

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2015 STUDY SESSION

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a study session on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. The study session took place at the Alpine School District Office.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Wendy K. Hart, Paula H. Hill, Deborah C. Taylor and Brian E. Halladay.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, along with additional members of the administrative staff. There were three others in attendance.

The following took place during the study session:

Kimberly Bird introduced the Cabinet members and asked them to report to the Board on their impressions as they visited with members of the communities throughout the district. The patrons were complimented for the concerns they shared about their children's education, their support of the school district, their understanding of the issues being addressed and their support for another bond. David Stephenson shared the document with the comments received from the patrons after they attended the community meetings. Board and Cabinet members read and discussed the comments and then shared their ideas that will potentially be a part of the bond packet.

The study session concluded at approximately 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the Alpine School District Office.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, Paula H. Hill and Deborah C. Taylor.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 85 others in attendance.

Board President John C. Burton conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cabinet member Dr. Mark Pew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVERENCE

Julie King offered the Reverence.

RECOGNITION

Kerry Griguhn was recognized for his 36 years of service as a custodian for Alpine School District. Since 1998, Kerry has had supervisory responsibilities for the custodial staff at the District Office, Annex II, ATEC and the Transportation facilities. The Board thanked Kerry for his service and said he will be missed when he retires on November 13, 2015.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

James Burton commented about his friends who attend Lone Peak that struggle with depression. He asked the Board what could be done to help those individuals. Jess Christen, the Administrator of High Schools, stepped out of the meeting to visit with James and his mom.

Cole Cooper is an assistant football coach at Lehi High School. He asked the Board to reconsider the decision made in the October 13 Board meeting about student choice to attend Lehi High School. Mr. Cooper asked the following questions: 1. Why was the previous precedent not followed in allowing choice for all schools as it was at other high schools in the district and state? 2. How do you reconcile a student being given an arbitrary deadline to choose, based on the fact that they are entering their senior year, when there is a possibility that their underclassman friends may not be afforded the same choice? 3. Will a senior who chooses to stay at Lehi High be able to change their mind based on the decision of their underclassman friends who were denied the exception? 4. What is the rationale for the coaches who need to run their winter and spring sports and are now forced to choose students who may not be in their programs next year? 5. What advice would you give those coaches in choosing those players? 5. Why is the Board forcing parents to deal with the application process, when all they want is what is best for their kids. He asked the Board to reconsider their decision so further action would not need to be taken.

Jon Frampton commented about the boundary for Lehi and Skyridge High School. He said he was confused by the boundary decision and wanted to know where to find the minutes from the Board meeting where the decision was made.

Morgan Bingham commented that his family moved to Lehi from Phoenix ten years ago and thanked the Board for their efforts in providing a great public education system. His son is involved in team sports and said it was interesting to see the challenges the boys in athletic programs have continued to encounter year after year with the change of 4A to 5A and especially when they entered Lehi High School. Because of the open enrollment policy as it is outlined by the state, it has been difficult to keep students at Lehi High for athletics. For this reason it is important to keep the students at Lehi High who want to stay. Mr. Bingham's son and his friends have committed to stay together to participate in team sports at Lehi High. He feels that the school board is forcing students to attend a school based on boundaries, when their choice is to stay at Lehi High and the state allows for open enrollment. Mr. Bingham feels this is morally, ethically and legally wrong.

Rob Sandberg asked the Board for clarification. He was an advocate for the red boundary, but felt the things they were told have changed. Mr. Sandberg's recollection is that they

were told that Lehi High would have open enrollment. He would like clarification for himself and others who are seeking the same information.

Lisa Jones lives in the Lehi High boundaries. Her son is in the class of 2019 and is greatly affected by the school choice decision. Many of the current sophomores are being required to attend Skyridge next year, but want to play for Lehi instead. Mrs. Jones said that the Lehi teams are being adversely affected by this decision. The talent is being taken away from Lehi High and they will not be able to compete against 5A teams. Mrs. Jones said that many families in Lehi are upset that their children are being forced to go to Skyridge. She asked the Board to reconsider their decision because they will destroy Lehi High on a competition level.

Jen Tarrel lives in the Lehi High boundaries. She asked the Board to consider the safety of the students staying at Lehi High because there will not be enough football players to compete against other 5A teams. Mrs. Tarrel feels the team will be “demolished” if they don’t reconsider the boundaries and school choice decision.

Jess Christen held a meeting with parents to discuss their concerns.

Lauri Yepelita has been a resident in the school district for ten years. She said she cares deeply about the students. Mrs. Yepelita is concerned about the various club issues and would like more information. She asked if there was evidence that the district will be abiding by state law and if the vote could be delayed until the club information could be shared with the public.

Sarah Burton was concerned about the possibility of opening gay and lesbian clubs in district schools. She understands that the school district receives federal money and may get pressure, but as a taxpayer Mrs. Burton wanted to raise her hand and say she would not support using her tax money in this way.

Ed Barfuss acknowledged that the Board deals with tough issues. He said he understands federal law and how we got to where we are today. The timing regarding the GSA club is bad because of the recent publicity over the LDS church and it’s position on related issues. Mr. Barfuss recommended that the Board take a break and re-exam the GSA clubs after getting additional input from the constituents.

Dani Hartvigsen commented about her concern regarding the legal requirement and purpose of the GSA club. She asked that this information be published for all to see and allow for public input to be given before voting on this issue.

MINUTES

Paula Hill made the motion to approve the minutes for the October Board meetings and Debbie Taylor seconded it. Wendy Hart requested that the October 27 study session minutes be corrected with regards to the truancy statistics that were reported in that meeting. Accordingly, she wanted there to be a clarification that Judge Bazelle reported her caseload was 700 and 68 of them were truancy issues. **Paula Hill amended the motion to**

approve the October Board meeting minutes, provided the above outlined clarification be made re: the truancy cases and Debbie Taylor seconded the amended motion and it passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

Check numbers 00030358 through and including 00036065, totaling \$15,378,897.22 were presented for the Board’s approval. Superintendent Jarman recommended the Board’s acceptance of the claims for October.

Scott Carlson made the motion to accept the Claims as presented. JoDee Sundberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Monthly Budget Report
The latest budget report was included for the Board’s review.
2. Personnel Reports

Personnel Actions– Certified

Employment – New Teachers

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Warr, Allison	Grade 4	E - Greenwood	8/17/15
Ledingham, Haylee	Grade 2	E - Eagle Valley	10/12/15
Symmes, Amy	Dance	JH – Timberline	8/17/15
Crossley, Jared	Grade 4	E - Segoe Lily	10/6/15
Bailey, Brittinee	Grade 3	E - Eagle Valley	10/1/15
Shields, Amy	SPED - SLP	E - Deerfield	10/21/15
Schow, Amelia	Drama	JH - Pleasant Grove	10/20/15
Mummert, Jacqueline	Art/Music Specialty	E - Dry Creek	8/17/15

Certified Employees – Resignations

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Allan, Laura	P.E. Specialist	E – Hidden Hollow	5/29/15
Burwell, Courtney	Grade 5	E – Hidden Hollow	5/29/15
Barfuss, Mandy	Drama	JH – Vista Heights	5/29/15
Lacey, Shannon	CTE-FACS	JH – Timberline	1/12/16
Peterson, Katherine	Social Studies	JH - Timberline	1/12/16
Guinn, Derek	School Counselor	JH -Pleasant Grove	1/25/16
Davis, Naomi	Grade 1	E - Northridge	5/29/15
Snelgrove, Laura	5th/6th split	E - Dry Creek	5/29/15
Eriksson, Leigh	Kindergarten	E - Lindon	11/6/15
Loveridge, Annett	Special Education	E - Valley View	11/25/15
Sorenson, Cori	Grade 4	E - Highland	9/18/15
Topham, Chelsey	TSA	E - Westmore	12/18/15
Green, Shawn	SPED Resource	E - Mountain Trails	5/29/15
Torres, Kristy	Grade 3	E - Hidden Hollow	5/29/15

Carter, John	Science	JH - Vista Heights	5/29/15
Spellman, Daniel	Science	JH - Willowcreek	5/29/15
Jensen, Kylee	OEK Kindergarten	E - Orchard	5/29/15
Hatton, Nathan	SPED Resource	SH - Mountain View	5/29/15
Cannon, Danielle	SPED School Psychologist	E - Hillcrest	5/29/15
Brown, Madison	English	JH - Oak Canyon	5/29/15
Raymond, Cherie	School Counselor	JH - Frontier	5/29/15
Riggs, Jennae	SPED Resource	E - Eagle Valley	5/29/15
Gray, Alexandra	Social Studies	SH - Lehi	5/29/15
Blain, Luke	Computer Specialist	E - Orchard	5/29/15
Richmond, Kayla	PE/Health	JH - Oak Canyon	5/29/15
Graf, James	SPED - Resource	SH - Westlake	5/29/15
Down, Lindsey	Grade 4	E - Westfield	5/29/15
Clinger, Edith	Grade 4	E - Foothill	5/29/15
Arce, Nataly	CTE - FACS	JH - Timberline	5/29/15
Brocius, Ashley	English	SH - Orem	5/29/15
Judd, Camille	SPED - SLP	E - Geneva	5/29/15

Personnel Actions- Classified

Employment

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Boyd Fenton	Mail Delivery	Purchasing/Warehouse	10/26/15
Maura Smith	Admin Secretary	E – Mountain Trails	10/20/15
Robert Greaves	Bus Specialist	Transportation	10/20/15
Scott Johnson	Architect Ln H Step 1	Physical Facilities	11/9/15

Transfers – Change of Status

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location From/To</u>	<u>Date</u>
Heather Harmon	Interpreter Novice	Special Education	10/1/15

Resignations

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lec Holms	Lead Custodian Jr. High	JH – Vista Heights	10/30/15
Brad Dixon	250 Day Onsite Tech	Technology	10/28/15

3. Alpine Foundation Report

The latest Alpine Foundation report was included for the Board’s review.

4. Student Releases - (OC, EC, AC, BC, ZD, BF, RG, FL, CM, QM, NM, HR, RR, TS, AT, GT, CY, KY)

The Board received background information relative to the release of these students.

5. Student Expulsion – (RL)

The Board received background information relative to the expulsion of this student.

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of the routine business. Wendy Hart made the motion and Brian Halladay seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2015-18 Purchase Property for a High School in Eagle Mountain

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of the resolutions to purchase property for a high school in Eagle Mountain. Paula Hill made the motion and Wendy Hart seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Business Administrator Rob Smith clarified where the property is located. JoDee requested that the information be put on the district's website.

2. Resolution 2015- 21 Purchase Property for an Elementary School in Eagle Mountain

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of the resolution to purchase property for an elementary school in Eagle Mountain. Wendy Hart made the motion and Scott Carlson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Business Administrator Rob Smith clarified where the property is located.

3. Resolution 2015-22 Micron Property

The Board recognized IM Flash, Micron and Stan Lockhart for their efforts and support of STEM education and other programs in Alpine School District. The 43 acres donated to Alpine School District from IM Flash and Micron will provide a place to build both an elementary and middle/junior high school in the future.

Board members thanked Rob Smith, his team and Stan for their diligence in making all of this happen.

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of Resolution 2015-22 for the Micron Property. Debbie Taylor made the motion. JoDee Sundberg seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Student Excursion Requests-American Fork High

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of the Student Excursion Request from American Fork High School. JoDee Sundberg made the motion and Paula Hill seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Student Clubs

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of the Student Clubs. Debbie Taylor made the motion on the recommendation that the clubs meet all of the criteria received from Alpine School District's legal counsel and that all existing clubs will also come into compliance. The motion was seconded by JoDee Sundberg.

The Board discussed the work they have done with the district's legal counsel and the decisions on the clubs that are based on compliance with state law. The clubs were on the agenda for approval in October and have had some changes made before being put back on the agenda in November. All new and existing clubs will need to complete the new application to be in compliance. Every non-curricular club will require parent permission before a student can attend, participate and/or become a member of said club.

Board members clarified that the club applications cannot be shared with the public because they contain personal information about the students. However, the information about the club activities is available at each school. Also, school clubs are not a budgeted item and do not use school funds. Board members recommended that we evaluate the policy regarding clubs and that the applications be changed to allow parents access to everything except student information. Debbie Taylor re-affirmed her original motion that Alpine School District will bring club forms and policy into compliance and that the new and existing clubs will go through the required process to be compliant. She also clarified that parents have to give approval for their student to attend, participate in and/or become a member of a non-curricular club.

Brian Halladay made a substitute motion that the discussion be postponed for a month until the new and existing clubs re-submit corrected applications. Wendy Hart seconded the motion but it failed with a vote of 3 to 4 with Wendy Hart, Brian Halladay and Paula Hill voting in favor and John Burton, JoDee Sundberg, Debbie Taylor and Scott Carlson voting against.

Debbie Taylor returned to the original motion that both existing and new clubs meet the criteria outlined by legal counsel. JoDee seconded the motion. Brian Halladay made a substitute motion for the approval of all of the clubs with the exception of the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs. The motion was not seconded. Board members discussed their views. Brian Halladay made a substitute motion not to accept GSA clubs on the basis they do not have socially appropriate behavior based on the demographics of the school district. The motion was not seconded. Brian Halladay amended the existing motion that additional information be requested regarding the advocacy purposes of the GSA club and that there be clarification regarding how the GSA club's application is to be modified. Debbie Taylor indicated this was her original motion. The Board voted and the original motion passed with a vote of 4 to 2 with John Burton, JoDee Sundberg, Debbie Taylor and Scott Carlson voting

in favor and Brian Halladay and Wendy Hart against. Paula Hill abstained from the vote.

6. Reports

1. Membership Report

Superintendent Jarman has reviewed the membership report and stated that Alpine School District has grown to a total of 75,000 students.

2. Matt Pate – President of the Education Support Professionals Group

Matt Pate express appreciation for the collaborative tone that has been set in Alpine School District. He made note of November 18, the day set by the Governor to recognize the contributions made by the Educational Support Professionals.

INFORMATION ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT

Paula Hill reported on the MATC meeting she attended today with the legislators and city officials. She complimented the presentation MATC President Clay Christensen gave about the accomplishments of the MATC and the technical training provided for the students.

Scott Carlson commented on the boundaries and the choice decision passed a few weeks ago regarding Lehi and Skyridge High Schools. He appreciated the passion of the comments made by parents at this Board meeting. A summary of the decision has been put on the Skyridge website and a program has been set-up to allow both schools to be successful. In his discussions with parents, the heart of the questions surround the particular team their child associates with. It is not possible to create a boundary to create equal participation for all teams for both schools. Special circumstances will come up and allowances have been made for those to be considered. However, in spite of the individual circumstances, he feels the best decision was made for both schools.

JoDee Sundberg reported on the Human Sexuality Committee meeting she attended. The purpose of this committee is to discuss the sex education program in the district. The committee members are doing a great job as they work to take care of the needs of the students while making sure the parents are involved in the whole process. Currently, they are looking at a curriculum the Utah County Health Department brought to the attention of the committee called, "Choosing the Best Journey." The committee is determining if it would be a good fit for our health teachers to use in their eighth and ninth grade classes.

Debbie Taylor reminded the Board, Superintendent Jarman and Rob Smith that they have until December 1 to get their National School Board Association (NSBA) certification requirements completed.

Wendy Hart reported on her concern about the ramification of the Turn Around School Law based on the fact that we do not have a test that has not been validated by independent third parties. She feels there is a possibility for negative implications for schools, students and employees who will be held accountable for their evaluations based on a test that has not been

deemed valid or reliable by a third party. Also, referring to the discussion about the community meetings in the study session, Wendy clarified it is important to remember that people can be supportive of public education, but not be supportive of debt. She cautioned that as these types of discussions take place, that it is important not to confuse non-support of a bond to mean non-support of public education.

John Burton reported on the experience he and Garrick Peterson, Administrator of Educational Services, had while attending High Tech High, a charter school in Chula Vista, California. The trip was sponsored by the UVU MATC K-16 Alliance. John reported High Tech High is doing great things but he would put Alpine School District up against them any time because of the incredible things we are doing in our schools.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Wendy Hart made the motion to move into a closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel, property, litigation and collective bargaining issues. JoDee Sundberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously at approximately 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION – November 10, 2015

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a closed session on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. The closed session took place at the District Office.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Wendy K. Hart, Paula H. Hill, Deborah C. Taylor and Brian E. Halladay.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Patten.

On motion JoDee Sundberg and seconded by Debbie Taylor, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.