

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 18, 2023

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District held a public hearing on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The meeting took place in the board 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, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson. Dr. Mark J. Clement joined remotely.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff. There were 140 other individuals in attendance.

Board President Sara M. Hacken declared the public hearing open.

The Board listened to comments from the public regarding the proposed school boundary changes, consolidations or closures.

Candice Gustavson, Lehi, supports option B for the Belmont/Traverse Mountain Elementary school boundary.

Lindsay Muir, Lindon, supports keeping the Portuguese DLI at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Janelle Hale, Orem, spoke against closing schools.

Crystal Muhlestein, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Jordan Muhlestein, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Jill Turner, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Lori Searle, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Sam Scholes, Lehi, spoke against the closing of schools and boundary changes

Carl Clark, Lindon, spoke against the closing of schools and boundary changes

Cynthia Roberts, Orem, supports option D for Sharon Elementary.

Christina Parker, Lindon, supports keeping Portuguese DLI at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Clarissa, Lindon, is a DLI student at Rocky Mountain and supports the Portuguese program remaining at the school.

Aurora, Lindon, supports the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain.

Brittany Lentz, Orem, supports some of the Lindon Elementary students moving to Aspen Elementary.

Priscila Prestes, Lindon, supports the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain.

Heather Fry, Orem, spoke against the closing of schools.

Carson Tietjen, Pleasant Grove, spoke against the timing of the consolidation and closure of Valley View.

BriAnn Christensen, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Kristen Mecham, Lindon, spoke in favor of the Portuguese DLI program staying at Rocky Mountain.

Trisha Kaouk, Fieldstone/Creek Side Neighborhood, spoke against moving their community to Lindon Elementary.

Sio Gali, Lindon, supports the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Rochelle Raney, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Sarah Lewis, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Hazel Hooley, Lindon, spoke against the closing of Lindon Elementary.

Joe Johnson, Lehi, spoke against the study, data, and the closure of Lehi Elementary.

Dareth Goulding, Lindon, supports the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Justin Thomas, Lindon, supports the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Antonia Souza, Lindon, supports the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Amanda McAllister, Lehi, spoke in favor of Lehi Elementary remaining open.

Isabel Gomes, Lindon, spoke in favor of the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Robyn Blackburn, American Fork, spoke about the proposed boundary changes for Barratt, Forbes, and Greenwood elementary schools and the possible change in Title I status for Forbes and Greenwood.

Jessica Ehat, Lindon, supports the Portuguese DLI program remaining at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Carolyn Lundberg (Mayor of Lindon), Julie Fullmer (Mayor of Vineyard), and Marti Sifuentes spoke against the short time given to study the closure of five schools.

Alicia Alba, Lindon, spoke against the closing of schools.

Jenny Allred, Lehi, spoke against the closing of Lehi Elementary.

Susan Fisher, Lindon, spoke against the closing of Lindon Elementary.

Dani Rowan, Pleasant Grove, spoke against the closing of Windsor Elementary and in support of the DLI program staying at the school.

Emily Mitchell, Orem, spoke in support of keeping the Portuguese DLI program at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Daniel Winn, Lehi, spoke against the proposed boundary changes for the Jordan Willows neighborhood and the closure of old schools.

Charissa Little, Region 9 PTA President, thanked the parents for advocating for their students and the school board for their work.

Benjamin Wheeler, Orem, spoke against the closing of schools.

Malina Chapman, Cedar Hills, spoke in support of the DLI program.

Josh Holman, Lehi, spoke in support of keeping the Portuguese DLI program at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Katie Bolick, Lehi, spoke against the closing of Lehi Elementary and moving the small group autism class.

Blake Lee, Lehi, spoke about the Belmont/Traverse Mountain boundary, requesting to stay in the Belmont Elementary boundary.

Chad Hunsaker, Pleasant Grove, spoke against the closure of Valley View Elementary for the 2023-24 school year.

Cara Hansen, American Fork, spoke against the timing of and the proposed boundary change between Belmont and Traverse Mountain elementary schools.

Jamie Larkin, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Robert Lee, Orem, spoke against closing Windsor Elementary.

Ashley McKinnon, Lehi, spoke against the closing of Lehi Elementary.

Lia McKnight, Lindon, spoke in support of the Portuguese DLI program staying at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Chase Quinn, Lehi, spoke in favor of keeping the DLI programs in the district.

Lyndon Britner, Orem, spoke about addressing the challenges of the district.

Cindy Davis, American Fork, spoke about the pros and cons of splitting the district.

Board President Hacken declared the public hearing closed at 8:57 PM.

Julie King made the motion to pause for a ten minute recess, Joylin Lincoln seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.