

Mission Statement

Rangely School District RE-4's mission is to foster a learning community dedicated to high achievement and safety for all.

Vision Statement

Rangely School District RE-4's vision is Building Champions in Life.

BOARD MEMBERS

*President- Sarah Nielsen
Vice President - Brad Casto
Secretary/Treasurer – Jerry LeBleu
Director – Kirstie Kilduff
Director – Lonnie Tolley*

Board of Education Tuesday, February 17, 2026 EARLY EDUCATION CENTER 4:15 pm Minutes

CORE VALUES

*High Expectations
Integrity
Accountability
Teamwork
Innovation*

NOTES

Your insights are needed and welcomed and the board encourages you to meet with the most appropriate person among the district's many leaders.

Public participation is an opportunity to present brief comments or questions to the board for consideration or follow-up. Each person is asked to focus comments to five minutes and sign in on the sheet on the podium.

The consent agenda is based around "need for action" decisions which are highly routine or backed by prior information and discussion.

If you are interested in helping the district's efforts, please speak with any member of the district or call the district office at 675-2207. Opportunities abound and your participation is highly desired.

1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:15 pm by Sarah Nielsen

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Sarah Nielsen: here

Brad Casto: here

Jerry LeBleu: here

Lonnie Tolley: here

Kirstie Kilduff: here

Also in Attendance: Ken Haptonstall from McPherson Jacobson LLC

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Brad Casto 2nd: Jerry Lebleu Vote: all aye

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda allows the Board of Education to act on several items in one motion. If you would like to comment on any of these items, please notify the board by registering on the sign-in sheet.

5.1 Approval of board meeting minutes for January 20, 2026

5.2 Approval of financial information for the month of January 2026

5.3 Personnel Addendum

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Kirstie Kilduff 2nd: Brad Casto Vote: all aye

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6. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss superintendent selection - per Colorado Law, we have to keep superintendent candidate applications confidential until finalists are officially named. We will be using this time to review those protected records.

Whereas the mandatory nondisclosure provisions of the Colorado Open Records Act, at CRS 24-72-204 (3)(a)(XI), prohibit the Board from disclosing records or documents submitted by or on behalf of a superintendent candidate who has not been named as a finalist for the position.

Whereas CRS 24-6-402(4)(g) authorizes the Board to enter executive session to consider any records or documents that are protected by the mandatory nondisclosure provisions of the Colorado Open Records Act, including consideration of documents submitted by any superintendent candidate who has not been named as a finalist for the position; and

Whereas the Board has not yet named any finalists for the superintendent position; and

Whereas the discussion of such protected records or documents is a necessary part of the Board's consideration of candidates for the superintendent position prior to naming any finalists.

THEREFORE, I HEREBY MOVE that the Board enter executive session as authorized by CRS 24-6-402(4)(g) for the consideration of records and documents submitted by candidates who have not yet been designated as finalists.

Motion: Brad Casto 2nd: Jerry LeBleu Vote: All Aye

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7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS in NO particular order:

Mr. Aron Jones, who currently serves Haxtun School District RE-2J in the position of Superintendent.

-and-

Mrs. Audra Lane, who currently serves DeBeque Joint District No. 49 in the position of Superintendent/Principal.

8. RECOGNITIONS - Linda Cox quietly makes a difference with our kids every day.

Linda was a staff spotlight earlier this week, she has been supporting our district for nearly 18 years! The board commented, agreeing that Linda does a great job.

9. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - none

10. REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, ADMINISTRATORS, AND COMMITTEES

10.1 BOCES - BOCES Board Member - Sarah Neilsen reviewed the agenda for tomorrow's BOCES meeting in Rangely.

10.2 Parkview Principal - Carlene Cantrell - Carlene starts by thanking staff and our community for support these last couple weeks while she attended to a family issue out of town, we truly live in an amazing place. Grandparents Day was a success! Parent/teacher conferences are coming up, information has been sent home with students about that. Hogwarts Night has been postponed to the fall due to multiple staff scheduling conflicts and building construction.

10.3 Rangely JR/SR High Principal - Sarah Hepworth - out of town, submitted written report to board

10.4 Activities Director - Rodney Yates - coaching at the elementary tonight, submitted written report to board

10.5 Superintendent- Matt Scoggins - continuing to look into online options for our district, sent emails to the board from BYU online and CDLS. Working with construction crews to see what projects can be started early so the summer isn't as packed, like painting the HS Gym. AG shop boiler has failed, using space heaters until repairs can be made. Presented a draft calendar for the 26/27 school year to the board. The PERA audit was required of RSD this year, it has already been sent off to the state, we passed.

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11. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Audit discussion with Auditor - Joe Hood CPA joined the meeting via video call to give a report/overview of the audit. (he was unable to attend the last meeting) He has been with the same accounting firm for 20+ years and is very familiar with RSD and the work that Matt Scoggins has done over the years. He gave high praise to staff: Matt Scoggins with his CPA background, Colleen Kenney for having a financial background and clear understanding, and Susan Steele for records retention in the background. Found RSD books to be in excellent working order with minimal adjustments. Noted RSD has sound business practices with no compliance issues. Assured the Board Members the financials are correct and complete to the best of all ability. Joe then presented a short overview of fund balances and budgets.

11.2 Second Reading of Revised Policies

IJL (revised) Library Resource Selection, Adoption and Reconsideration

IJ (revised) Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption

I make a motion that we approve the Revised Policies IJL and IJ.

Motion: Brad Casto 2nd: Jerry LeBleu Vote: all ayes

11.3 Bond/BEST Updates - architectural page flip has been completed. Started working on Furniture. Multiple furniture companies/suppliers have been interviewed. OS Schools is the company that was selected for furniture. Windows have been completed in the EEC Gym. Doors are up at the Ag Shop. The District has spent about 3.8 million dollars so far, invoices are being tracked closely.

11.4 Transportation Request - although our buses are kept in garages and maintained to the best of our ability, RSD has three 2009 buses that are aging out. Bart Nielsen, Transportation Director has been researching purchase options and suggests getting two gas buses for in-town routes, reserving the diesel buses for out-of-town routes, sports and field trips. The District has been saving money and

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budgeting in anticipation of needing to purchase buses. The plan is to sell 2 of the old buses. Mr. LeBleu expressed concerns about warranty of the new buses (making sure we have a warranty) and resale value of old buses (making sure the District can recoup as much money as possible).

I make a motion to approve up to \$ 154,000 to purchase two buses from Colorado West Equipment.

Motion: Brad Casto 2nd: Jerry LeBleu Vote: all aye

12. Adjournment - at 7:20 pm by Sarah Nielsen

Submitted by:


Teresa Gilbert, District Board Secretary

3-24-26
Date Submitted

Approved by:


Sarah Nielsen, Board President

March 24, 2026
Date Approved