

Dolores County School District RE-2(J) Board of Education Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the District Board Room

1. **Business Meeting - Call to Order**

2. Roll Call of the Board of Education

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Agenda Review/Approval of Agenda

5. **Approval of Minutes - ACTION**

Regular board meeting minutes for October 15, 2025.

Special board meeting minutes for November 5, 2025

6. **Public Participation**

The Board Chair will call for Public participation.

7. **Reports and Communication**

7.1. Board and Committee Reports

7.1.1. BOCES Update (FIN2)

7.2. Administration Reports

7.2.1. Superintendent's Report

MTSS grant for \$10k for 25-26

- Sent teacher to Idaho Falls for an RTI Conference
  - Teacher really enjoyed the conference, and are excited to implement some of their learning into the school.
  - Becky Short, Shellie Russell, and Jenna Tuseth attended the conference.
  - Aligns with one of the HS/MS school goals of creating an RTI program for student support.
- May use some funds for a second conference for PLC for singletons as that is an area we have always struggled with since PLC was created for large grade level and subject area teams.
- Completed budget by 12/15/25
  - **Overnight Athletic Events - Coaches** and Athletes
- For athletics, we provide meal money for coaches on overnight trips during the regular season. We give them \$8.00 for breakfast, \$12.00 for lunch and \$15.00 for dinner. The only time we provide meal money for the athletes is when they go to postseason games. (regionals, state) The athletes get \$4.00 for breakfast, \$5.00 for lunch, and \$6.00 for dinner. In the last few years we have added \$10.00 per day out of the banner money to help with the cost of food. I have done this amount since I have been in the office and if I remember right this is about the amount that the schools would reimburse us when we travel elsewhere for districts and regionals.

7.2.1.1. Bulldog Way update (STF3)

This month the focus is on "Positivity" in both buildings. The Dean's are working on "Rounding" with our coach. We have student data for student perception inside the school. We will be administering a teacher perception survey in December. Data from the surveys will provide information for our spring work.

We are cross-referencing the leadership work we are doing with the COMTSS as they have similar focuses. We are getting a \$10,000 grant for MTSS again this year.

Projects in Progress:

- Operations manual
- Asset inventory
- Communication plan/team
  - Consistent communication, places for communications, branding guide, common newsletters out weekly
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7.2.1.2. AG Shop BEST Grant update (FAC1)

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- BEST Approval - Early December before the BEST contracts are sent out
- Neenan and Artaic
  - Kickoff meeting with Artaic 11/13
  - Design Session 11/18 and 12/3
- Working on ALTA survey, Geo-technical report, and Asbestos Update
  - 7.2.1.3. Social Studies Review

**Social Studies Curriculum Review Update**

At this time, our middle and high school students are using the McGraw Hill Social Studies curriculum, which is now due for renewal. While it has served us well for several years, we are approaching this renewal cautiously given current trends in social studies education and the broader political climate. Our goal is to ensure that the content we teach remains factually accurate, balanced, and aligned with the values of our community, while continuing to meet academic standards.

Curriculum Review in Progress:

Ms. Dealila requested updated samples from McGraw Hill to review recent revisions, and she has reported that some content appears to have changed. In response, Ms. Russell has requested sample materials from TCI, which she believes may better align with the values and expectations of our community.

To ensure a fair and thorough evaluation, a review committee consisting of Jason Fury, Dealila, and Ms. Russell will examine both programs. Their goal is to determine whether it is appropriate to move forward with an updated adoption or to maintain our current curriculum until we find a program that fully aligns with our district's goals and community expectations.

Once the review committee identifies curriculum options that appear to fit the needs of Dove Creek Schools, we will invite parents and board members to review the materials and provide feedback before any purchase decisions are made. This step will ensure transparency and community involvement in the selection process.

Elementary Curriculum Considerations:

At the elementary level, we are currently using the HMH Social Studies curriculum, which will expire at the end of this school year. Much of our focus this year has been on selecting a new science curriculum, and it came as a surprise that our elementary social studies materials are also nearing expiration.

To assess immediate needs, I have asked elementary teachers whether they are using the online platform or primarily the print readers, and if we have enough physical copies to extend the use of our current materials for one more year. Implementing two new curricula in a single year would present challenges, both instructionally and logistically, but has been done in the past.

If it becomes necessary to adopt a new elementary social studies curriculum, we will follow the same review process and apply the same considerations as at the secondary level—ensuring that any new adoption represents complete, accurate, and balanced instruction in history and civics while reflecting the values of our community.

Next Steps:

- Continue reviewing McGraw Hill and TCI materials at the secondary level.
- Assess HMH materials at the elementary level to determine if an extension is feasible for one additional year.
- Invite parents and board members to review and provide feedback on curriculum samples before adoption.

Our schools remain committed to providing high-quality, balanced instruction that supports critical thinking and a full understanding of history.

7.2.1.4. Capital Improvements

With the completion of the elementary school and the beginning of the AG Shop and HS/MS improvements project, the capital improvements in the district have been covered. After completion of the AG shop, the capital improvements will be a new track at the sports complex, improvements at the bus barn, and maintenance shed/shop improvements.

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7.2.1.5. Technology, Facilities, and Maintenance review  
Technology Review Attached Below  
Capital Reserve Plan Attached Below

Bus barn - heaters, Roll up doors, Entrance Gate  
Elementary School Update - Everything has been smooth with the new building and there has not been any maintenance issues.  
HS/MS - Additional to BEST grant

- Gym floor will be recoated
- New furniture - Student Desks and Chairs
- Secondary Water to main building
- Combining water taps: AG, Rock, and Weight Room  
Memorial Hall - Heating/Cooling  
AG shop plan for 2025-26

7.2.1.6. Potential board retreat

Board retreat is on the calendar. With so many conflicts with everyone's kids and the holiday season coming, it seems like it will be difficult to find a good time to have a retreat.

8. **Discussion Items - INFORMATION**

8.1. Election results

Election Results - Certified by Nov 26, 2025  
Oath of Office by Dec 5, 2025  
Reorganization of Board by Dec. 11, 2025

8.2. Discussion on the Strategic Plan

8.3. Policy for Review

8.3.1. JJJA - Student Drug Testing Policy (For Students at Dove Creek High School and Middle School)

The current drug testing policy is very wordy and cumbersome to use for the interdent purpose. The HS/MS admin team reviewed the current policy and made suggested changes to create a policy that is much more clear. The changes do not affect the intent of the policy when it was first approved.

Main Adjustments:

- Removed a lot of the wordiness, making the policy easier to read and understand
- The selection group are members of the school administration.
- Adding "or designee" after the "superintendent."
- For dances and social events, alcohol is not specified to be tested for through breathalyzers.

Not Changing:

- Amount of testing
- The ability to test with suspension
- Consent to testing to participate in any activity for all 6th through 12th grade students
- Notification to parents and students at the beginning of the year and in the handbook
- Middle school students are not randomly tested, only tested for reasonable suspension.

9. **Consent Agenda (opportunity to consent) - ACTION**

9.1. Financials (*bills, Checks*) **(FIN1&2)**

10. **Action Items - ACTION**

I recommend the action items: 1st Reading, 2nd Reading, and personnel as presented. Superintendent Gray

10.1.CDE Student Count

10.2.Accreditation Contract

10.3.Policy 1st Reading

10.3.1. IJ: Instructional Materials and Library Resources

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Minor Technical and Stylistic

10.3.2. KEC: Public Concerns/Complaints About Instructional Materials and Library Resources  
Change to Legally Required; Minor Technical and Stylistic

10.3.3. IMB Teaching about Controversial Issues and use of Controversial Materials  
New Policy

10.4. Policy 2nd Reading

10.4.1. JRA-JRC Student Records Release Information  
Minor Technical and Stylistic; Changes to "Directory Information"

10.4.2. KLG - Relations with State and Federal Agencies  
New Policy

10.4.3. KLG-R Relations with Federal Immigration Officials  
New Policy

10.5. **Personnel**

10.5.1. Employment

10.5.1.1. Laurie Adams paraprofessional

10.5.1.2. Elizabeth See, Full-time Custodian

10.5.1.3. Matt Beanland High School Assistant Wrestling Coach

10.5.1.4. Nick Jones Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach

10.5.1.5. Zac Larimore, Volunteer High School Wrestling coach

10.5.1.6. Adam Warren, volunteer middle school wrestling coach

10.5.2. Resignations

10.5.2.1. Eva Katy Hassell - Custodian

11. **Plan for Future Meetings**

Mill Levy certification, oath of office, reorganization of the board, board meeting dates 2026, strategic plan update, and approval. GT review

12. **Adjourn Business Meeting**