



Strasburg School District 31-J

Agenda

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2026 6:00 PM

Central Service Building, 2102 Wagner Street, Strasburg, CO 80136

Meeting is In-Person Audience may observe via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ecboces.zoom.us/j/98057290855>

Meeting ID: 980 5729 0855

Mission Statement (Policy AD):

Strasburg 31J will develop resourceful, responsible, and resilient engaged citizens who are empowered in a safe learning environment for all to achieve their full potential in an evolving world.

Board of Education

Michael Marrero, President

Diana Elliott, 1st Vice President

Mary O'Malley, 2nd Vice President

Courtney Vance, Secretary

Gema Gomez, Treasurer

Strasburg School Board strives to follow our
guiding principles:

T – Transparency

R – Respect

U – Unity

T – Trust

H - Honesty

Board Procedures:

Board meeting time is dedicated to the mission and goals of the Strasburg 31J School District. Public opinion is valuable to the Board, and there is an opportunity during request from patrons to address the Board. Individuals who try to address the Board outside of public comment may not be recognized.

Members of the public who intend to offer public comment to the Board must sign up for comment before each Board meeting. The Board President has discretion to call on those who have signed up and set the order of speakers.

Presentations must be no more than three minutes.

- I. Opening of Meeting
Michael Marrero
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Adoption of the Minutes
 - d. Adoption of the Agenda
 - e. Land Acknowledgment
 - f. Board of Education Norms
- II. Celebrations
Kelle Bongard
 - a. Colorado Shines Preschool Rating
 - b. Back To School Extravaganza
- III. Public Participation/General
Michael Marrero
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Retreat Debrief
- V. New Business
- VI. Board Reports/Discussion
 - a. Board Feedback
Michael Marrero
 - b. Legislative and Colorado Association of School Boards
Diana Elliott
 - c. District Accountability Committee
Courtney Vance
 - d. East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Diana Elliott
 - e. Chamber of Commerce
Gema Gomez
- VII. Superintendent Report/Discussion
Kelle Bongard
 - a. Building Updates
 - b. Fiscal Updates
 - c. UNC Partnership
 - d. Beginning of Year PD
 - e. Cell Phone Policy
- VIII. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - a. Personnel Matters Contract/Letter of Assignments – Reassignments
 - McKennah Akers - SES Paraprofessional
 - Alison Escamilla Rodarte, Custodian
 - McKenzie Lyall, Athletics/Transportation Secretary
 - Stephanie Andrews, Transportation
 - Jessica Fournier, Student Success Coordinator
 - Laura Passmore, HMS Special Education Teacher
 - Silvia Sanchez, SES Teacher
 - Alecia Suazo, HMS Counselor
 - Jon Taylor, HMS Teacher
 - Mara Vigil, Food Service
 - Beth Steinman, SES Para
 - Jeff Sagerman, SES Para
 - Alecia Perez, HMS Long Term Sub
 - Angela Thomas, SES Para
 - Jill Haney, SES Office Para
 - Dana Guterrez, SES Para
 - Blake Swanson, SHS Head Boys Golf
 - Kori Jo Beeck, SHS Asst. Cheer Coach

- Tavares Bowens, SHS Asst. Football Coach
- Mitch Martin, SHS Asst. Football Coach
- Amanda Finch, SHS Asst. Softball Coach
- Steven Diedrich, HMS Head Football Coach
- Daymon Johnson, HMS Asst. Football Coach
- Jessica Ryan, SHS Asst. Volleyball Coach
- b. Personnel Matters Contract/Letter of Assignments – Reassignments
 - Emma Peckham, HMS Kitchen Lead
 - Tamani Williams, HMS Teacher
 - A. Franklin, HMS Head Cheer Coach
- c. Personnel Matters Contract/Letter of Assignments – Terminations/Resignations/Non-Renewals
 - Riley Blagg, SES Teacher
 - Brian Brown, SHS Head Football Coach
 - Darel Dodge, SHS Asst. Football Coach
 - Ryan Blauw, SHS Asst. Football Coach
 - Paulina Madera, HMS Teacher
 - Samantha Grace, SES Teacher
 - Jodie Archuletta, SHS Asst. Softball Coach
 - Kim Sullivan, SES Office Para
 - Greta Sand, SES Teacher
 - Melissa McCollier, SES Teacher
 - Mecca Stribling, SES Para
 - Julie Jeffries, HMS Secretary
- d.
- e. Substitute List
- IX. Calendar Review
 - a. Meeting Times and Dates Review
 - Aug 24th: Work Session
 - Sept 14th: Regular Board Meeting
 - b. Future Agenda Topics
- X. Adjournment

THE STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPECTFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE LAND ON WHICH WE
GATHER AND LEARN IS THE TRADITIONAL AND
ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS OF THE NORTHERN
ARAPAHO AND CHEYENNE PEOPLE.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO GROWING AND
DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VIBRANT
INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES WHO CONTINUE TO
THRIVE AND UPHOLD THEIR SACRED RELATION TO THIS
LAND. WE EXTEND OUR RESPECT TO THE ELDERS OF
THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND FUTURE.



Strasburg School District 31J

Policy:	File:
Board of Education Norms	BEN
Adopted:	Revision:
	September 2025

Board of Education Team Norms

Accountability to the Board and the Community:

- We communicate with respect, transparency, and openness, especially in challenging situations, while considering the appropriate context for feedback.
- We actively listen and engage with objectivity and without personal bias, ensuring that all voices are heard and respected.
- We support and promote board decisions collectively, address concerns directly with the involved individuals, and maintain mutual respect.

Commitment to the District's Strategic Plan:

- We embrace the school mission and advocate for all students, prioritizing the greater good of the district over personal agendas.
- We approach every issue with the same level of focus and dedication, believing in the potential of all students to achieve academic success.

Effective and Productive Meetings:

- We prioritize and attend all meetings consistently by being prepared, arriving ready to actively engage, contribute, and accomplish the work of the board, while staying focused, using time efficiently, and starting and ending on time.
- We ensure everyone has a voice and promote balanced discussions, ending each meeting with clear action items, timelines, and owners
- We adhere to established norms, speak up when deviations occur, and strive to make our meetings a space for meaningful and respectful dialogue.



New Electronic Device Policy: What Parents Need to Know

Why are we doing this?

- To improve the learning environment at Strasburg School District for ALL students.
- To build stronger relationships and real-world skills.
 - Without phones, students interact more, build social skills, and stay engaged in their learning.
- Links between heavy smartphone/social media use and rising teen anxiety/depression.
- We believe that these changes will improve learning, as well as mental health, for our students.

Grades PreK-5

- Personal electronic device use is strictly prohibited during school hours
- All personal electronic devices are strongly encouraged to stay home. If brought to school, they must be turned off and stored in the student's backpacks until dismissal
- Exceptions are available for students with IEPs or 504 plans *that require access to a device for medical reasons.*

Grades 6-8

- Personal electronic device use is strictly prohibited during school hours
- All personal electronic devices are strongly encouraged to stay home. If brought to school, they will be turned off and stored in a locked storage unit until dismissal
- The office will assist with personal electronic devices for students who arrive late or leave early
- Exceptions are available for students with IEPs or 504 plans *that require access to a device for medical reasons.*

Grades 9-12

- Personal electronic device use is strictly prohibited during school hours while in the building
- Students will be issued a locking pouch to store their phone in during the day. The pouch will be turned into its designated spot in each classroom throughout the day.
- When students leave campus, they can unlock the pouch at the exit doors to retrieve their phone.
- Students may only use district-issued chromebooks.
- Exceptions are available for students with IEPs or 504 plans *that require access to a device for medical reasons.*

What if I need to pick up or reach my student in an emergency (urgent issues that must be communicated immediately, before the end of school, and cannot be taken care of via email)?

- If you have an emergency and you need to reach or pick up your student, call the Front Office and they will support you.
- The Front Office will notify your child and give them access to a school phone to contact you.

What if I need to reach my student and it's *not* an emergency?

- Call or text them, and they will be able to retrieve the message when their school day is complete.
- In grades 9-12, another way to communicate with your student during the day is by email, (although not encouraged) as students have access to their Chromebooks and email using their strasburg31j.com email account.

*Personal electronic device includes any privately-owned portable technology device, including but not limited to cell phones, a smart or electronic watch, pagers, tablets, laptops, Chromebooks, virtual reality devices, wireless earbuds/earphones, cameras, audio and/or video recorders and players, and all any other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.