

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – JANUARY 24, 2023

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a study session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 4:00 PM. The study session took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office and was available through live stream.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King, Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff.

1. Mid-Year Report from the District Leadership Team

Members of the District Leadership Team reported on the progress being made regarding the goals set in accordance with the strategic plan. The goals covered areas in academic achievement, culture, climate and connection, professional capacity, community engagement, operations, facilities, and resources.

2. School Schedule Adjustments

Dr. Joel Perkins, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, led a discussion about school schedule adjustments. Two committees met, elementary and secondary, to review current school schedules. The elementary committee's recommendation was to keep the current schedule and to work to better protect collaboration and teacher time. The secondary committee's recommendation was to (1) have a later start time for secondary schools, while being cautious in extending dismissal time too much to avoid impacting family schedules and after school activities; (2) maintain autonomy at the school level to maximize instructional time and class schedules to meet student needs within the district's start and end time; (3) align all of the junior high schedules; (4) maintain a designated collaboration time (early out) to better protect this valuable time for teams to better support our blended teams. Dr. Perkins reviewed research that supports a later start to the school schedule allows teens to get 8-10 hours of sleep per day. He shared a draft recommendation from the secondary committee of a possible schedule: high school - 8:15 AM to 2:30 PM, junior high/middle schools – 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM, and a 60 minute early out on Monday or Wednesday. The committee did not have a recommendation for which day, but said they needed more information.

Dr. Perkins reported that the proposed schedule can be done, but would impact transportation because there is still a need for additional bus drivers. The transportation challenges would negatively impact some of the elementary schools start and pick up times. Board members agree that a later start time for secondary schools is best, but cannot support a schedule change because of the negative impact to elementary schedules, especially schools in the west area of the district. The Board was not supportive moving forward with parent surveys about a change to the secondary schedule until we have more information about transportation. Superintendent Farnsworth said we will pause until we can gather additional transportation information.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – JANUARY 24, 2023

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District held a public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to a resolution of the Board that provides for issuance of lease revenue bonds, and to explain the reasons for the issuance of bonds, on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The meeting took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office and was available through live stream.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King, Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff.

Board President Sara Hacken opened the public hearing to (a) explain the reasons for the issuance of lease revenue bonds by the Local Building Authority of Alpine School District to finance a new middle school in Eagle Mountain and to purchase short term or temporary portable classroom units or satellite facilities, and (b) to receive input from the public with respect to the issuance of the bonds and the projects to be financed.

Business Administrator Rob Smith explained that the general obligation bond proposal did not pass in the November election and the district still has capital needs. The issuance of up to \$90 million will pay for a new middle school in Eagle Mountain and portable classrooms so we can house students in the district until there is other funding for capital needs. The terms of the financing is typically set not to exceed 20 years and authorizes the use to complete these types of projects.

There were no public comments.

President Hacken declared the public hearing closed at 6:05 PM.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2023

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:15 PM. The meeting took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office and was available through live stream.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King, Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 66 others in attendance.

Board Member Stacy Bateman conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Kraig Brinkerhoff.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OR REFLECTION

An inspirational thought was given by Amanda Howell.

Viewpoint Middle School Jazz Band performed a musical number.

Former Lehi City Mayor Burt Wilson shared a message.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE RECOGNITION FOR VIEWPOINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Teachers:

- Darren DeGracie
- Crystal Nielson

Support Professionals:

- Susan Brown
- Jared Pegram

Volunteers:

- Amanda Howells
- Jenny Timmerman

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS FOR VIEWPOINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Sofia Jarvis
- Marissa Kauffman
- Isabella Alves
- Rafael Zuleta
- Martina Mateluna
- Tyson Donaldson

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Principal Aaron Barth said its awesome to be the principal of Viewpoint and all 1807 students. He said he has a great admin and leadership team and teachers who go above and beyond. There were 1,046 students on the honor roll the first year and 738 on the high honor roll. He loves the connection between students and teachers at Viewpoint. Teachers stand at the door and greet their students as they walk in their classroom so they know they belong. Principal Barth is grateful for the opportunity he has had to be at Viewpoint from the beginning.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Prior to comments from the public, Superintendent Farnsworth shared the following:

We appreciate parents and students expressing their concerns regarding third grade ALL (Advanced Learning Lab Services) at Highland, Foothill and Saratoga Shores elementary schools. We recognize the impact suspending these services has had on some of our families. We are suspending these services to allow us time to study them in depth and restructure them so they can be provided equitably across the district. In addition, we are building capacity across the district to provide services to our gifted students in their mainstream classes. We thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding. We as a staff and Board of Education remain committed to provide services and supports that meet the varied needs of learners in Alpine School District. Thank you.

Emily Curfew asked the Board to keep the third grade ALL program until there is another third grade program in place. She has been a substitute in the ALL program and students are engaged in learning in the same way.

Jillyn Von Gostomski is a parent of an ALL student and will fight for the program. She said the program is needed now, not later. From her personal experience, she said no amount of training given to mainstream teachers can help them meet the ALL students' needs. The students need to be together and need a teacher who can challenge them and take them on their educational track. She asked the Board to please keep the third grade ALL program in place for these students because they have special needs.

Carly Ferrin thanked the Board for their public service. She is supportive of the ALL program. She has worked in the classroom and seen the students pushed to a higher learning level. She said the program shouldn't be stopped so abruptly, but give time for the parents to go to the state and fight for education.

Jessica Young said she has seen school wasted on her students until they enrolled in ALL. She asked the Board to change this decision and said the email sent to parents as to why it was discontinued was not accurate. She said a mainstream teacher cannot do more things and that the needs of these students need to be met; they are as important as others. She recommended moving 3rd grade ALL to the 4th-6th grade ALL block and begin a K-2 ALL program.

Jeana Swapp is concerned about how we are not serving the gifted population. She said that as educators, it is our job to provide academic services and meet the social & emotional needs of all students. The studies show that the needs of gifted students cannot be met in a mainstream classroom. She said students hit critical crossroads in 3rd grade and a supplemental program will not work for the children in need. She asked the Board to not take the 3rd grade classrooms away for gifted services.

Online comments were received and read by the Board of Education.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Student Trip Requests

The student trip requests were included for the Board's review.

2. LEA Specific Licenses

The LEA Specific License applications were included for the Board's review.

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the approval of the routine business. Sara Hacken made the motion to accept the routine business, Mark Clement seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2023-002 - Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds by the Local Building Authority of the District

Julie King made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-002 - Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds by the Local Building Authority of the District, and Ada Wilson seconded it. Julie King commented that the projects planned for the bond were not wants but needs. Cedar Valley High School will be approaching 4000 students and Frontier Middle School 3000 students, and a new middle school in Eagle Mountain is a critical need that needs to be met. Rob Smith explained that if we don't move quickly, we will miss the window to have a school ready to open in August 2025. **The Board voted on the motion to approve Resolution 2023-002 and it passed unanimously.**

ADJOURN TO THE LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY

On motion by Julie King and seconded by Joylin Lincoln, the meeting adjourned to the Local Building Authority at 7:11 PM.

RECONVENE THE ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

The Alpine School District Board of Education reconvened the board meeting at 7:15 PM.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**2. Resolution 2023-003 – Authorizing a Public Utility Easement on the Property of Orem Elementary**

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of Resolution 2023-003 - Authorizing a Public Utility Easement on the Property of Orem Elementary. Ada Wilson shared that the easement is for a traffic light and thanked Orem City for their attention to this matter. **Ada Wilson made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-003, Sara Hacken seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution 2023-004 – Authorizing Approval of a Cell Tower Agreement Between ASD & AT&T

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of Resolution 2023-004 - Authorizing Approval of a Cell Tower Agreement Between ASD & AT&T. **Mark Clement made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-004, Sara Hacken seconded it.** Mark Clement said that the cell tower will be located at Pleasant Grove High School behind the seminary building and will provide additional revenue for the high school. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Resolution 2023-005 – Authorizing Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between ASD and Lehi City Redevelopment Agency

Superintendent recommended approval of Resolution 2023-005 – Authorizing Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between ASD and Lehi City Redevelopment Agency. Julie King made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-005 – Authorizing Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between ASD and Lehi City Redevelopment Agency and with the approval contingent on all involved taxing entities approving resolutions with similar terms. **Sara Hacken seconded the motion.** Rob Smith introduced Stan Lockhart and individuals from Texas Instruments. Rob and Julie King represented the Board at the taxing entity committee and there was a unanimous vote to approve the project. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**1. Boundary for the New Elementary School in Eagle Mountain**

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of the staff's recommendation for the boundary of the new Eagle Mountain elementary school. David Stephenson reported that the elementary in Eagle Mountain is set to open in the fall of 2023. Two boundary options were determined after receiving the enrollment data from the John Hancock Charter School being built in Eagle Mountain. David said the staff's recommendation is option A and to not move the Eagle Park neighborhood to Eagle Valley Elementary. Board Member Julie King thanked everyone for their work and for the parents who shared their input. Although we know that the current enrollment numbers for the schools will not stay the same, to be able to take all five schools to the 800 range will put everyone on a level playing field. David reiterated that we have met the 120 day notice for parents, and held a public hearing and community meetings about the boundaries. **Julie King made the motion to approve option A as the boundary for the new elementary school in Eagle Mountain. Sarah Beeson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

David Stephenson gave an update on the district wide boundary study that was approved by the Board in December, beginning the 120 day notice. The Board approved the staff to move forward with a study of

boundaries, programs, consolidations and closures. Two meetings have been held under the direction of Kimberly Bird and the operations team. Potential boundary adjustments for 2023-24 could be between Greenwood Elementary (927 students), Forbes Elementary (417 students), and Barratt Elementary (496 students). Another boundary being studied is Belmont Elementary (1038 students) and Traverse Mountain Elementary (673 students). David said that current information on the boundary study is posted on the district's website.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Mark Clement reported on the legislative work. Board members have been taking time to meet with legislators and help them understand education. It is important to be involved and have our voices heard.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Sara Hacken and seconded by Sarah Beeson, the meeting adjourned into closed session at 7:38 PM to discuss personnel, property, litigation and collective bargaining, with Stacy Bateman, Sarah Beeson, Mark Clement, Sara Hacken, Julie King, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada Wilson voting in favor.

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 24, 2023

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a closed session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:48 PM. The meeting was held in a conference room at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King, Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, and Business Administrator Robert W. Smith.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss personnel, property, litigation, and collective bargaining.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Sarah Beeson and seconded by Mark Clement, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.