

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

The Board of Education of the Aspen Peaks School District met in a board meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:00PM. 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, and Jason Theler. Steve Sparti was absent.

Also present: Superintendent Perkins and Business Administrator Bea Twede. There were approximately 12 others in attendance.

President Diane Knight conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brady Rowley.

REVERENCE

Reverence was given by Brady Rowley.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS - no commentsMINUTES

President Knight asked for a motion concerning the August 27, 2026 Study Session and Board Meeting minutes. Board member Bonner made the motion to approve the August 27, 2026 Study Session and Board Meeting minutes, and it was seconded by Board member Theler. The Board voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS - Dr. Perkins reviewed the following two reports and recommended the approval of the reports.

1. Expenditure Detail Report/Claims
2. Enrollment Report

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Portrait of a School
 - a. Board President Knight stated that at our last board meeting we discussed our boundary feedback tool. During the discussion, the Aspen Peaks “Portrait of a School” was referred to. Superintendent Perkins turned the time over to Doug Webb and David Ludwig to discuss what a “Portrait of a School” looks like:
 - i. Mr. Webb stated that we are always looking at our school boundaries. He made reference to the Boundary Feedback Tool that is now on our Aspen Peaks School District website. He thanked those who have added their feedback thus far and asked for continued feedback until October 1, 2026 when the tool is removed off of the website.
 - ii. Boundary Study Update:
 1. Boundary Considerations that are looked at constantly, and sometimes compete with each other:
 - a. Student population and building capacities
 - b. Feeder patterns, neighborhoods, and growth trends

- c. Additional factors: projections, transportation, future development, financial, balanced enrollment, special programs, long term stability
 - d. Capital Planning Committee - 1 year, 5 year, 10 year plan
- iii. Dr. Ludwig thanked the boundary committee. He also thanked the community for the feedback that has been received on our website.
- iv. Portrait of a Thriving School
 - 1. Fairness
 - 2. Balancing Priorities
 - 3. Preventing Overcrowding and Under-utilization
 - 4. Protecting Student Transitions
- v. The committee studied two main groups - elementary and middle/junior school
 - 1. Elementary - 3 group sizes
 - a. Small - 350-600 students
 - b. Medium - 600-800 students
 - c. Large - 800-950 students
 - d. Teacher Collaboration Teams (PLCs)
 - e. Specialty & Advanced Learning Options
 - 2. Middle/Junior - one group size
 - a. 1,050-1800 students
 - b. Department & Grade-Level Collaboration Teams
 - c. Comprehensive Academic & Extracurricular Offerings
 - d. Administrative & Student Support
 - 3. We will continue to monitor the high schools within our district.
- vi. He thanked those who have added their feedback thus far and asked for continued feedback until October 1, 2026 when the tool is removed off of the website.
- b. Discussion
 - i. Board member Burrows thanked the committee for all their work with the boundary study and getting the feedback tool up and running on the website. She also thanked them for showing the board members how to find it on the website.
 - ii. Board President Knight stated that a common misperception is that a smaller school would make smaller class sizes. That is not a direct correlation. In addition, smaller schools are not always able to have the optimal programs and classes that we would like to offer to our students. She asked the community members to please submit their feedback over the next few weeks prior to October 1, 2026 when the feedback tool will be taken off the website.

BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEM

Board member Bonner wanted to put a plug in for our Unified Soccer Tournament next week. It is so fun to go and watch our SPED students and their peer tutors compete against other teams. The tournament is @ Timpanogos High School, next Thursday, September 17 @ 10:30am-1:00pm. She invited everyone to attend. She thanked all of our SPED teachers for their work in making this tournament happen for our SPED students.

Board member Brammer shared that the State of Utah has an essay competition for high school students (grades 10-12) to write an essay about future AI policy. There will be one winner from each of the 29 Senate districts throughout Utah. There are cash prizes from \$250-\$1,000. The 29 students that win the competition will go to the Policy Congress at the Capital in November and work with them to craft some of the policies that they will recommend to the legislature. The deadline is October 1, 2026.

Superintendent Perkins is grateful to all the Alpine School District employees and their hard work for a great start to the school year. He stated that the Aspen Peaks Board Members have started their school visits again to the remaining elementary schools that we were not able to visit last year.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board member Brammer and seconded by Board member Theler, the meeting adjourned at 6:20PM. The Board members who voted in favor were President Diane Knight, Vice President Amber Bonner, Nicki Brammer, Jeanne-Marie Burrows, Jason Hart, and Jason Theler. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED