

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



Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 5:30 PM

Rifle Middle School

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82120965714?pwd=m8YdAODHRLUx0NUa12R9nulsc4bHwV.1>

Shine the Light on Rifle Middle School at 4:45 pm. All are Welcome!

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. January 14, 2025 Agenda

Approval of the January 14, 2025 Agenda

4. Public Audience

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 December 3, 2025 Draft Board Minutes;

Approval of the December 3, 2025 Draft Board Minutes;

5.2 Consent Agenda Continued:

- Approval of a Grant Proposal for Curriculum from the ELG Grant via Colorado Department of Education;
- Approval of an interfund transfer from the schools 10 Fund or 23 Fund Budget to the Principals 21 Fund lunch account to cover cost of staff lunches;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Rob Dean to hire Jennifer Wolf for the position of Counselor at Rifle Middle School effective January 12, 2026;

- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Jackie Davis to hire Meghan Backofen for the position of Counselor at Coal Ridge High School effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kathi Senor to hire Samantha Lopez for the position of Registrar at Wamsley Elementary effective January 5, 2026
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Tara DeWitte to hire Caroline Mooney for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Kathryn Senor Elementary effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to hire Noelia Molina for the position of Early Childhood Aide at Kathryn Senor Elementary effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Rich Hills to hire Itzel Hernandez Castillo for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Highland Elementary effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Tara DeWitte to hire Katherine Porlas for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Kathryn Senor effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kathi Senor to hire Esmerelda Torres Pena for the position of Attendance Secretary at Wamsley Elementary effective December 1, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Trent Bakich to hire Trorie Rickert for the position of Head Eighth Grade Girls Basketball Coach at Riverside Middle School effective November 23, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kelly Detlefsen to hire Tammy Klein for the position of Mild/Moderate Special Education Paraprofessional at Cactus Valley Elementary effective December 1, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Trent Bakich to hire Michael Davis for the position of Seventh Grade Head Girls Basketball Coach at Riverside Middle School effective December 8, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to hire America De La Cruz for the position of Early Childhood Aide at Elk Creek Elementary effective December 4, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Ryan Fideldy to hire Eymi Bacho Petatan for the position of Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Elk Creek Elementary effective December 8, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Aaron Herrmiller to hire Nathalie Arias Rodriguez for the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Graham Mesa Elementary effective December 8, 2025;

- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Cory Hitchcock to hire Travis Garrett for the position of Assistant Wrestling Coach at Rifle High School effective November 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Stephen Johnston to hire Layne Ruppelius for the position of Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Rifle High School effective December 1, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Tara DeWitte to hire Ashley Saueressig for the position of Mild/Moderate Special Education Paraprofessional at Kathryn Senor Elementary effective December 11, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kathi Senor to hire Jefferson Mathews for the position of Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Wamsley Elementary effective December 15, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to hire Raquel Serrato Alonso for the position of Early Childhood Aide effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Trent Bakich to hire Jorge Contreras for the position of Seventh Grade Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Riverside Middle School effective January 6, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Rob Dean to have Dana Martinez transfer from Health Clerk at Rifle Middle School to ELL Paraprofessional at Rifle Middle School effective February 2, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Rob Dean to have Isa Oliver transfer from Special Education Paraprofessional at Rifle Middle School to Teacher of Record for Forensics at Rifle Middle School effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kathi Senor to have Jeri McCormick transfer from Permanent Substitute at Wamsley Elementary to Fourth Grade Teacher of Record at Wamsley Elementary effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to have Destiny Vargas transfer from Early Childhood Aide at Wamsley Elementary to Early Childhood Lead Teacher at Wamsley Elementary effective December 1, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kathi Senor to have Hannah Winters transfer from Preschool Aide at Wamsley Elementary to General Education Paraprofessional at Wamsley Elementary effective December 1, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Penny Kuper to have Sierra Kuper transfer from Transportation Aide Substitute at Transportation to Route Bus Driver at Transportation effective February 2, 2026;

- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Kelly Detlefsen to have Kasie Boatwright transfer from Permanent Substitute Teacher at Cactus Valley Elementary to First Grade Teacher of Record at Cactus Valley Elementary effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Emily Kielmeyer to have Vanessa Soto transfer from Early Childhood Assistant Teacher at Kathryn Senor Elementary to Early Childhood Aide at Walmsley Elementary effective January 5, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Leah Parks, Music Teacher at Graham Mesa Elementary effective December 19, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Amelina Yurgaitis, Early Childhood Aide at Graham Mesa Elementary effective December 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Karyme Gallardo, Early Childhood Aide at Kathryn Senor Elementary effective December 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Dana Mondiekis, Special Education Paraprofessional at Graham Mesa Elementary effective December 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Maria Serna, Family Liaison at Rifle High School effective December 19, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Briana Rodriguez Cruz, Building Technology Assistant Districtwide effective December 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Lizette Sanchez, Assistant Toddler Teacher at Elk Creek Elementary effective December 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Jessica Hurtado, General Education Paraprofessional at Wamsley Elementary effective December 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Shelby Kaur, Significant Support Needs Paraprofessional at Highland Elementary effective December 18, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of retirement from Linda Harrison, Registrar at Graham Mesa Elementary effective May 28, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Kylie Allen, for the position of Math Teacher at Coal Ridge High School effective May 29, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of retirement from Kelly D'Avella, Seventh and Eighth Grade Dean of Students at Rifle Middle School effective 6-30-2026;
- Approval of a letter of retirement from Rebecca Shideler, Registrar at Coal Ridge High School effective March 31, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of retirement from Kathy Olson, Route Bus

- Driver at Transportation effective January 29, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of resignation from Charles (Poke) Stiers, Day to Day Substitute District Wide effective January 8, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Terri Ell for the position of Day to Day Substitute District Wide effective January 12, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Kyla Hemelt for the position of Day to Day Substitute District Wide effective January 12, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Devon Spaulding to hire Rayahnon Bernal for the position of Day to Day Substitute District Wide effective December 11, 2025;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Cory Hitchcock to hire James Wilson for the position of Head Girls Golf Coach at Rifle High School effective January 7, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of retirement for Julie Martinez, ELL Teacher at Kathryn Senior Elementary effective May 29, 2026;
- Approval of a letter of recommendation from Sarah Bell to hire Andrea Cordova for the position of Health Clerk at Wamsley Elementary effective January 12, 2026;
- Approval of a fundraiser for Kathryn Senior Elementary PTAC;
- Approval of a fundraiser for Rifle High School Athletic Department;

Approval of the Consent Agenda

6. Governance Discussion Items

- 6.1 Housing Survey;
[Garfield Housing Analysis RD 1 5 26.docx.pdf](#) 
[Housing Interest Questionnaire for Garfield School District Employees - Google Forms.pdf](#) 
- 6.2 Tech Team Discussion on AI;
[BOE AI Roadmap Intro 14 January 26.pdf](#) 
- 6.3 Committee Assignments;
- 6.4 Audit Report 2025;
[GCSD RE-2 FY 2025 Audited Financial Statements FINAL – ADA Compl \(3\).pdf](#) 

7. Governance Action Items

8. Policy Focus

- 8.1 First Reading for Policy JJIB-R-3, Number of Coaches Per Sport/Activity High School;
[Policy JJIB-R-3.pdf](#) 
- 8.2 First Reading for Policy JJIB-R-4, Player Coach Ratio Middle School;
[Policy JJIB-R-4.pdf](#) 
- 8.3 First Reading Policy GBG, Liability of School Personnel/Staff protection;
[GBG Liability of School Personnel_Staff Protection-DRAFT 1.9.26.pdf](#) 
- 8.4 First Reading Policy GBAB, Workplace Health and Safety Protection;
[GBAB Workplace Health and Safety Protection-DRAFT 1.9.2026 \(1\).pdf](#) 

9. Future Request

10. Meeting Debrief

11. Meeting Adjourned