

Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51

Agenda

August 6, 2026

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VISION STATEMENT

Engage, equip, and empower each and every student, each and every day.

DISTRICT MISSION

D51 engages our community, families and staff to deliver individualized, collaborative and challenging educational experiences to prepare each and every student for their brightest future.

BOARD PURPOSE

Provide clear, effective, and strategic governance that is student and community-centered so that each and every student will be engaged, equipped, and empowered each and every day.

ESSENTIAL BOARD ROLES

- **Guide** the District through the superintendent
- **Communicate** and uphold the strategic vision of the district
- **Hold** the district accountable for making progress toward strategic outcomes
- **Ensure** alignment of resources and structures
- **Represent** the interests of the community while prioritizing student success across the district

BOARD'S CORE, DRIVING VALUES

- Proactive and prepared
- Respectful and professional
- Focused on student success
- Accountability with integrity
- Cohesive and committed

BOARD MEMBERS

District A – Mr. José Luis Chávez,
President

District B – Mrs. Barb Evanson

District C – Mrs. Andrea Haitz, Secretary

District D – Mrs. Kaci Cole

District E – Mrs. Vicki Woods,
Vice President

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brian Hill

Board of Education Retreat Noticing

8:30 AM

1. *Colorado's Open Meetings Law requires full and timely notice to the public when a quorum of the board is gathering and "public business is discussed or at which any formal action may be taken." C.R.S. 24-6-402.*

One or more members of the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education will be attending the Colorado Education Initiative Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education Retreat on August 6, 2026. The purpose of this event is for board members to engage in professional learning--it is not to conduct public business of the local district or engage in formal action. While notice is not required pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402, the Board believes in transparency and therefore is providing this information regarding the event.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS; MEETING RULES

Adopted: September 14, 2021

Revised: November 19, 2024

The Board desires to hear the views of citizens of the District and welcomes public comments at business meetings. Public comments at work sessions or special meetings will not be allowed unless otherwise delineated on the meeting agenda. To ensure the safety, security, and orderly conduct at Board meetings all participants must adhere to these rules and any additional instructions provided by security personnel or meeting facilitators.

Eligibility and priority to address the Board: To ensure the students are prioritized and heard, the Board will allow students to speak first during the public comment portion of the meetings. Students wishing to address the Board must sign up and will be called in the order of registration before other community members.

Process/Procedure:

1. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up and will be called in the order of registration.
2. Comments will be limited to agenda item(s).
3. The public comment portion will be limited to 60 minutes unless the Board votes to extend the time. If additional time is approved, it will be at the discretion of the Board and based on the circumstances of the meeting.
4. Each speaker will be allotted up to three minutes to address the Board during public comment. If there are a large number of individuals signed up to speak, the Board reserves the right to reduce the time per speaker to ensure that as many voices are heard within the allotted comment period. If time constraints prevent all individuals from speaking during the public comment period, the Board encourages those unable to address the Board in person to submit their input via emails, written letters, or other formats. All submitted comments will be reviewed by the Board.
5. Speakers should not repeat the same message shared by others. If a speaker's point has already been addressed, comment briefly in support of previous comments and provide any other unique insights.

Prohibited Items: For security purposes, attendees may not bring bags into the meeting room. This includes, but is not limited to: backpacks, purses larger than a clutch, and tote bags. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items or diaper bags, which are subject to inspection. Employees who are required to attend and work during the meeting are exempt from the bag policy but may be subject to standard security procedures.

Orderly Conduct:

1. All speakers and attendees are expected to maintain respectful and proper decorum during Board meetings.
2. Comments shall be directed to the Board as a whole and not an individual member, staff, or other attendees.
3. Personal attacks, threats, shouting, cheering, snapping, and other distractions or disruptive behavior, will not be tolerated.
4. Clapping after a comment may be allowed unless it is disrespectful or disrupts the flow of the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to keep expressions of support by clapping brief. If attendees disregard this expectation, the Board may temporarily pause the meeting to restore order or remove individuals causing the disruptions.
5. All comments must be age-appropriate, to include kindergarten through twelfth grade, and suitable for a school setting. Speakers are expected to use language and share content that is respectful and appropriate for all ages.
6. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, or otherwise inappropriate material will not be permitted.
7. Attendees may not bring signs, banners, props, or other similar items/materials into the meeting. Any individual wishing to display any of the items referenced, or demonstrate, should do so in appropriate spaces outside of the meeting room, in compliance with District policies.
8. Media representatives wishing to record the Board meeting will be assigned a designated location to ensure their activities do not disrupt the proceedings or obstruct the view of attendees. All recording equipment must remain within the assigned area for the duration of the meeting.

Enforcement of Meeting Rules: Individuals who fail to follow the established rules for public comments or meeting decorum will receive a warning. If the disruptive behavior continues after the warning, the individual may be removed from the meeting. Repeated violations may result in a ban from attending future meetings as determined by the Board.