Minutes for the Joint Board of Directors of Jefferson Academy
A Colorado Nonprofit Corporation
September 15, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Summit Academy Westminster & Zoom

Preliminary A., B., C., D., E., F.

Ms. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The guests were welcomed. The following Board members were present: Ms. Daly, Mr. DuVall, Mr. Ingram, Ms. McGahee, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Suckow. Ms. Evenson had an excused absence. The following ex-officio Board members were present: Mr Feddema, Ms. Mott, Mr. Pierson, Ms. Scarato, Dr. Schultz and Ms. Taussig. Mr. Robbins led the guests and Board of Directors in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Daly presented the agenda. Mr. DuVall requested a discussion in Finance pertaining to funding. Mr. Suckow moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. DuVall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

During public comment, Sara Jensen spoke about the issue that her student has experienced in checking out a chromebook. She requested that administration allow students to bring their own device.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Daly presented the consent agenda. Mr. Suckow moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. DuVall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

General Agenda

A Informational

1 Principal Presentation

Ms. Mott provided a presentation for Coal Creek Canyon. In Talented Team, she shared a video of their first day of school, new class offerings, first week activities, and their student teacher, Jordan Neely. In Successful Students, staff are checking in with new students, Kindergarten buddies, 8th grade TA program and new clubs. Also, they won an $800 award from Jeffco Summer Reading program. In Connect Community, she listed their recent school and upcoming community events. She reported that an Eagle Scout, Ethan Noble performed his Eagle Scout project in rebuilding the outdoor benches. She highlighted the teachers from Summit on Super Mondays, and the Secondary teachers for the invites to their sport camps. In Financial Fortitude, Ms. Mott stated that their PTO continues to support the school in recruiting new families and providing funding for classrooms.

2 Executive Director Update

Dr. Schultz provided a presentation on the School Performance Frameworks. She explained that every school's report card is available through the Colorado Department of Education's website. Mr. Pierson explained the drop in scores in the junior high was due to the separation of the school codes with Summit. Dr. Schultz noted that the scores for the elementary school increased.

3 JeffCo November Ballot Mill Levy

Ms. Daly shared the mill levy override and the special mill that will be on the November ballot. Ms. Daly encouraged everyone to read through these ballots. Charter schools would benefit from the passing of these ballots. Dr. Schultz reported that with the mill levy override, JA Elementary could receive approximately $748,000, JA Secondary approximately $662,000 combined with Summit Academy, and JA Coal Creek Canyon approximately $95,000. She explained the formula that was used in obtaining these figures. These funds would be paid over a period of time.

B Strategy

a 2027-2030 Strategic Plan

Dr. Schultz reported that she will work with all administrators on the pillars in developing the strategic plan. They will also take in account ideas from PTO and Boosters. She requested that Board members attend a PTO and Boosters meeting.

a Board Manual Status & Updates

Mr. Suckow reported that the Board Manual includes all the updates. Mr. Suckow stated that the P & G committee will look for areas that may need to be reviewed. The committee would like input from the Board on areas that they should focus on.

b Board Campus Visits

It was determined that the visits would take place by November 1. Each Board member committed to visiting a specific campus.

c ED Transition Update

Ms. Daly reviewed the meeting that was held with Dr. Cooper. Dr. Schultz shared the focused objectives, and explained the actions and progress toward these objectives. She noted monitoring the evidence and data. Dr. Schultz will provide monthly updates in her reports.

d SAC Survey Goals & Revisions for February 2027

Discussion ensued about passed surveys and how to increase participation.

2 Financials

a 2025-2026 Year-End Budget Update

Mr. Ingram reviewed the 2025-2026 year-end budget and stated there were no concerns. Mr. Ingram moved to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented for JA Elementary, JA Secondary, JA Coal Creek Canyon, Summit Academy Westminster and Summit Academy South, including the line item overages that exceeded the budget thresholds established in Board policy during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Suckow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holocher reported that the state has put forth a new funding formula. He explained in previous years, funding was based on per pupil revenue. Funding will be changing to a lower PPR, then add at-risk funding, ELL and SPED students. There are other factors in funding. This formula will be phased in over the next five years.

3 Committees

a Committee Meetings dats fo 2026-2027

C Governance

The upcoming committee dates were noted. Mr. Suckow will post these committee meetings on the website.

D Policy

1 Update on Bell-to-Bell cell phone policy & personal device policy at Secondary

Mr. Pierson reported that there have been minimal issues with this policy. The library hours have been extended for students to check out chromebooks. Students were given the opportunity to take a survey on

the chromebooks. It was noted the shift with more positive comments from students about the cell phone policy.

E Tasks

1 Approve minutes from August 2026

Ms. Daly presented the Minutes from August 2026. Mr. DuVall moved to approve the Minutes from August 2026 as presented. Mr. Ingram seconded the motion. Ms. McGahee abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Daly presented the special session Minutes of August 24, 2026. Mr. DuVall moved to approve the special session Minutes of August 24, 2026 as presented. Mr. Ingram seconded the motion. Ms. McGahee abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

2 Action Items

These were reviewed and revised.

3 Board communications to parents (Top 5)

The following items will be included in the Top 5: Coal Creek Canon update, school report card, the bell-to-bell policy, funding updates and the November ballot.

Adjournment

Mr. Suckow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ms. McGahee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cohen

Shelly Cohen, Clerk
Jefferson Academy Board of Directors