

THE

BOARD BRIEF

OCTOBER 2026 EDITION | MEETING HELD OCTOBER 20th

BOARD VOTES 5-0 TO SUPPORT BALLOT ISSUES 4A AND 4B

The Board adopted a resolution reaffirming support for the school mill levy override and Colorado Mountain College annexation on the November 3 ballot. Check out district information at [News - Ballot Questions 2026](#)

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS**STAFF RECOGNITION**

Anna Davis, Robin Bush, Rebecca Smith, and Gina Cernyar were recognized for their work.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Elementary – Gaby Zepeda-Reyes, Maesi Lucas, Syrus Locke, Luke Woodley, Henry Williams, Gabriella Groce, Evelyn Gann, Charlotte Guhl, Scottie Locke, and Jackson Maher

Middle School – Aisha Welch, Maverick Porteous-Green, Easton Richards, Olivia Davis, and Lenora Green

High school - Amy Cook, Bailey Castleman, Zander Martinez, and Carson Campbell.

LEARNING AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

STEAM Night attendance grew about 30%, according to an unofficial count. Senior capstone presentations linked learning to life after graduation as part of their requirements.

PROGRAMS UNDER EXPLORATION

Esports and girls wrestling remain under exploration.

A potential Rocky Mountain Youth Corps partnership could offer tiny house construction training and paid summer internships.

BY THE NUMBERS**376****K-12 enrollment; 401 students last year****DISTRICT OPERATIONS****SCHOOL SAFETY & RECENT LOCKDOWN**

The Board expressed appreciation for staff and local law enforcement following the recent lockdown. The district is reviewing items such as family notifications and family/student/staff concerns. The district will be providing family's information on emergency procedures and why waiting for official instructions before calling or coming to the campus supports a safe response. The I Love You Guys Foundation is a great resource find info on our webpage at [Parent Resources | Hayden School District](#) or ["I Love U Guys" Foundation](#)

STRENGTHENING DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

The district is continuing work on communication plans so that staff, families, and community members receive clear, timely, and consistent information. This work includes how updates are shared, the order of notifications, and where families can find reliable information during an emergency.

DISTRICT STAFFING

The district welcomed Kelly Peed as our new Accounting Assistant. A second full-time substitute is planned for supporting classroom coverage and teacher plan time. Substitute recruitment continues as well as other positions still open in the district.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**SEARCH TIMELINE**

Two applications had been received as of the board meeting. HYA will present a candidate slate to the Board in executive session on December 8. Virtual interviews are scheduled December 14. Final candidates will be selected and a day in the district along with interviews will be conducted on January 6.

COMMUNITY INPUT

The superintendent search survey closes Friday, October 23, this is open to all parents/staff and community members. The link can be found on our website. Students who participated in focus groups appreciated being included and identified enthusiasm and student involvement as important qualities for the next superintendent.

UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION

The Board approved an updated superintendent job description for recruitment, adding a few additional job related duties.

BOARD ACTIONS**COMMUNITY CHATS**

Visit Board members in the Board Room during Parent/Teacher Conferences October 21 and 22, from 4-7 p.m. No Board action or decisions will occur during these chats.

POLICY AND PLANNING UPDATES

The Board approved transportation policy updates. Immunization policies received a first reading. Related policies will be consolidated where appropriate, and revised Board goals will return in November.

