

MINUTES OF BOARD TRAINING – February 2, 2016

Alpine School District Board of Education met in Board training on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. in the faculty room at Foothill Elementary.

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

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith and members of the administrative staff.

The following took place at the Board training:

1. Foothill Elementary Presentations

PTA President Katie Sundberg gave a presentation on the art program at Foothill. The program is PTA funded and parent taught under the direction of the teachers. The students work on projects all year long and then display them at the end of the year Art Gala.

Dr. Joe Backman, Principal of Foothill Elementary, presented on the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) program currently being implemented at the school. The focus of STEAM is critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity (the four Cs). Dr. Backman arranged for the Board members to visit a fifth grade classroom to observe them engaged in the learning process. Board members discussed the implementation of the STEAM program across the district.

2. District Goals

Board members discussed a list of items that are going well in the district and items they felt need improvement. The discussion will continue in the February 23 study session.

3. Board Goals

Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Patten reviewed and discussed the self-evaluation survey completed by the Board members. The discussion will continue in the February 23 study session.

The Board training adjourned at 4:26 p.m.