

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

The Board of Education of the Lake Mountain School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:03 PM. The board meeting took place in the Media Center of Westlake High School in Saratoga Springs, UT.

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

Also present: Superintendent Carter, Deputy Superintendent Bollinger and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 6 others in attendance.

President Julie King conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corrine Prestwich.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OR REFLECTION

An inspirational thought was given by Cindy Pendleton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Whitney of Eagle Mountain expressed concern regarding Westlake High School reaching capacity and requested that school capacity percentages be reviewed during Board meetings and included in the public record. She also asked whether the District could provide a podcast or similar format to facilitate communication with the public, including opportunities to receive questions and provide feedback. Additionally, she requested consideration of establishing a radio station for the school district.

CONSENT AGENDA

President King recommended that the Board approve the consent agenda.

Board member Sauser requested Item 5, Policy 3.504 Fundraising and Public Solicitation be moved from the consent agenda to Discussion/Action Item 4, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Board member Lincoln made the motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Board member Sauser. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Policy 6.303 Concussion and Head Injury

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger explained that the policy outlines concussion and head injury guidelines applicable to physical education and extracurricular activities and is structured to comply with applicable law.

The Board had no questions or feedback on this policy.

2. Policy 8.201 Visits to the Schools

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger explained that the policy applies specifically during school hours and outlines definitions for guests, school property, and related terms. All individuals are required to check in at the front office and sign in with identification. The policy is structured to comply with applicable code and law.

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

3. Policy 8.202 School Volunteers

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger explained that the policy outlines the guidelines and requirements for school volunteers, including background checks and fingerprinting. The policy is structured to comply with applicable code and law and to help ensure the safety of students and staff.

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

4. Policy 8.203 Student and Staff Memorials

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger shared that conversations had been held with counselors regarding the sensitive nature of the topic and the importance of ensuring consistency across the District. While the policy is not required by law, it is considered an important measure to protect students. She explained that temporary and permanent memorials are prohibited and that the policy provides procedures for staff. The policy is intentionally concise, with additional context and guidance to be included in standard operating procedure (SOP) manuals.

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Policy 6.404 Student Travel and Field Trips

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger presented the policy for second reading, noting that numerous updates were made based on recommendations and feedback. She provided clarification on specific language and noted the inclusion of the Shakespeare Festival, among other updates.

Board member Sauser made the motion to approve Policy 6.404 Student Travel and Field Trips, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins.

The Board engaged in discussion about a possible language change.

Board member Sauser amended her motion to approve Policy 6.404 Student Travel and Field Trips with the amended language stated during discussion, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Policy 6.403 Extracurricular Activity and Eligibility

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger presented the policy for third reading and noted that new additions from the previous discussion were highlighted in green, including an option for individual school sites to establish participation requirements that exceed those set by UHSAA.

Board member Strong made the motion to approve Policy 6.403 Extracurricular Activity and Eligibility, and it was seconded by Board member Lincoln.

The Board engaged in discussion about the updates to the policy and clarifying the reasons for the changes.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Policy 3.505 Lake Mountain Education Foundation

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger presented the policy for first reading, noting that it had been substantially revised. The policy includes a link to the Foundation's bylaws to ensure consistency between the two documents and outlines the Foundation's governance, structure, and goals, as well as the District's requirements for the Foundation.

The Board engaged in discussion about strikes and changes to the policy.

President King made the motion to approve Policy 3.505 Lake Mountain Education Foundation with the struck and amended language stated during discussion, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins.

The Board engaged in additional discussion about the requested changes to the policy.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Policy 3.504 Fundraising and Public Solicitation

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bollinger opened the floor to Board Member Sauser, who shared that she had received questions from PTA presidents and members regarding fundraisers, including the types of

fundraisers permitted and the handling of funds received. Dr. Bollinger reviewed various sections of the policy to address and clarify Board Member Sauser's questions.

The Board engaged in additional discussion with Dr. Bollinger asking clarifying questions.

Board member Sauser made the motion to approve Policy 3.504 Fundraising and Public Solicitation, and was seconded by Board member Lincoln. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Secondary Boundary Study for New High School, Cedar Valley High School, Westlake High School, Frontier Middle School, Lake Mountain Middle School, Sage Canyon Middle School, and Vista Heights Middle School

Derek Farnes, Director of Operations and Analytics presented to the Board of Education regarding the required boundary study and adjustments associated with the opening of a new high school in 2028, as well as changes necessitated by the upcoming District split and community realignments. He explained that the process will involve all secondary schools, including junior highs and middle schools. Recognizing that the District is continuing to grow, he noted that additional boundary adjustments will likely be needed in the future. The District will consider feeder patterns while prioritizing an equitable distribution of students. The process will include required notifications, committee work, open houses, and opportunities for community input. If approved, notifications will be distributed the following week. Director Farnes reviewed potential boundary maps for the Board's consideration.

Director Farnes fielded questions from the Board of Education.

President King made the motion to initiate the notification process to parents, as required in Utah State Code, that the school board is considering boundary changes for the New High School, Cedar Valley High School, Westlake High School, Frontier Middle School, Lake Mountain Middle School, Sage Canyon Middle School, and Vista Heights Middle School, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins.

The Board engaged in additional discussion with Director Farnes and asked clarifying questions.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Elementary Boundary Study for Black Ridge Elementary, Harvest Elementary, and Springside Elementary

Derek Farnes, Director of Operations and Analytics explained that the proposed adjustments are intended to clean up boundary lines in response to the District split. He noted that boundary lines will be adjusted to align with the new Lake Mountain School District boundaries. Director Farnes reviewed potential boundary maps for the Board's consideration.

Director Farnes fielded questions from the Board of Education.

President King made the motion to initiate the notification process to parents, as required in Utah State Code, that the school board is considering school boundary changes for Black Ridge Elementary, Harvest Elementary, and Springside Elementary, and it was seconded by Board member Lincoln. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution# 2026-011: BYU (CITES)

President King discussed continuing the partnership with BYU to support student interns and teachers. She noted that some aspects of the program involve federal requirements related to H-1B visas and emphasized the importance of ensuring the District can adequately support participating staff. She expressed support for continuing the program with annual renewal and the option to reevaluate the partnership in one or two years.

Board member Lincoln motioned to approve Resolution# 2026-011: BYU (CITES), and it was seconded by Board member Sauser.

The Board engaged in discussion asking clarifying questions of Superintendent Carter.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution# 2026-012: K-16 Alliance

President King explained that the resolution authorizes the District's membership and participation in the K-16 Alliance.

Board member Sauser motioned to approve Resolution# 2026-012: K-16 Alliance, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins.

The Board engaged in discussion asking clarifying questions of Superintendent Carter.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Resolution# 2026-013: UVU Partnership

President King explained that the resolution authorizes a partnership with UVU similar to the partnership approved in the previous resolution with BYU.

Board member Strong made the motion to approve Resolution# 2026-013: UVU Partnership, and it was seconded by Board member Judkins.

The Board engaged in discussion asking clarifying questions of Superintendent Carter.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Resolution# 2026-014: City of Saratoga Springs

President King – quit claim deed deeding property to the City of Saratoga Springs based upon the agreement for an agreement with the City for the Support Services Building build out.

Board member Judkins made the motion to approve Resolution# 2026-014: City of Saratoga Springs, and it was seconded by President King.

The Board engaged in discussion asking clarifying questions.

The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Superintendent Carter provided several updates. She announced that Ross Menlove has been hired as the District's online school principal and has begun working with the District. Ross Menlove previously served as principal of Jordan School District's K-6 Online School and has already met with Cabinet to discuss goals and ideas for the program. She also visited Eastshore to evaluate the program and gather additional information. Superintendent Carter also welcomed Clint Sanderson, the newly hired Buyer/Warehouse Manager, and expressed enthusiasm about working with him. Superintendent Carter noted that the District website features a countdown to the District's transition, with 293 days remaining. She expressed gratitude for the smooth start to the school year and shared that Cabinet and the Board will visit all 24 schools over 24 weeks, with visits scheduled on Tuesdays. The first visit will be to Pony Express Elementary on September 15, followed by a social media post highlighting each school. Superintendent Carter thanked Director Farnes for his work on the boundary adjustments, noting that the process is a significant undertaking and expressing appreciation for his efforts. She reiterated that, for elementary schools, the District is not changing boundaries but rather cleaning up existing boundary lines, primarily in areas where there are currently no homes. Superintendent Carter also thanked the Board for its support of District partnerships and expressed appreciation for its efforts to secure as many master teachers as possible.

Board Member Sauser, as a member of the Policy Committee, expressed appreciation to all Board members and staff for their hard work. She recognized the anniversary of Patriot Day and noted the flags displayed on the property, as well as Westlake High School students participating in a service event in the foyer. She shared that the District has been invited to participate in several community events and noted that Eagle Mountain will hold a Heroes Parade traveling from school to school. Board Member Sauser expressed gratitude to the community for its efforts to honor and recognize Patriot Day.

Board Member Lincoln added that students had prepared meal kits for distribution through the local food pantry and had the opportunity to see the kits provided to community members that same evening. She expressed gratitude for a community whose foundational values include service and helping one another.

President King expressed appreciation to Board member Lincoln for serving as the District representative for the Day of Service and for coordinating with churches, community organizations, and businesses. She recognized the significant work taking place behind the scenes and thanked Board member Lincoln for her efforts and the

partnerships she has established. President King also thanked Board member Judkins for her work with the Foundation, noting her energy and enthusiasm. She expressed gratitude that the Board was able to approve the policy to support Board member Judkins's continued work and future efforts with the Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board member Sauser and seconded by Board member Judkins, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The Board members who voted in favor were Ilene Strong, Vice President Matt Isaacson, President Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, Charity Judkins, and Melissa Sauser. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED