

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – November 14, 2017

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a study session on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 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, Mark J. Clement, Sara M. Hacken, Wendy K. Hart and Paula H. Hill.

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

The following took place during the study session:

Steve Reese, Director of Accounting, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. He reviewed some of the financial information contained in the document. Mr. Reese and Assistant Superintendent Rob Smith responded to questions from board members about the CAFR.

Jason Sundberg, Assistant Director of Accounting, presented the 2017 Enrollment History and Projection Reports for Alpine School District. He reviewed data that will affect the enrollment numbers in all areas of the district.

Assistant Superintendent Rob Smith thanked Jason and Steve for their work.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – November 14, 2017

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 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, Mark J. Clement, Sara M. Hacken, Wendy K. Hart and Paula H. Hill.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 125 others in attendance.

Board President John Burton conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cabinet member Elizabeth Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVERENCE

Dale Olenik offered the reverence.

RECOGNITIONS

The Pleasant Grove Girls Cross Country Team was recognized for winning the 6A State Championship.

The American Fork Marching Band was recognized for winning the 5A State Championship. They also took first place in the Bands of America Regional Championship, where they won Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect.

American Fork Director of Bands Nate Seamons, Assistant Director of Brass Richard Bateman, Assistant Director of Woodwinds Lance Major, Assistant Director of Percussion Dayna Slabaugh, Color Guard Director Jessica Slabaugh, and Principal Dan Weishar were also recognized.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Julie King works with the Horizon School's School Community Council and was made aware that the slider doors need to be repaired almost every year. The cost to fix them is coming out of the school's budget and they do not have the resources to do so. Julie asked the board to pay for the door repairs out of district funds. She requested that the same budget adjustment be made for Dan Peterson School. Julie also announced that the Alpine School District Foundation has created two scholarships in the name of Dylan Thornton, the teacher at Vista Heights who passed away earlier this year.

MINUTES

John Burton recommended the approval of the October board meeting minutes. Sara Hacken made the motion to approve the minutes, Mark Clement seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

Check numbers 00090675 through and including 00095846 totaling \$13,311,605.35 were presented for the board's acceptance. **Superintendent Jarman recommended the board's acceptance of the claims for October. Mark Clement made the motion to accept the claims as presented, Sara Hacken seconded it and the motion 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

Certified Employees – New Hires

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bell, Kimberly	SPED – ECE	E - Segoe Lily	8/17/17
Jones, Merissa	SPED – (M/M) Resource	JH - Lakeridge	9/21/17
Mangum, Andrea	Grade 1	E - Suncrest	10/9/17

Mullen, Carolyn	Kindergarten	E - Suncrest	10/16/17
Whiting, Aubrey	SPED - SMH	E - Dan Peterson	8/17/17
Dong, Weixi	Grade 3 - CI	E - Black Ridge	8/17/17

Certified Employees – Re-hires

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Talbot, Rylie	CTE - Tech/Health	JH - Vista Heights	8/17/17
Atkinson, Jodi	PE Specialist	E - Sego Lily	8/17/17
Hyatt, Shari	French	SH - Westlake	8/17/17
Payne, Denise	Social Studies	JH - Vista Heights	8/17/17
Paskett, Matthew	Anatomy/Sports Medicine	SH - Lone Peak	8/17/17
Allan, Darcy	School Counselor	SH - Lone Peak	8/17/17
Allred, Mybree	SPED – Speech LP	E - Cherry Hill	8/17/17

Certified Employees –Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL)

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Fields, Gary	Integrated Science	JH – Canyon View	10/9/17

Certified Employees –Resignations

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Scoville, Caleb	Spanish	SH – Timpanogos	10/17/17
Bauman, Stephanie	Grade 3	E – Suncrest	10/13/17
Yu, Jing Ying	Science	JH - Vista Heights	12/20/17
Osther, Simon	Special Education	A TEC	10/18/17

3. Personnel Actions- Classified

Classified - New Employment

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jacobson, Jesse	Lead Custodian	JH – Lehi	10/24/17
Froelich, Jason	Onsite Computer Tech.	Technology	11/6/17
Thomas, Ronald	Software Engineer	Data Services	11/6/17
Schiess, Dennis	Bus Driver	Transportation	11/6/17
Grundmann, Daniel	Bus Driver	Transportation	11/6/17
Koop, Dennis	Bus Driver	Transportation	11/6/17

Classified - Transfers

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Grygla, Bryson	Network Engineer	Technology	9/28/17
Pehrson, M. Chad	Lead Custodian	JH – Lehi	10/24/17

Classified - Resignations

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Hansen, Drew	Bus Driver	Transportation	9/28/17
Penrod, Julie	N.S. Acct. Tech.	JH – Canyon View	10/31/17
Makin, Dell Scott	Head Custodian	E – Snow Springs	12/14/17
Jacob, Zacharias	Custodian	SH – Orem	11/10/17
Fleming, Howard III	Onsite Computer Tech.	Technology	11/10/17

3. Alpine Foundation Report

The latest Alpine Foundation report was included for the board's review.

4. Student Releases - (BH, AH, LH, AM, AM, DM, VO, SS, MS, CF, TK, GS)

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

JoDee Sundberg made the motion to approve the routine business and Paula Hill seconded it. Board members asked clarifying questions. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. Schools Closed to Out of Area Requests for 2018-19

Superintendent Jarman recommended that the following schools be closed to out of area requests for the 2018-19 school year: Lone Peak High, Skyridge High, Westlake High, Lakeridge Junior High, Vista Heights Middle Schools. On motion by Wendy Hart and seconded by Scott Carlson, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Student Trip Requests

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of the student trip requests for, Lehi, Lone Peak, Mountain View, Orem, Pleasant Grove, Westlake High Schools. Scott Carlson made the motion to approve the trip requests and JoDee Sundberg seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2017-023 – Boundary line agreement between Scera Park Elementary and adjacent property owners

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of Resolution 2017-023 for a boundary line agreement between Scera Park Elementary and adjacent property owners. Rob Smith clarified that this is a fence line adjustment. Sara Hacken made the motion and Scott Carlson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution 2017-024 – Buses Declared Excess for Disposition

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of Resolution 2017-024 for buses to be declared excess for disposition. Rob Smith explained that we received a grant to purchase 20 new buses. The agreement states that we will dispose 20 buses from the old fleet. **On motion by Mark Clement and seconded by Wendy Hart, the motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

1. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

The 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) was presented for the board's consideration.

Assistant Superintendent Rob Smith recognized the efforts of the business service's team and shared that Alpine School District's CAFR received the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence for the 34th year in a row.

Paul Winward, the external auditor from Squire and Company, reported that a "clean opinion" has been issued for ASD's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2017. The auditor's report states, "Without reservation, that 'in our opinion' the financial statements are presented fair and accurate." Mr. Winward reported that an unmodified opinion was issued for the single audit that reviews the federal funds received, indicating that the ASD complied with all the requirements. He reported that the school board is receiving accurate, timely information on the finances of the district.

Superintendent Jarman recommended the approval of the CAFR for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Mark Clement made the motion to approve the CAFR and Scott Carlson seconded it. Board members thanked Rob Smith and Steve Reese for their work. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-19 School Calendar

The board discussed whether or not the last day of school (December 19th) before Christmas break should be a half day for the 2018-19 school year. It is a half day on the 2017-18 calendar due to a shorter Christmas break, but it is not necessarily a permanent decision for future calendars.

Scott Carlson made the motion for the 19th of December on the 2018-19 school calendar to be a full AB day. Wendy Hart seconded the motion and it passed with Scott Carlson, Wendy Hart, Paula Hill and JoDee Sundberg voting in favor and John Burton, Mark Clement and Sara Hacken voting against.

2. Grade Configuration of the New High School in Eagle Mountain

Board members discussed the projection numbers for new high school in Eagle Mountain. There could be a lower enrollment in the senior class when it opens because it is estimated that half of the students will stay at Westlake. Dr. John Patten, Assistant Superintendent, said it is the recommendation of the boundary committee to open the Eagle Mountain High School with ninth grade students, but to create an exit plan for when there is capacity at the junior high to have them return.

Mark Clement made the motion to have the Eagle Mountain High School open with ninth grade students. Scott Carlson seconded it and the motion passed unanimously

3. 2016 Bond – Phase Four Project Proposal

Board members discussed the growth in the Vineyard area, and the need for an additional elementary school. In 2021, Vineyard Elementary is projected to be the largest elementary school in the district. There was an undesignated elementary school approved in phase four of the 2016 bond. Dr. Patten explained that if the undesignated elementary school were approved for Vineyard, it is projected that it would open fall of 2021.

JoDee Sundberg made the motion to build a second elementary school in Vineyard during phase four of the bond. Mark Clement seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT

1. Membership Report

Superintendent Jarman reviewed the membership report for October.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Consolidation of Hillcrest and Scera Park Elementary Schools

Dr. John Patten reviewed the process and concerns that has brought us to the point of holding a public hearing about the consolidation of Hillcrest and Scera Park Elementary Schools.

- How do we give equitable education opportunities given aging facilities and declining enrollments?
- Fiscal responsibility. The impact of declining enrollment is not generating FTEs for programs and teachers.
- As we looked at the needs of two neighboring schools, what would be the effect of combining two schools that are 1.8 miles apart.

In the board and cabinet work study session on November 17th, the board reached a consensus to move forward, which resulted in holding a public hearing.

President John Burton declared the public hearing on the consolidation of Hillcrest and Scera Park Elementary Schools “open”:

Jason Allen has two students at Scera Park and one at Hillcrest. Mr. Allen spoke in support of the consolidation, because it is fiscally responsible and updates for 21st century learning is needed in both schools.

Cissy Rasmussen read a letter from a group of parents from Hillcrest who are in favor of the consolidation. They agree it is fiscally responsible and that the consolidation could make both schools stronger. The parents asked the board to make a decision and not postpone the decision until December.

Dale Olenik is a parent from Hillcrest and he supports the consolidation because he wants his children to go to a safe school with the best learning environment.

Michelle Woodbury is a parent from Hillcrest and spoke in support of the consolidation. She said the parents at Hillcrest are dedicated and will take this same dedication through the consolidation process and make it a good opportunity for students.

Simon Crossetto is a parent of a student who attends Hillcrest Elementary. He feels that Hillcrest does not have the resources to provide the best education for students, and consolidation is the best option.

Kyle Woodbury serves on the school community council at Hillcrest Elementary. He reported that he has seen the challenges of meeting the education needs with the loss of Title I funding. He spoke in support of the consolidation in an effort to build excellence and meet the needs of students.

Julie King spoke in support of the consolidation of Hillcrest and Scera Park, based on the enrollment numbers that have been shared. She appreciates the board’s efforts to make difficult decisions.

Molly Allen is the parent of students who attend Hillcrest and Scera Park. She is in favor of the proposed consolidation and sees it as an opportunity to meet the education needs of the students. She asked the board to consider the needs of the life skills students who cannot speak for themselves, and to allow for input on how the proposed new school could meet the physical needs of these students better.

Rebecca Clarke represented a group who is opposed to the closing of Hillcrest Elementary. The letter was signed by over 300 people. Combined with those who have already signed petitions to keep Hillcrest open, it is equal to over 1,000 signatures. She cited studies that show how small schools are better at meeting the needs of disadvantaged and struggling students. Mrs. Clarke feels that consolidation will mean larger class sizes, and that the district's data does not include the population of apartments being built within the Hillcrest boundaries. She proposed that boundary changes for Hillcrest could alleviate the declining enrollment. Mrs. Clarke and those she represented support the rebuilding of Scera Park without closing and tearing down Hillcrest.

Becky Buckley is a computer teacher at Scera Park, and reported that there are dead spots in the school that don't allow for technology to be used in the classrooms. Hillcrest and Scera Park have strong communities that, if consolidated, would create a strong school. In the long term, would build strong community at Lakeridge and Orem High School.

Haley Hamblin is a sixth-grade teacher at Scera Park, and a member of a team of two. She shared that larger Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) would benefit students and teachers. She asked for a decision to be made soon, so if the schools are consolidated, they would have adequate time to build teams with Hillcrest teachers.

Rhonda Corvette is a former teacher at Hillcrest, and has seven children who attended Orem schools. She is not opposed to the consolidation, but hopes the board recognizes the value of Hillcrest and its location to the community.

Rachelle Anderson has six children who have attended Hillcrest. She has dedicated a lot to the school, but has always been concerned that it is located next to University Parkway. She feels it is fiscally responsible to consolidate the two schools, but would ask the board to consider the incredible financial and emotional investment the community has put into Hillcrest. Mrs. Anderson asked that the Hillcrest culture be introduced to Scera park and asked for equity in the planning with an equal tax base across the district.

Grace Rex has been involved for 16 years at Scera Park, serving on the PTA and SCC. She is supportive of the consolidation and thanked the board for the time they have spent gathering all of the information to make the best decision for students.

Allen Rex is a Certified Public Accountant and works as a professional auditor. He congratulated the financial department for the recognitions they received. He told the board the rebuild of Scera Park is long overdue, and it should not be related to the future of Hillcrest Elementary or the property. Mr. Rex counseled the board to use resources appropriately.

Ben Christensen has two children at Scera Park and is supportive of the consolidation of the two schools.

Sunday Meservy commented that she is still seeking the answer to the questions as to why consolidation is best for students. She shared two observations made as her family has moved and been in different environments: (1) Small neighborhood schools are best for students for students and (2) the best decisions are made when everyone works together to come up with a plan. Mrs. Meservy said there are many questions that still need to be answered.

Tom Meservy told the board that this process has been disappointing. There has only been a single proposal with no other options available, and no details about what the additional resources would be. He said that a 21st century education does not come because of a building. This is not about fairness for students, but about saving money in Orem for students in the north part of the district.

Laura Harris is a Hillcrest SCC member and PTA President. She loves Hillcrest and is supportive of the proposed consolidation.

Melanie Christensen shared a letter from a crossing guard at Hillcrest Elementary opposing the closing of the school. She asked that the board take into consideration the demographics of the neighborhoods, and that a community center and green space will be lost. She stated that busing will be difficult and will affect the lower income students who come to Hillcrest each morning for breakfast.

Rebekah Westfall is supportive of the consolidation, and asked for those who are opposed to consider the safety and facility concerns at Hillcrest. These are issues that do not need to be contended with when we have been offered the opportunity for a new school.

Chelsey Olenik is a Hillcrest parent who supports the consolidation and sees it as a necessary change. She does not want to send students to an unsafe school. A 21st century school means more opportunity for students, with the possibility of technology that is integrated into the building and not retrofitted. Ms. Olenik encouraged the board to look to teachers as the building is being designed. She hopes there can be a sensory room for students with autism.

Tallie Palmer thanked the board for the work they do for children. She stated that she is disappointed with ASD that Scera Park has not been rebuilt yet. She is disappointed that the conversation has created a wedge between the two schools, allowing for rumors to circulate.

Leah Jespersion is a new parent at Hillcrest, and spoke in support of the consolidation because she wants her daughter to have more opportunity. She struggled with wanting to place her children at Hillcrest because there are better opportunities elsewhere.

Cassie Haldeman spoke in favor of the consolidation. She has taught in district for eight years in a school with over 1,000 students. She feels this allowed for more opportunity because of the larger teams. She sees the benefit of a larger student body and wants it for her students.

Melanie Jensen has three children at Hillcrest and supports the consolidation. She feels it would provide more opportunity for students.

Mindy Gleason has two students at Scera Park. At first she just wanted the school rebuilt without consolidating. She commented that she has researched the input and talked to those in favor and

opposed, and is now supportive of the consolidation. She has gained friends from Hillcrest through the process and sees it as an opportunity to create a successful school

Ramie Best is a parent from Scera Park and is concerned about the consolidation. She doesn't feel that the Scera Park parents are being fairly represented when it has been said that 100% of them are supportive, because they are not. She told the board that if a new survey were sent out, asking if Scera Park parents want a building for 450 students or 800, they would get different feedback.

Board President John Burton declared the public hearing closed.

Superintendent Jarman commented that he appreciated those on both sides of the issue and their desire to do what they feel is best for students. He thanked the efforts of ASD staff to address questions from the public and board members.

BOARD MEMBERS' AND SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

Sara Hacken reported on the Curriculum Committee meeting she attended. They watched a presentation about the Mastery Connect program.

Wendy Hart brought awareness to three legislative bills on the national level that would allow the federal government to create a national data base. Currently, the law does not allow this.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

On motion by JoDee Sundberg, and seconded by Scott Carlson, the board voted to move into closed session at 9:15 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION – November 14, 2017

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a closed session on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 9:32 P.M.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Mark J. Clement, Sara M. Hacken, Wendy K. Hart and Paula H. Hill.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Wendy Hart, and seconded by Scott Carlson, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 P.M.