Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2026 6:30 PM

Central Office Building
131 9th St.
Kersey, CO 80644

I. Call to Order
President Welch called the 10-12-26 regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call
Voting Members Present: Kristine Bauer, Luke Gardner, Robin Meireis, Mary Roth, James Welch
Administrators in Person: Jeremy Burmeister, Justin Decker, Tiffany Loeffler, Eric Lind, Mike Green, Jason McNair (6:39), Kyle Appelhans, Jason Arkulari, Ashley Van Slyke, Barb Moore
Secretary: Suzi Johnson
Staff in Person: Zella Foos, Mindy Marshall, Juliana Coalson, Laurie Salmon, Mikaila Brant, Alexus Rink, Shannon Castle
Patrons in Person: April Siron, Chad Gentry, Trevor Salmon, Matt Winter, Nolan Winter, Lucas Salmon, Stetson Decker, Jayden Ellicott, Ellie Marshall, Zemery Weber, Evalyn Hanson, Jackson Wagner, Carolina Cardenas, Owen Klundt, Calleigh Johnson, Ethan Beaman, John Stahley, Dr. Randy Zilla, Maranda Whitesel

IV. Approval of Agenda
President Welch approved the 10-12-26 regular board meeting agenda as presented.

V. Approval of Minutes
President Welch approved the 9-14-26 regular meeting minutes as presented.

VI. Public Participation

VI.A. FFA junior trip and CCM team presentation.

- High School FFA presented to the Board about the annual junior college trip the group took in May. Students visited Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University and Hutchinson Community College visiting Agricultural Education programs, partaking in a Pecan Farm and Flour Mill Tour, and career exploration activities. The annual trip is funded by the Platte Valley FFA Foundation.
- High School FFA Conduct of Chapter Meetings (CCM) team presented in preparation for their competition at the National FFA Conference in Indianapolis later this month. The team consists of Zemery Weber, Lucas Salmon, Jaden Ellicott, Ellie Marshal, Evalyn Hanson, Jackson Wagner, Stetson Decker, and Nolan Winter.

VI.B. Audience Comments and Questions
Dr. Randy Zila, Executive Director of Centennial BOCES, attended the meeting to celebrate and share the news of Dr. Burmeister receiving the Stanley A. Leftwich Award at this year's Colorado BOCES Association (CBA) Summer Quarterly Meeting and Awards Banquet.

The award recognizes individuals outside of BOCES administration who have made outstanding contributions to cooperative education in Colorado. Past recipients have included superintendents, school board members, Colorado Department of Education personnel, legislators and agency administrators who have demonstrated visible and positive support for the statewide BOCES effort.

Dr. Zila congratulated Dr. Burmeister, recognizing his commitment to students and his positive impact on Colorado education through collaboration and partnership.

VI.C. Leadership Platte Valley (Formerly Accountability Committee/Finance Committee)
The first meeting of Leadership Platte Valley of the school year was September 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office. The remainder of the meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, October 21st Tiffany - District and School Accountability, S-CAP
- Wednesday, December 16th Justin - School Finance, Budget, and Investing in Public Education
- Wednesday, January 20th Justin, SRO, Mike Jakel.- Safety and Security, Student Behavioral Support
- Wednesday, February 17th Tiffany, Mike Jakel, Jason McNair - Instructional Framework and Learning Technology
- Wednesday, March 24th Tiffany, Eric Lind, Mike Green - Success Skills, Career Connectedness & Post Secondary Readiness, Student Panel
- Wednesday, April 21st Justin, Mike Jakel., Tate Mekelburg - Operational Excellence (Facilities, Maintenance, and Long-Range Planning)

VI.D. Items to be Read
None

VII. Board Reports

VII.A. Agricultural Technology Council
N/A

VII.B. B.O.C.E.S. Representative
Mrs. Bauer reported on the last CBOCES meeting held and echoed Dr. Zila's sentiments regarding Dr. Burmeister receiving the Stanley A. Leftwich Award this summer.

VII.C. PV4PV Education Foundation
Next meeting is Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30 in the central office. The education foundation is co-hosting a good will donation tailgate with the football team this Friday, October 16th from 4:30 - 6:30.

VII.D. Legislative Discussion
No update this month.

VIII. Focus/Develop a "total team" approach for the entire district, including student achievement, administrative reports, congratulations and celebrations

VIII.A. Superintendent Report
Dr. Burmeister presented his written report updating the Board on the new Leadership Platte Valley accountability format and sharing the September Economic Forecast. High school science teacher, Juliana Coalson, presented information on the high school science CMAS assessment.

VIII.B. Director of Student Achievement Report
Mrs. Loeffler presented her written report and shared information about the work staff did during the September Professional Development Day. During the session, teachers audited curriculum maps to ensure both horizontal and vertical alignment of grade-level standards. Teams worked to strengthen alignment among the written, taught, and assessed curriculum to ensure a cohesive learning experience for all students. This is work in progress and was the initial professional development to set the stage for the curriculum alignment expectation identified in Strategic Priority #3-Optimizing the Student Experience. Teachers also analyzed student performance data to identify strengths, areas for growth, and instructional next steps.

Mrs. Loeffler gave a presentation on the District’s 2026 UIP, which was informed by the work DLT did with our Strategic Planning.

VIII.C. High School Principal Report
Mr. Lind presented his written report and celebrated homecoming week activities that took place, noting strong participation throughout the week while staying focused on academic work during the day. Mr. Lind thanked Mrs. Shaw and Ms. Giesick for the countless hours they put into a successful long week.

VIII.D. High School Assistant Principal/AD Report
Mr. Appelhans presented his written report and updated the Board on fall athletics including information on the girls golf head coach interview applications, and junior class PSAT/NMSQT testing.

VIII.E. Middle School Principal Report
Mr. Green presented his written report and expressed his appreciation for the work Mr. Arkulari put into creating the new Junior Patriot League. The new league has been beneficial for Platte Valley Middle School and other area schools that have more in common with each other size wise, geographically, and aligns with the high school athletic league.

VIII.F. Middle School Assistant Principal/AD Report
Mr. Arkulari presented his written report and provided a middle school athletics update and celebrated a strong fall athletics season. The cross country team won their league meet race and the A Volleyball Team was runner-up in the league tournament.

VIII.G. Elementary Principal Report
Mr. McNair presented his written report and shared his appreciation to Becky Pringle for arranging a visit by children's book author Mark Ludy for the Elementary Literacy Day. Mr. McNair also shared work the elementary is doing with the Success Skills, noting the elementary is going slower and deeper to better to help our students understand what the skills look like inside and outside of the classroom. In addition, we are modifying the nomination cards to include attributes of the skills so that students can nominate others based on specific behaviors.

VIII.H. Preschool Director Report
Ms. Moore presented her written report and shared work that is taking place between the 2nd grade and preschool through book buddies. Staff have also completed their Fall Gold Assessment to gather baseline data for their students.

VIII.I. PVEA Teacher Representative Report
Alexus Rink presented her written report and presented the PVEA Star Recognition Award to middle school health teacher, Hali Fangmeier. Hali's colleagues could not express enough how much they appreciate her leadership, attention to detail, resilience, and determination in all she tackles. She is passionate and provides a positive attitude not only to her students, but to the whole staff. They highlighted her dedication and diligence in building the Bronco Community Council. It is no small task, and the grace that she brings enlightens others. They feel like she is transforming the lives of students and the community through her vision, and that is truly something so special and should be celebrated.

IX. Focus/Financial and Facilities Investment and Integrity

IX.A. CFO/COO Report
Mr. Decker presented his written report and the district financial reports. The District is working through the October Count reporting process with CDE, and Mr. Decker noted we are currently down two students year-over-year.

Mr. Decker updated the Board on construction. We continue to work through warranty items and some lingering projects within the building. There will be a big push to complete most remaining items within the building over Thanksgiving break. Demo has resumed on the remaining portion of the old middle school. The

anticipated completion is about October 16th. After the demo is complete, work will begin on the remaining site and parking lot for the elementary. Scheduled completion for that is mid-November. Crews are also working on the MS outdoor learning area the remaining portion of the promenade.

IX.B. Director of Technology Report
Mr. Jakel submitted his written report noting that the district phone system migration has been completed and the ongoing work at the high school with the intercom/clock system.

X. Consent Agenda
The board approved the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Luke Gardner and seconded by Kristine Bauer, Carried.
Kristine Bauer: Yea, Luke Gardner: Yea, Robin Meireis: Yea, Mary Roth: Yea, James Welch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

X.A. Approve Financial Reports
Approved financial reports.

X.B. Approve Substitute Teachers
Approved Perla Haro, Carty Kingsbury, Sara Johnson and Brooke Peppler to the 2026-27 substitute teacher list.

X.C. Ratify/Approve Employment Related Items
Approved Personnel Items - Staff Hire/Re-Hire
Leann Sigmon, part-time special education transition program paraprofessional; Jolene Shulte, middle school kitchen manager
Accepted Personnel Items - Staff Resignation/Retirement/Releases
Ashley Garrett, middle school cook and Christine Jessop, middle school kitchen manager.

X.D. Ratify Non Resident Students
Ratified non-resident students for the 2026-2027 school year.
Applications for 2027-28 new non residents will be ready in the spring.

X.E. Approve FFA Ag Advisory Board Members
Approved FFA Ag Advisory Board Members appointing Liz Waters and Wilson Ogg to the CTE Agriculture Education Advisory Board.

X.F. Approve Out of State Travel for LCCC Welding Contest
Approved high school FFA out of state travel to Laramie Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming for a welding competition.

X.G. Approve Unified Improvement Plan
Approved the District Unified Improvement Plan as presented.

X.H. Ratify/Approve Bills
Ratified/approved the bills.

XI. New/Old Business

XI.A. Action Items

XI.A.1. The Board recorded second reading and approval of policies: JKA, JKA-R, DJB, DJB-R, JLCB, JLCB-R, GBI, GBEB, JLF and JLF-R.

This motion, made by Kristine Bauer and seconded by Robin Meireis, Carried.
Kristine Bauer: Yea, Luke Gardner: Yea, Robin Meireis: Yea, Mary Roth: Yea, James Welch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XI.A.2. The Board recorded second reading and approval of Policy Section C: General School Administration. This motion, made by Robin Meireis and seconded by Kristine Bauer, Carried.
Kristine Bauer: Yea, Luke Gardner: Yea, Robin Meireis: Yea, Mary Roth: Yea, James Welch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XI.A.3. The Board recorded second reading and approval of Policy Section H: Negotiations.
This motion, made by Robin Meireis and seconded by Luke Gardner, Carried.
Kristine Bauer: Yea, Luke Gardner: Yea, Robin Meireis: Yea, Mary Roth: Yea, James Welch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XII. Discussion Items
None

XIII. Meeting Debrief
The Board held an informal debrief about how the meeting went.

XIV. Adjournment
President Welch adjourned the 10-12-26 regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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Mary Roth, Secretary Date