the recommended name as a single, distinctive title but suggested that it be paired with a descriptor, such as "School" or "Center," to provide additional clarity.
President King clarified that the facility is not classified as a K–12 school, but rather as a post-secondary institution. She explained that state code requires the school to be registered as either a vocational or transition education center, and it will therefore be categorized as a post-secondary education facility. As a result, the Board could retain the name Bridgepoint without including "Transition Education Center" in the title, as the designation will be reflected in its official classification and is not required to be part of the school's name.
Board member Strong asked whether the school's classification would be identified on the application submitted to the state for registration. **President King** confirmed that it would.
Vice President Isaacson asked whether that classification would provide the flexibility to use a preferred public-facing name for the school. **President King** confirmed that it would, and **Vice President Isaacson** expressed his support for that approach.
Board member Sauser expressed appreciation for the committee's work, noting the challenging timeline under which they completed the process. She stated that she liked the name Bridgepoint, saying it reflects the school's purpose while also conveying openness and opportunity. She then asked what the next steps in the process would be, including whether selecting a mascot would be part of the next phase.
President King explained that the Board's role is to select its preferred school name, which is then submitted to Alpine School District for final approval, consistent with the process used to name the South Special Schools. She noted that the school's mascot and colors are typically selected by the principal. She also recommended choosing a mascot that is distinct from those already in use across the district, noting that mascots such as the Otters, Mustangs, Pelicans, and Hawks are already represented among the district's 24 schools.
Lucas Charon stated that the committee would take the Board's feedback into consideration and explore additional mascot options.
Board member Sauser noted that Desert Sky already uses the Explorers mascot, which **President King** confirmed.
Lucas Charon added that the committee would conduct a thorough review of existing mascots before making a final recommendation.
President King remarked that, while the district may eventually need to reuse mascots as it continues to grow, that is not necessary at this time.
The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. MOU Colocation
   President King motioned to approved the MOU Colocation, and it was seconded by Board member Sauser.
   President King explained that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a data redundancy agreement between the District and Aspen Peaks. The agreement ensures that the District's data is securely backed up and can be recovered in the event of a system outage or other unforeseen issues.
   The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution# 2026-009: Vehicle for Disposition
   Board member Judkins motioned to approve Resolution# 2026-009: Vehicle for Disposition, and it was seconded by Board member Sauser.
   President King explained that, under the provisions of SB188, Alpine School District cannot dispose of property without the concurrence of all three successor districts. She noted that the item before the Board involved a vehicle at Skyridge High School that Alpine School District is seeking authorization to dispose of, requiring the Board's approval.
   The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Policy Series 4.000: Personnel – Alpine School District Personnel Policies
   Board member Myers motioned to accept the Alpine School District Personnel 4000 Policy Series as Lake Mountain transition policies adopted under Utah Code 53G-3-308(1)(b)(ii) through June 30, 2028, and it was seconded by Board member Sauser.
   President King explained that SB188 includes a provision requiring all personnel policies, benefits, and salary schedules to remain unchanged for one year following a school district split. With the official split occurring on July 1, 2027, Alpine School District's personnel policies must remain in effect through June 30, 2028. She stated that the Board is formally adopting these existing personnel policies as the governing policies of the new district, in accordance with state law.
   Vice President Isaacson asked whether this was the only series of policies that state code requires the Board to adopt in this manner.
   President King confirmed that it was, noting that this requirement is the reason for the Board's aggressive policy adoption schedule in upcoming meetings.
   The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Superintendent Carter provided an update on district staffing and operations. She reported that most administrative positions have been filled, including the appointment of Brooke Roden, formerly of Lake Mountain Middle School, as Assistant Principal at Cedar Valley High School. Additional appointments include Jake McDonald as Manager of Print Services, Logistics & Distribution; Jesse Williamson as Facilities Supervisor; Shawn Johnson as Director of Special Education, Regular Education & Activities; Russell Hickman as Fleet Manager & Systems Specialist; and Mikaylee Hill as Administrative Secretary. Superintendent Carter reported that all Technology Department job offers have been extended, with hiring expected to be complete by September. She noted that Technology Director, Ryan Neff will transition to full-time employment with the District on September 8 and expressed appreciation to Alpine School District for its support during the transition. She further reported that interviews for six Facilities Foreman positions are scheduled for Monday, with hiring anticipated to be completed by the end of the month. In Transportation, 53 bus driver contracts have been offered, with 52 accepted, resulting in the District's highest acceptance rate to date. Additional contracts may be offered in the fall as staffing needs are determined. Superintendent Carter also shared that the transfer of fingerprinting records for District staff and volunteers from Alpine School District to Lake Mountain School District has been approved. The District is evaluating options to continue providing fingerprinting services for employees and volunteers moving forward. She concluded by sharing that the District now has additional full-time employees, including Travis Hamblin and Amanda Bollinger. Alpine School District employees who have been hired by Lake Mountain have transitioned to working with Lake Mountain School District on Tuesdays. She noted that they reviewed the District's mission, vision, values, and goals (MVVG), which will be shared publicly once finalized.

An additional workday will be added during the second quarter, with Thursdays requested to accommodate Board meetings, and additional workdays are planned for the third and fourth quarters as well.

Vice President Isaacson reported that the District's Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals (MVVG) are not yet ready for public release. He shared that the Board recently held a full-day work session at a school site, where members observed the summer meals program and summer school classes before continuing their work on developing the District's mission and vision. He described the work session as highly productive and stated that the finalized MVVG will be shared publicly in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board member Strong and it was seconded by Board member Judkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM. The Board members who voted in favor were Ilene Strong, Julie Myers, Vice President Matt Isaacson, President Julie King, Charity Judkins, and Melissa Sauser. The motion passed unanimously.