

Welcome to a meeting of the Garfield Re-2 Board of Education



Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 5:30 PM

Learning Opportunity Center

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1. Meeting Called to Order - 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. August 26, 2026 Agenda

Approval of the August 26, 2026 Agenda

4. Public Audience

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 August 12, 2026 Draft Board Minutes;

Approval of the August 12, 2026 Draft Board Minutes;

5.2 Consent Agenda Continued;

- Approval of a Grant Proposal for Health Services from Justice Necessary;
- Approval of a New Course Proposal A-1 Heating Plumbing work-Based Learning Academy;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ryan Fideldy to hire Shaelie Campbell for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Elk Creek Elementary effective August 10, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to hire Mackenzie Nevarez for the position of Early Childhood Aide at Kathryn Senor Elementary effective August 10, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kathi Senor to hire Gerson Crispin for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Wamsley Elementary effective August 10, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Erin Beaudette to hire Carter Reider for the position of Transitions Paraprofessional at CMC location

- effective August 17, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Rich Hills to hire Zayra Fernandez Herrera for the position of Mild/Moderate Special Education Paraprofessional at Highland Elementary effective August 10, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to hire Viviana Gonzalez Tapia for the position of Early Childhood Aide at Wamsley Elementary effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Aaron Hermiller to hire Chrismar Carrizalez Gonzalez for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Graham Mesa Elementary effective August 10, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Mary McPhee to hire Brenda Carrasco for the position of Cook at Food Services effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Cory Hitchcock to hire Jose Diaz Munoz for the position of Assistant Boys Soccer Coach at Rifle High School effective August 14, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Stephen Johnston to hire Amanda Griego for the position of Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Rifle High School effective August 31, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Tara DeWitte to hire Fernanda Loya for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Kathryn Senor Elementary effective August 24, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ryan Fidely to hire Suzette Beresford for the position of Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Elk Creek Elementary effective August 24, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Oscar Walker to hire Stephanie Duran for the position of Route Bus Driver at Transportation effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to hire Emilee Gonzalez for the position of Early Childhood Assistant Teacher at Wamsley Elementary effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Aaron Hermiller and Kathi Senor to hire Makenna Thew for the position of Elementary School Counselor at Graham Mesa Elementary effective August 10, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Erin Beaudette to hire Maria Gutierrez for the position of School Based Mental Health Professional District Wide effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Jessica Carter to hire Larisa Gray for the position of 7th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach at Rifle Middle School effective August 1, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ben Kirk to hire Ryan Davis for the position of Assistant Boys Soccer Coach at Coal Ridge High School effective August 18, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ben Kirk to hire Trorie Rickert for the position of Assistant Football Coach at Coal Ridge High School effective August 10, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ben Kirk to hire Jeremy O'Donnell for the position of Assistant Baseball Coach at Coal Ridge High

- School effective August 11, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ben Kirk to hire Colton Johnson for the position of Assistant Football Coach at Coal Ridge High School effective August 13, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ben Kirk to hire Jeremy O'Donnell for the position of Assistant Football Coach at Coal Ridge High School effective August 13, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Trent Bakich to hire Keith Bushman for the position of 7th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach at Riverside Middle School effective August 13, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Trent Bakich to hire Allisa Ford for the position of 8th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach at Riverside Middle School effective August 13, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Leslie Hammond for the position of ELD Teacher at Cactus Valley Elementary effective August 10, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Peter Golden for the position of Day to Day Substitute District Wide effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ryan Fidely to hire Katie Bayless for the position of Permanent Substitute at Elk Creek Elementary effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Hannah Lueb for the position of Day to Day Substitute Districtwide effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from from Devon Spaulding to hire Maddison Booth-Gehrett for the position of Day to Day Substitute Districtwide effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Kristi Miller for the position of Day to Day Substitute Districtwide effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Tara Charlesworth for the position of Day to Day Substitute Districtwide effective August 17, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of resignation from Elier Rayos, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach at Rifle High School effective August 4, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of resignation from Christian Batson, Assistant Football Coach at Coal Ridge High School effective August 4, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of resignation from Michelle Merrell, Counselor at Rifle Middle School effective October 16, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of resignation from Audrey Barret, Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Elk Creek Elementary effective August 6, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of resignation from Mckenzie Carpenter, General Education Paraprofessional at Highland Elementary effective May 30, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of resignation from Fatima Villa Morales, Cook for Food Services effective August 7, 2026;
 - Approval of a letter of resignation from Jon Yapoujian, General Education

- Paraprofessional at Cactus Valley Elementary effective August 7, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Steve Simons, Assistant Baseball Coach at Coal Ridge High School effective August 17, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Claudia Alvarez Mendoza, Swing Shift Custodian at Custodial Department effective August 26, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Seth Luebbe, Assistant Football Coach at Coal Ridge High School effective August 10, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Jefferson Mathews, Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Wamsley Elementary effective August 16, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Eymi Bacho Petatan, Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Elk Creek Elementary effective September 3, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Mark Fitzwater, Counselor at Rifle High School effective August 20, 2026;
- Approval of a Field trip for Highland Elementary Fifth Grade Music classes;
- Approval of a Fund Raiser for Highland Music Department;
- Approval of a Fund Raiser for Rifle Middle School PE Climbing Experience;
- Approval of a Fundraiser for Highland School Gear;

Approval of the Consent Agenda;

6. Assistant Superintendent Report

7. Superintendent Report

8. Board Reports and Requests

9. Committee Reports

10. Advocacy

11. Governance Discussion Items

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- Discussion regarding Resolution for Mill & Bond;
[Resolution for Mill & Bond.pdf](#) 

12. Governance Action Items

Approval of a Resolution calling an election on November 3, 2026 for elector consideration of ballot Issues for a Mill Levy Override and for the Issuance of debt; Setting the Ballot Titles and Content for the ballot issues; and proving other matters relating thereto

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[Resolution for Mill & Bond.pdf](#) 

Approval of second reading for changes to Policy KDB, Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information;

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[KDB Public's Right to Know Freedom of Information-2024.pdf](#) 

Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Joint Grant Application between the

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Garfield Re-2 School

District and the Town of New Castle for a Grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the construction and installation of a playground at Riverside Middle School

[New Castle Playground FMLD grant memo 2026.pdf](#) 

- 13. Policy Focus**
- 14. Future Request**
- 15. Meeting Debrief**
- 16. Meeting Adjourned**

STATE OF COLORADO)
GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2) ss.
GARFIELD COUNTY)

As the Secretary of the Board of Education Garfield County School District RE-2, Garfield County, Colorado (the “District”), I do hereby certify that:

1. Attached is a true and correct copy of a resolution (the “Resolution”) adopted by the Board of Education (the “Board”) at a public meeting held on August 26, 2026.

2. The Resolution was duly moved, seconded and adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Fathom Jensen – President	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chance Jenkins – Vice President	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cassie Haskell – Secretary	_____	_____	_____	_____
Megan Heil – Treasurer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Steven Beaulieu – Member	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. The Resolution was duly approved by the Board, signed by the President of the Board, sealed with the District’s seal, attested by the Secretary of the Board and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

4. The public meeting at which the Resolution was adopted was noticed, and all proceedings relating to the adoption of the Resolution were conducted in accordance with all applicable bylaws, policies, rules and regulations for resolutions of the District, in accordance with the approved procedures of the District relating to such matters, and in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, including without limitation the Open Meetings Law (Section 24-6-402, C.R.S.) and all other applicable laws.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District as of August 26, 2026.

Secretary

[SEAL]

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR ELECTOR CONSIDERATION OF BALLOT ISSUES FOR A MILL LEVY OVERRIDE AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT; SETTING THE BALLOT TITLES AND CONTENT FOR THE BALLOT ISSUES; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, Garfield County School District RE-2, Garfield County, Colorado (the “District”), is a duly organized and validly existing school district, political subdivision and body corporate of the State of Colorado (the “State”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the District has determined that the interest of the District and the public interest or necessity demands the acquisition, construction, installation or completion of the improvements and facilities described in the debt ballot issue set forth in Appendix A attached hereto (the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, there are not sufficient funds in the treasury of the District and the Board does not anticipate that existing sources of revenue will be sufficient to generate the moneys necessary to construct, acquire, install and complete the Improvements on a pay-as-you-go basis; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the Improvements, the Board has determined to submit for elector consideration approval for the issuance of general obligation bonds and the levy of property taxes to pay such bonds; and

WHEREAS, based upon the need of additional funds by the District for educational purposes, Section 22-54-108 C.R.S. provides that the District may seek voter approval for the authorization of additional local revenues, the form of which mill levy override ballot issue is set forth in Appendix A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the election shall be conducted as a coordinated election in Garfield County in accordance with articles 1 to 13 of title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the “Uniform Election Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Clerk and Recorder of Garfield County (the “County Clerk”) is the coordinated election official for the election pursuant to the Uniform Election Code, and is responsible for mailing the notice of election required by Article X, Section 20(3)(b) of the Colorado Constitution (the “TABOR Notice”); and

WHEREAS, the District will assist the County Clerk in providing necessary information and notices for the conduct of the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to set the ballot titles for the ballot issues to be submitted at the election called by this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2, IN GARFIELD COUNTY AND THE STATE OF COLORADO:

1. An election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (the "Election Date") at which there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District two ballot issues which shall be in substantially the forms attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. For purposes of Section 1-11-203.5, C.R.S., this Resolution shall serve to set the ballot title and content for the ballot issues set forth in the appendix hereto. Appendix A is hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in full herein.

3. Sharon Donohue is hereby reaffirmed as the "Designated Election Official" responsible for the running of the election for the District. The Designated Election Official is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with any action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution and comply with the Uniform Election Code, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution ("TABOR") and other applicable laws and election rules.

4. Not later than 60 days before the Election Date (Friday, September 4, 2026) the Designated Election Official shall certify a copy of the ballot issues set forth in Appendix A hereto to the County Clerk in accordance with Section 1-5-203, C.R.S. If the District refers more than one ballot issue to the voters at the same election (whether by this Resolution or one or more other resolutions), the order of the ballot for referred measures shall, as provided by the rules of the Secretary of State, be as follows: first, measures to increase taxes; second, measures to retain excess revenues; third, measures to increase debt; and fourth, other referred measures.

5. No later than 43 days before the Election Date (Monday, September 21, 2026), the Designated Election Official shall submit the TABOR Notice to the County Clerk in the form, if any, specified by the County Clerk. Thereafter, at least 30 days before the Election Date (Friday, October 2, 2026) the County Clerk is to mail, at the least cost, the notice required by Article X, Section 20(3)(b) of the Colorado Constitution to the registered voters of the District.

6. No later than 20 days before the Election Date (Wednesday, October 14, 2026), the Designated Election Official shall ensure that the additional posting of financial notice is made on the District's website in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. § 1-7-908. Additionally, no later than 20 days before the Election Date the Designated Election Official shall cause a notice of election to be published (if not otherwise published by the County Clerk) in accordance with the Section 1-5-205, C.R.S.

7. No later than 10 days before the Election Date (Friday, October 23, 2026) the Designated Election Official shall cause a notice of election to be posted in the office of the Designated Election Official in accordance with the Section 1-5-205, C.R.S.

8. As provided in Section 1-1-106, C.R.S., if the State Constitution or a State statute requires doing an act "no later than" or "at least" a certain number of days prior to the Election Date, the period is shortened to and ends on the prior business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

9. If a majority of the votes cast on the respective ballot issues attached hereto as Appendix A submitted at the election shall be in favor of any such ballot issues, the District acting through the Board shall be authorized to proceed with the necessary action to issue bonds and/or levy taxes in accordance with the approved ballot issue or ballot issues. Any authority to issue bonds and/or levy ad valorem property taxes, if conferred by the results of the election, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to issue bonds and/or levy the taxes so authorized at any one time, or from time to time, and neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred, nor any lapse of time, shall be considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred.

10. The officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to hold an election on the Election Date and to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

11. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the members of the Board and the officers and employees of the District and directed toward holding the election for the purposes stated herein are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

12. All prior acts, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, by the District in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, except that this repealer shall not be construed to revive any act, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

13. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various parts hereof are severable.

14. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of August, 2026.

[DISTRICT SEAL]

By _____
President

ATTEST:

By _____
Secretary

**APPENDIX A
FORM OF THE BALLOT ISSUES**

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 BALLOT ISSUE # ____

SHALL GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2 TAXES BE INCREASED \$4.7 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR BASIC EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, WHICH MONEYS SHALL BE USED TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

- ATTRACT, TRAIN, AND RETAIN HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS;
- MAINTAIN COMPETITIVE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR DISTRICT TEACHERS, TEACHER'S AIDES, BUS DRIVERS, CUSTODIANS, AND OTHER SUPPORT STAFF, AND
- MAINTAIN CLASS SIZES THAT ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING;

THROUGH A PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE MILL LEVY TO BE IMPOSED ANNUALLY AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE FIXED AMOUNT SET FORTH ABOVE, TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND?

_____ YES/FOR _____ NO/AGAINST

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 BALLOT ISSUE # ____

WITHOUT IMPOSING A NEW TAX, SHALL GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2 DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$118 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$225 MILLION, AND SHALL ANNUAL BOND REDEMPTION TAXES APPROVED BY DISTRICT VOTERS IN 2006 AND CURRENTLY RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT BE EXTENDED TO PAY THE DEBT TO BE INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING, EQUIPPING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, TO THE EXTENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS, INCLUDING:

- CONSTRUCTING A NEW ACCESS ROAD AT RIFLE HIGH SCHOOL TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CIRCULATION FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS;
- RENOVATING SCIENCE CLASSROOMS AND AGING LAB SYSTEMS, AND CONVERTING OUTDATED COMPUTER LABS INTO DEDICATED CAREER-READY AND ENGINEERING LABS AT RIFLE HIGH SCHOOL;
- CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION AND RELATED RENOVATIONS AT COAL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TO EXPAND TRADES, AGRICULTURAL, AND CAREER-READY TRAINING, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS SPACES;
- BUILDING A NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES;
- ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN RIFLE, SILT, AND NEW CASTLE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN DISTRICT TEACHERS AND STAFF (SUCH AS BUS DRIVERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS, AND KITCHEN STAFF); AND
- UPGRADING DISTRICT-WIDE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACQUIRING RELATED CAPITAL ASSETS, CRITICAL FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AT ALL SCHOOLS;

THROUGH ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE BUT BY NOT MORE THAN \$9.2 MILLION ANNUALLY, TO GENERATE AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

_____ YES/FOR _____ NO/AGAINST

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10. The officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to hold an election on the Election Date and to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

11. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the members of the Board and the officers and employees of the District and directed toward holding the election for the purposes stated herein are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

12. All prior acts, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, by the District in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, except that this repealer shall not be construed to revive any act, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

13. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various parts hereof are severable.

14. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of August, 2026.

[DISTRICT SEAL]

By _____
President

ATTEST:

By _____
Secretary

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_____ YES/FOR _____ NO/AGAINST

GARFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 BALLOT ISSUE # ____

WITHOUT IMPOSING A NEW TAX, SHALL GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2 DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$118 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$225 MILLION, AND SHALL ANNUAL BOND REDEMPTION TAXES APPROVED BY DISTRICT VOTERS IN 2006 AND CURRENTLY RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT BE EXTENDED TO PAY THE DEBT TO BE INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING, EQUIPPING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, TO THE EXTENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS, INCLUDING:

- CONSTRUCTING A NEW ACCESS ROAD AT RIFLE HIGH SCHOOL TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CIRCULATION FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS;
- RENOVATING SCIENCE CLASSROOMS AND AGING LAB SYSTEMS, AND CONVERTING OUTDATED COMPUTER LABS INTO DEDICATED CAREER-READY AND ENGINEERING LABS AT RIFLE HIGH SCHOOL;
- CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION AND RELATED RENOVATIONS AT COAL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TO EXPAND TRADES, AGRICULTURAL, AND CAREER-READY TRAINING, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS SPACES;
- BUILDING A NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES;
- ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN RIFLE, SILT, AND NEW CASTLE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN DISTRICT TEACHERS AND STAFF (SUCH AS BUS DRIVERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS, AND KITCHEN STAFF); AND
- UPGRADING DISTRICT-WIDE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACQUIRING RELATED CAPITAL ASSETS, CRITICAL FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AT ALL SCHOOLS;

THROUGH ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE BUT BY NOT MORE THAN \$9.2 MILLION ANNUALLY, TO GENERATE AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

_____ YES/FOR _____ NO/AGAINST

Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

The Board is a public servant, and its meetings and records shall be matters of public information, subject to such restrictions as are set by federal law or regulation, by state statute or by pertinent court rulings.

The official minutes of the Board, its written policies and its financial records shall be open for inspection at the office of the superintendent by any citizen desiring to examine them during hours when the office of the superintendent is open. However, no records shall be released for inspection by the public or any unauthorized persons—either by the superintendent or any other person designated as custodian for school district records—if such disclosure would be contrary to the public interest as described in state law or otherwise prohibited by law. The district's financial information shall be posted online in accordance with the Public School Financial Transparency Act.

In responding to a request for the district's public records, the district may charge a fee for staff time spent in excess of one hour for the following: researching and retrieving the requested records; conducting searches for requested records; reviewing records to determine whether they are responsive to the request; and identifying and separating those records that are not public and/or are privileged or confidential. Such fee shall be ~~\$33.58~~ \$41.37 per hour, which may be increased from time to time as permitted by applicable state law. The district may also charge other reasonable fees in responding to a request for the district's public records, in accordance with the accompanying regulation.

The Board wishes to support the right of the people to know about the programs and services of their schools and shall make reasonable efforts to disseminate information. Each principal is authorized to use all means available to keep parents/guardians and others of that particular school's community informed about the school's program and activities.

Adopted: September 25, 2007
Revised: May 28, 2013
Revised: August 26, 2014
Revised: April 24, 2024

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-9-109 (*exemption from public inspection*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(c) (*documents available for public inspection*)
C.R.S. 24-72-201 *et seq.* (*access to public records*)

C.R.S. 24-72-205 (6)(a) *(must adopt policy regarding the fee for research and retrieval of public records, if the district imposes such a fee)*

CROSS REFS.: BEDA, Notification of School Board Meetings
BEDG, Minutes
EGAEA, Public Electronic Mail Records
GBJ, Personnel Records and Files
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

Garfield School District No. Re-2, Rifle, Colorado



Memo

To: Honorable Board of Directors
From: Theresa Hamilton, Dir. of Communications
Cc: Kirk Banghart, Superintendent, Jenny Nipper, Asst. Superintendent, Jason Lynch, Finance Director, John Oldham, Facilities Director, Karen Satter, New Castle Principal, Trent Backich, Asst. Principal, Riverside Middle School
Date: August 21, 2026
Re: Approval of Federal Mineral Lease Grant

Director of Facilities John Oldham and Director of Communication Theresa Hamilton are requesting the approval of resolutions in support of a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease Joint Grant with the Town of New Castle. Resolutions in support of grant applications are required as part of the GCFMLD application process.

Joint Grant Application

Directors Oldham and Hamilton have been working with Riverside Middle School Assistant Principal Trent Bakich for nearly two years in partnership with the Town of New Castle to plan a play area on the property to the east of the Riverside building and adjacent to Vix Park.

Nearly a decade ago, Riverside students in a STEM class began exploring what it would take to fund and build a playground. The effort did not result in a formal construction plan at that time, and the need never went away. Requests have continued from students and parents, and the current project represents approximately two years of renewed work by school staff, families and community partners.

Since Riverside opened, outdoor recreation has primarily consisted of the athletic field and blacktop. Students can play traditional field sports, basketball or tag, walk the grounds or sit. School leaders also see a need for more clearly defined outdoor spaces where students can socialize and be active, which can support positive student behavior during less-structured parts of the school day.

This project would include:

- A commercial playground featuring a TrekFit Bamboo Jungle obstacle course, a six-swing structure, and a Denali climbing net.
- A sand volleyball court with commercial posts, net, padding and court boundaries.
- A 36-foot by 52-foot shade structure, approximately 15 feet, 6 inches high, providing a permanent shaded gathering area.
- An outdoor classroom to facilitate instruction and gathering.
- Concrete pathways, gathering/activity space, and a small stage area connecting the recreational features.

The Town of New Castle has signed on as a joint applicant for this project and is committing \$20,000 toward the construction costs.

Bids for this project were opened on August 21, 2026. The general contractor's cost is \$497,257, and the contract was awarded to Tally Ho Construction. The bids came in higher than anticipated. In working with the Town of New Castle and Riverside Middle School, we have adjusted the quantity of play equipment pieces. The play pieces will add \$92,000 to the project cost, bringing the total cost to \$589,757.

The Town of New Castle and Garfield Re-2 would like to submit a joint Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease Grant (GCFMLD) application in the amount of \$412,830. to support this work. Grant applications through FMLD require a 30% match from the applicant, with at least 10% of the project match in cash. The funding for this project is as follows:

- Riverside Middle School's Building Budget - \$32,690
- Town of New Castle - \$20,000
- In-kind match for the dirt work from Red Neck Construction - \$50,000
- Riverside PTAC - \$3,000
- Alpine Bank - \$2,000
- In-Kind Discount from Starr Playgrounds -\$9,000
- Garfield Re-2 School District/Riverside Middle School Co-Curricular funds for design work - \$25,246
- Garfield Re-2 School District General Fund Contribution - \$34,991
- Total matching funds - \$176,927

We request approval of the attached resolution to apply for the GCFMLD grant in the amount of \$412,830, which is 70% of the project cost. This project is identified in the Garfield Re-2 Facilities Master Plan.

Directors Oldham and Hamilton, along with Riverside Assistant Principal Trent Backich will be available to answer questions.

Resolution Supporting the Joint Grant Application between the Garfield Re-2 School District and the Town of New Castle for a Grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the construction and installation of a playground at Riverside Middle School

- A. WHEREAS, the Garfield School District No. Re-2 and the Town of New Castle are political subdivisions of the State of Colorado, and therefore eligible applicants for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (“GCFMLD”); and
- B. WHEREAS, the Garfield School District No. Re-2 and the Town of New Castle have submitted a joint Grant Application for the construction of and installation of a new playground at Riverside Middle School area and is requesting a total award of \$412,830 and
- C. WHEREAS, the Garfield School District No. Re-2 and the Town of New Castle support the completion of the project if a grant is awarded by the GCFMLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Garfield School District No. Re-2 Board of Directors THAT:

- 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Garfield Re-2 School District No. Re-2 Board of Directors;
- 2. The Garfield Re-2 School District No. Re-2 Board of Directors strongly supports the Grant Application submitted by the Garfield School District No. Re-2 and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District.
- 3. The Board of Directors of the Garfield School District No. Re-2 authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.
- 4. The project site is owned by Garfield School District No. Re-2 and will be owned by Garfield School District No. Re-2 for the next 25 years. The Board of Directors of the Garfield School District No. Re-2 will continue to maintain the playground area in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance annually.
- 5. If a grant is awarded, the Garfield Re-2 School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD via DocuSign.

The effective date of this Resolution is the date passed and approved below.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: August 26, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: Kirk Banghart, Superintendent

Title: Fathom Jensen, School Board President

Date: August 26, 2025

Date: August 26, 2025