

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 27, 2026

The Board of Education of the Lake Mountain School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The board meeting took place in the Media Center of Westlake High School in Saratoga Springs, UT.

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

Also present: Superintendent Carter, Deputy Superintendent Bollinger and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 8 others in attendance.

President Julie King conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ember Sims, 3rd grader at Mountain Trails Elementary School.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OR REFLECTION

An inspirational thought was given by Megan Sims, PTA President at Mountain Trails Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danielle Beene of Eagle Mountain and a parent of a Juniper Basin student, expressed concerns about enrollment exceeding 900 students, with some classes reaching 32 students. She noted limited access to the school, significant traffic congestion, safety concerns for students walking and biking, and insufficient parking. She also reported transportation delays resulting in elementary students arriving late to and being picked up late from school. She expressed concern that the school's opening may have moved too quickly without fully considering enrollment, transportation, and rapid community growth. She asked the Board to provide immediate traffic control and support, address bus schedules, work with the City of Eagle Mountain to expedite completion of access roads, and advocate for families and the community. She also encouraged the Board to review enrollment and consider boundary adjustments to create a more balanced distribution of students and proactively address future needs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Carter recommended that the Board approve the consent agenda. Board member Lincoln 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 ITEMS

1. Policy 3.503 School Lunch and Food Security

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger explained that the policy is required by law and under recent legislation changes, prohibits the distribution of foods with particular food additives without parental permission. She reviewed exceptions allowing parents to provide certain foods and permitting concessions or vending after school hours. Snacks provided to students must meet USDA standards and comply with commercial packaging requirements for shared food. Dr. Bollinger noted that a Superintendent designee will ensure Free and Reduced Lunch information is provided to families and reviewed parameters for food provided at fundraisers, which are limited to three times per year. Student food accommodations and allergies must be addressed through the student's 504 plan.

The Board engaged in discussion with Dr. Bollinger, asked clarifying questions, and requested additions and changes to the policy.

2. Policy 3.504 Fundraising and Public Solicitation

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger outlined the definition of a fundraiser and reviewed related provisions and guidelines. She noted that while some provisions are required by law, the Board may adjust those that are not mandated, including door-to-door fundraising and the number of fundraisers permitted

each year. She also clarified that funds collected by the PTA are not deposited into the school account, as the PTA maintains its own separate account.

The Board engaged in discussion with Dr. Bollinger, asked clarifying questions, and requested additions and changes to the policy.

3. Policy 3.505 Lake Mountain Education Foundation

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger shared that significant feedback had been received regarding the policy. She will review the feedback and verify the Foundation's bylaws as part of a major policy revision and bring the revised policy back to the Board at a future meeting.

4. Policy 6.301 Dispensing Medication

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Travis Hamblin reviewed guidelines for medications that students may carry and self-administer, as well as procedures for prescription medications administered by school personnel. He outlined procedures for both self-administered and school personnel-administered medications and noted that, in all cases, a parent authorization form must be completed and kept on file at the school.

The Board engaged in discussion with Mr. Hamblin, asked clarifying questions, and requested additions and changes to the policy.

5. Policy 6.304 Child Abuse Reporting

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Travis Hamblin explained that the policy is required by law and mandates all employees to report suspected or known child abuse. He noted that the law provides protections for employees who make a report and requires annual child abuse reporting training for all staff.

The Board engaged in discussion with Mr. Hamblin, asked clarifying questions, and requested additions and changes to the policy.

6. Policy 6.404 Student Travel and Field Trips

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Travis Hamblin emphasized the importance of this policy and the need to ensure it is accurate. He shared that he worked with high school principals to gather feedback and incorporate requested changes and thanked them for their collaboration. He also noted that significant revisions were made based on Board feedback, including adjustments to evaluation standards and a requirement that overnight trips be booked through a travel agent.

The Board engaged in discussion with Mr. Hamblin, asked clarifying questions, and requested additions and changes to the policy.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Policy 6.401 School Fees and Waivers

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Travis Hamblin reviewed feedback and comments received and noted that significant revisions were incorporated into the draft, including changes to the fee waiver provisions. He proposed removing Sections 8 and 9, as their provisions are addressed in Section 6, and noted that additional language was added for clarity and consistency. He recommended bringing the policy back to the Board at a future meeting with additional formatting and revisions.

2. Policy 6.403 Extracurricular Activity and Eligibility

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Travis Hamblin reviewed feedback and comments received and incorporated them into the revised draft. He noted that the definition of "volunteer" differs from its use in other policies and recommended adjusting the language accordingly. He also proposed developing a Volunteer Code of Conduct that would include background check requirements. The policy would allow principals to work with the Superintendent to establish participation requirements that differ from those outlined by UHSAA.

The Board engaged in discussion with Mr. Hamblin, asked clarifying questions, and requested additions and changes to the policy.

3. Resolution# 2026-010: Vehicles for Surplus

Board President King explained that the resolution authorizes two vehicles to be declared surplus: one that was purchased in error for ATEC and another previously used by the Lone Peak High School Band that has reached the end of its useful life.

Vice President Isaacson made the motion to approve Resolution# 2026-010: Vehicles for Surplus, and it was seconded by Board member Sauser. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Online School

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger shared that the Cabinet has been discussing the possibility of establishing a 7–12 online school and is working with Alpine School District to gather additional information. She explained that the goal is to meet the needs of students by offering a fully online option, while also allowing students to remain enrolled at their home school and take online courses concurrently for credit recovery or to get ahead. She noted that this would differ from the online services currently provided by Alpine School District. If approved by the Board, the District would work with the State Authorization process to establish the new school. The initial plan would be to launch for the 2027–28 school year, beginning with hiring a principal and developing courses. The long-term goal would be to expand the program to K–12 and eventually include a State Online Education Program (SOEP), although current elementary and middle school enrollment projections are low.

The Board engaged in discussion with Dr. Bollinger and asked clarifying questions.

Board member Strong made the motion to approve the online school, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins.

President King advised a more formal motion needed to be made for the process required to open a new school and suggested the following motion: I move that Lake Mountain School District Board of Education approve the establishment of a district-operated online secondary school serving students grades 7-12, effective July 1, 2027; and authorize the Superintendent and district administration to complete the actions necessary to establish and operate the school; and direct that the official name of the school be determined pursuant to the District's school naming procedures.

Board member Strong accepted this amended motion, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins.

Board members engaged in discussion of supporting the motion and expressed excitement to supporting the needs of secondary students.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Superintendent Carter shared that she approached Alpine School District regarding FTE requests for the principal of the proposed online school. The other two Superintendents approved the request, allowing the District to begin the hiring process. She introduced Janalee Smith as the new Director of Nutrition Services and expressed appreciation for her positive attitude and enthusiasm for the position. She also announced the hiring of Lindsey Parker as Senior Finance Analyst. Interviews were held for the Senior Buyer/Warehouse Manager position, with a hiring decision expected following the leadership meeting. Superintendent Carter thanked Westlake High School for hosting Board meetings while the District Office undergoes renovations. She noted that Kim Romeril and Michelle Stephenson made numerous school visits during the first week and shared that she, Dr. Amanda Bollinger, and Travis Hamblin also visited schools. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be present on the first day of school and throughout the opening week, acknowledging that some schools are experiencing growing pains and assuring the Board that the administration is working to address concerns. She reported that a quarterly negotiations meeting was held to continue building upon the previously approved MOU. She noted that the parties are working collaboratively to ensure fairness while addressing identified inequities. Superintendent Carter also shared that QTS attended an assembly at Cedar Valley High School and presented the school with a \$10,000 donation for science equipment. She noted that President King is working to secure a similar donation to support elementary science curriculum.

Board member Judkins shared that the creation of the Foundation is moving forward quickly, with significant work taking place behind the scenes. She announced that the Foundation has received federal approval and is now officially established. She expressed excitement about upcoming initiatives and the opportunity to meaningfully support students, staff, and the District.

Board member Lincoln shared that she enjoyed spending the summer attending farmers markets and distributing books. She expressed how rewarding it was to see the excitement on children's faces as they selected books to take home and noted that all remaining books were donated to find new homes after the summer.

President King reported that the Board has completed a second round of negotiations, addressing various details and discussing a mutual aid agreement. She explained that the agreement would allow the three districts to support one another when assistance is needed and emphasized the importance of working together to meet the needs of all students, regardless of ZIP code. She expressed appreciation to the members of Aspen Peaks School District and Timpanogos School District for their positive collaboration and developing partnerships. President King reflected on the first day of school, particularly the excitement surrounding kindergarten, and expressed appreciation for the energy of students and families returning to school. She commended teachers for their efforts to welcome and reassure new parents and recognized the Transportation Department for its support, including accommodating the temporary relocation of the District Office. She also expressed gratitude to staff throughout the District who have navigated numerous changes while continuing to prioritize students. She recognized the administrators and teachers for their commitment to students and thanked all staff for their dedication. President King also acknowledged the Physical Facilities team for the extensive work completed behind the scenes throughout the summer to ensure schools were prepared to open.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board member Sauser and seconded by Board member Lincoln, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The Board members who voted in favor were Ilene Strong, Julie Myers, Vice President Matt Isaacson, President Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Charity Judkins, and Melissa Sauser. The motion passed unanimously.