

Dolores County School District RE-2(J) Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Dolores County School District RE-2J, 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 -**

5.1. Regular Meeting minutes February 18, 2026

6. **Public Participation**

The Board Chair will call for Public participation.

7. **Reports and Communication**

7.1. Senior Class Trip Presentation and possible action

7.2. Board and Committee Reports

7.2.1. BOCES Update (FIN2)

7.3. Administration Reports

7.3.1. Principal's Report - Charlotte Forst

7.3.2. Superintendent's Report

Library Books - We have had concerns about books in the children's library coming up more often over the last couple of years. One recently involved a book that looks like a children's book, but is written for an older audience. I am working with Laurie and the library to decide what can be done to keep books out of the library that are not age appropriate.

District Curriculum Inventory — We are creating an inventory for the curriculum purchases to better track the purchases we make every year. We are finding that as teachers leave the district and new teachers are hired, pieces of the purchases are being forgotten or misplaced.

HS/MS Athletics Budget — The budget to this point in the year has been used up. The budget will be supplemented with other funds for the second year. The reasons for the negative balance are: official rates have increased 42% over the last four years; higher entry fees; lower attendance at events; overnight trips (HSWR 6 out of 8 weekends) — more overnights & costs increased; and overall expenses for uniforms and supplies.

District Decision:

- Continue covering with donations or budgeting from the general fund — Donations are from Community and Banners.
- Look at the admission price to enter events. — (Hardship on families)
- Add admission charges to middle school events — (Hardship on parents, but a possibility for additional revenue).
- Increase student fees — (Hardship on families and students, but currently very low.)
- Reduce the number of overnight trips — (Hurts wrestling most as we do not do duals and need to see different competition, other sports have been more successful since playing competition from outside the area.)

**The Athletics Budget includes:

- Transportation for sports/activities — driver pay or fuel
- Coaching stipends
- Post-Season Travel: Rooms, meals for players and coaches
- CHSAA sports fees
- Maintenance Costs

The full cost of athletics/activities, including the list above, minus maintenance/custodial pay is \$214,196.

Training Rules — A group has been reviewing the Athletic Training Rules for updates and alignment with FFA and FBLA groups. Some situations have come up that do not have clear guidance.

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Coaching Situation — There was confusion with our football coaches this past fall over who was a volunteer and who was a paid coach. Jason and I have worked out the situation and will pay the fourth coach. Procedures are being put into place starting this spring with the hope of not having miscommunications or misunderstandings.

Volunteer Coaches (Unpaid) - An assistant football coach was hired last spring, and the proper communication did not occur with who was the paid assistance and who was not getting paid. We are approving the pay to Adam W to make up for the oversight. We have begun a process this spring for all volunteer coaches. There are training requirements for all volunteer coaches, and a notice of assignment will be signed with the amount they are getting paid or if there is not any pay for the position.

Designated Bank for General Fund — We are looking into moving the general fund to a new bank. Currently, we have district funds in Community Banks of Colorado and Dolores State Bank, and we are exploring the option of moving the general fund to DSB. This move comes after changes Community Banks have made and the amount of time the district has to dedicate to banking there without being able to work directly with our local branch.

New Student Success Position — Filling the hole for Mrs. Cook-Caraham.

- We are discussing the possibility of a new position for the district. The position will replace the Behavioral Specialist position. The hope for the new position is that the job description is not as specific as the Behavioral Specialist job description, and support students in all aspects within both schools. We have not had success for a few years with getting certified candidates in social/emotional counseling, so this new position will work with the team to provide the best student experience for all students, and understand the students' needs for counseling or therapy, so the family can do what they need to do for the student.

7.3.2.1. Bulldog Way update (STF3)

Dealila and Christine have been working hard at finalizing our Bulldog Way signage for the school and the signs should now be ordered.

The communication team are putting together some mid-year strategic updates and additional communication tools to better communicate district news.

One area that needs to be focused on next year, and connecting the Bulldog Way is behavior at sporting events by spectators, players, and coaches. Behavior by each group has had some less than acceptable incidents this year. Expectations for next year will be discussed and introduced as we head into fall sports.

7.3.2.2. AG Shop/Secondary BEST Grant update (FAC1)

- Working on final permitting for the AG shop rebuild.
- Finalizing abatement, testing, and equipment for the AG shop project
- Move out of the shop is beginning to pick up as Devon has time with her student aide. They have mucked out several dumpsters of unusable stuff and items with some life remaining are being set out for anyone to take if they have a use for it. The maintenance crew will move equipment that Devon will not use for the remainder of the year out over spring break. The last week of April we will have a belts salvage container set outside the AG shop and a small crew will clean out all scrap.
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7.3.2.3. Food Service Review

This year, the food service has had some staff members personal obstacles that have created some instability in the food service department. The group has managed to maintain operations without anyone outside the kitchen noticing any impact on these personal obstacles. In the first semester,

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meals prepared did not match counts very well. Cassie worked with Charlotte to improve the daily count so she was able to prepare the appropriate amount of food each day.

The cook position will be looked at as we close out the school year to determine if the job description needs to be adjusted. The use of two part-time positions may be needed more than having a full-time cook four days a week. Cassie will work on the cook job description and determine what she feels is needed for next fall.

The food service budget is doing better this year with the overall budget at 62% for the year. A couple of areas to note are: salaries are down, substitute pay is over budget, and lunch meals are at 70% for the year.

Students eat for free so the district is reimbursed from the state for the number of student meals served. The state set the serving portions for all levels of students who eat school lunches/breakfasts. This is one reason it is important to have the correct counts and serving sizes every day. Unfortunately, many students do not get full on the recommended serving sizes et by the state.

Staff meals are down this year since the price for an adult meal was raised to \$5.00.

8. Discussion Items - INFORMATION

8.1. Policy for Review

- 8.1.1. KBA District Title I Parent Involvement
CASB updates
- 8.1.2. KBA-E School Level Title I Parent and Family Engagement - *New Policy*
New Policy
- 8.1.3. IKA-R Grading/Assessment Systems - *New Policy*
New Policy
- 8.1.4. IKA-E Parent Request for Exemption From State Assessments - *New Policy*
- 8.1.5. ACE Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability - *REPEAL*
- 8.1.6. ACE-R Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability (Complaint Process) — Regulation - *REPEAL*
The ACE series was repealed in March 2012, and the content of those policies was incorporated into the AC and JBA policy series.
- 8.1.7. ACE-E-1 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability (Complaint Process) — Regulation - *REPEAL*
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- 8.1.8. ACE-E-2 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability (Complaint Form) - Exhibit -*REPEAL*
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- 8.1.9. AC-R - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Complaint and Compliance Process) - Regulation - *REPEAL*
- 8.1.10. ADA - School District Educational Objectives - *CASB Updates*
CASB updates
- 8.1.11. IHBK - Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success - *New Policy that is intended to replace Policy IHA, Basic Instructional Program*
- 8.1.12. IHBK-R - Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success - *New Policy - This regulation is intended to replace the former regulation IHA-R, Basic Instructional Program.*

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New Policy - This regulation is intended to replace the former regulation IHA-R, Basic Instructional Program.

- 8.1.13. IHA - Basic Instructional Program - *REPEAL*
- 8.1.14. IHA-R Basic Instructional Program - *REPEAL*
This policy is replaced with policy IHBK-R.
- 8.1.15. ADD-E Safe Schools - *CASB Updates*
CASB updates
- 8.1.16. ADE Innovation in Education - *CASB Updates*
CASB updates
- 8.1.17. ADE-R Innovation in Education - *CASB Updates*
CASB Update
- 8.1.18. AE Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment - *CASB Updates*
CASB update
- 8.1.19. AE-R Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment - *CASB Updates*
CASB updates
- 8.1.20. AE-RE - District Accountability Committee Code of Ethics and Conduct - *REPEAL*
- 8.1.21. AEA - Standards Based Educations - *CASB Updates*
CASB updates
- 8.1.22. AED - Accreditation - *CASB Update*
CASB updates
- 8.1.23. AEE - Waiver of State Law and Regulation - *CASB Updates*
CASB update

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

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

10. **Action Items - ACTION**

10.1. Elementary Science Curriculum

10.2. Policy 1st Reading

- 10.2.1. GCG/GCGA Part-Time Substitute Professional Staff Employment/Qualifications of Substitute Staff
Updates from CASB
- 10.2.2. IHAM Health Education
Note: Colorado school districts are required by law to adopt an exemption procedure on this topic that contains certain elements. The procedure should follow this policy and be coded IHAM-R.

This policy was substantially revised in April 2014 to address HB 13-1081, concerning human sexuality. Due to extensive revisions, the policy is presented as all new language. This policy replaces former policies IHAMB, Family Life/Sex Education and IHAMC, HIC/AIDS Education.
- 10.2.3. IHAM-R Health and Family Life/Sex Education
This regulation replaces former regulations IHAMB-R and IHAMC-R
- 10.2.4. IHAMB Family Life/Sex Education - *REPEAL*
Repeal
- 10.2.5. IHAMB-R Family Life - *REPEAL*
Repeal
- 10.2.6. IHAMC HIV/AIDS Education - *REPEAL*

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10.2.7. IHAMC-R HIV/AIDS Education (Exemption Procedure) - *REPEAL*

10.3. Policy 2nd Reading

10.3.1. IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar

"Recess Time" moved from actively engaged does not include to does include.

10.3.2. IHBG Home Schooling

CASB updates to policy

10.3.3. IHBGA Shared Schooling (Home School Students)

New Policy

10.3.4. ADG - Animals in District Facilities and Vehicles

10.3.5. ADG-E Agreement Form for Use of Service Animal by Employee

10.4. **Personnel**

10.4.1. Employment

10.4.1.1. Branson Smith Volunteer High School Baseball Coach

10.4.1.2. Adam Warren — 2025 High School Assistant Football Coach

10.4.1.3. Kati Banks and Julie Kibel Volunteer Middle School Track Coaches

10.4.2. Resignations

10.4.2.1. Resignation Aubrie Cook-Carnahan Behavioral Specialist

10.4.2.2. Susan Russell Certified Teacher

11. **Plan for Future Meetings**

11.1. April 15, 2026: Athletic Handbook discussion, Quarterly Financial Report, and Yearly ELA Curriculum Review.

12. **Adjourn Business Meeting**