Center Consolidated School District Board of Education Selects Superintendent Finalists

The Center Consolidated School District 26JT has selected three finalists in its search for the next District Superintendent: Benjamin Dutton, Andrew Hawkins, and Roxanne Vigil.

As part of the selection process, the three finalists will spend a day in the district on Thursday, May 7. The day will include tours of the schools and community, and time to meet with staff and students. Parents, families, and community members will also have an opportunity to meet the candidates in a public session in the evening.

All interested district employees, families, parents, and community members are invited to attend the sessions, which will be held on May 7, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. in the new Building X, Room 105. Each finalist will introduce themselves and answer questions during their individual 45-minute session. A representative from the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) will be present for the evening as well.

All Center School District staff, students, parents, and community members will have the opportunity to share their feedback with the Board throughout these days using an online form, accessible via a provided link and QR code. The Board values and appreciates everyone's input as it informs this important decision. Final interviews with each candidate will be conducted by the Board on the evening of May 7, with deliberations following the interviews. The Board intends to name the next Center Consolidated School District superintendent on the evening of May 7, 2026 following their deliberations.

Below are details on each of the finalists:

Benjamin Dutton



Ben Dutton brings nearly twenty years of experience as an educational leader, including service as secondary principal, superintendent in rural Colorado and university administrator. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Nebraska and Colorado State University, respectively and a master's in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University. He is licensed to teach vocational business in Arizona and holds K12 principal and administrator licenses in Colorado. He currently serves as Rural Prosperity Lead Educator in the University of Nebraska system, where he leads regional initiatives focused on workforce readiness, strategic planning, entrepreneurship and community vitality. Throughout his career, he has worked to connect schools with the broader community and expand opportunities for students both in and beyond the classroom.

Ben is a relationship-first leader who believes trust and communication are the foundation of successful schools. He enjoys getting to know people, listening to their stories, and working together to move organizations forward. He is particularly passionate about helping districts create meaningful pathways for students beyond high school while

improving day-to-day classroom learning. Having spent much of his life in rural communities, he values the role schools play as the heart of the community. Both he and his wife, Janet, speak Spanish and they value living in multicultural communities recognizing the important role culture and community play in student success. Outside of work, Ben and his family enjoy hiking, camping and exploring the outdoors. He is excited about the opportunity to become part of the Center community.

Andrew Hawkins



Andrew Hawkins is honored to be considered a finalist for Superintendent of Center Schools, a community where his career in education began in 2007 through coaching football and supporting campus projects. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Health, Physical Performance, and Exercise, and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Adams State University. He also holds a Colorado Professional Principal License.

Mr. Hawkins currently serves as Assistant Director to the Superintendent in Center where he oversees Safety and Security, Athletics, Gifted and Talented, and Title IX. His administrative experience also includes serving as Assistant Principal at Haskin Elementary and five years as Principal of Monte Vista Middle School. During his tenure at Monte Vista Middle School, he helped lead significant school improvement efforts, supporting the school's progress from a "Priority Improvement" rating to a "Performance" rating.

Beyond his professional responsibilities, Andrew is a devoted family man supported by his wife. Together, they enjoy the San Luis Valley through camping and fishing and are frequent attendees at local volleyball and basketball games. His vision is for Center to become the premier "choice school" of the Valley. He is deeply committed to serving staff and families and ensuring every student is equipped for a successful transition into adulthood.

Roxanne Vigil



Roxi Vigil is a proud transplant to the San Luis Valley community having been here for the past 20 years. She has 14 years in education and is currently serving as the Principal at Alamosa Elementary School K-2 in Alamosa, CO where she has served as both an Assistant Principal and Principal for the past 5 years. Before that, she was a high school English Teacher at Sangre de Cristo Schools in Mosca, CO.

Education and educational leadership have been heavily influenced by Roxi's family; her mom was an educator for 30+ years and helped to create a love for serving in public education. Roxi holds many degrees from Adams State University including a Bachelor of Arts in English for Secondary Education as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Liberal

Arts. She also received two Masters degrees from Adams State, one in Curriculum and Instruction and another in Educational Leadership. Adams State is also where her family has all studied, including her parents, siblings, aunts and uncle, her brother in law and her husband. While all of them attended and then returned to the city and urban living, Roxi knew that her place was to remain and serve the extraordinary children and families of the San Luis Valley.

Roxi is known for her servant and shared leadership style. She values building relationships above all else and firmly believes that success in education is ensuring that the whole child is served in order for students and staff to excel. Roxi also puts heavy emphasis on building a strong culture of trust in order to create an atmosphere of continuous improvement. In addition to administration, Roxi has served as a high school English teacher, volleyball coach, softball coach, track coach, and currently serves on the board for the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley. While she has been a Thunderbird, and a Mini Moose, she is excited at the possibility of becoming a Viking and being a part of and serving the Center community.

Roxi and her husband live in Alamosa with their three daughters Concetta, Therese and Regina. She enjoys attending sporting events for the girls, camping, cooking, gardening, reading and spending time with her family.

All information on the Center Consolidated School District superintendent search can be found on the district website. Superintendent Search 2026 | Center Consolidated School District 26JT

Once selected, the chosen candidate will be slated to start their role as superintendent on July 1, 2026.