

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

****RHS Krivokapich Media Center****

1535 Tiger Circle, Raton, New Mexico

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by President Phillips.

III. Recognition of Students, Staff and Visitors

Board Members

Jason Phillips – President
Ryan Boone – Vice President
Dustin Walter – Member

Staff

Kristie Medina, Superintendent (via Zoom)
Olga Neurauter, Joleene Starr, Lynette Simpson,
Victoria Kelley, Ambrosita Sintas, Johonna Petrie

a. Student Senate Representative Report

Karson Burk reported that the Student Senate has planned a Blood Drive for October 28th. They will also be volunteering at the St. Vincent Thanksgiving Dinner in November. Plans for Tiger Fest will begin soon. The Student Senate asked for guidance from the School Board, due to some previous Board concerns, regarding instructional time being used for Homecoming/Tiger Fest activities. The Board Members understood that part of High School is the experience they have, and that it was appropriate for some instructional time to be used for Tiger Fest, within reason. It was agreed that the Student Senate would bring back a tentative schedule with ideas to share with the Board.

b. Requests to be recognized – (5 minute limit)

Owen Kelley, representing the Class of 2026, requested that the Board consider changing the date and time of graduation from Saturday, May 23rd at 9 a.m. to Friday, May 22nd at 6 p.m. Owen sited that the change would be more in line with tradition, it would give students more time to be ready, this graduation time/date would be accessible to more family members who work, and that the students would not have to get up early to go to graduation. The senior class also had a petition that was signed by 32 of the 47 students in their class. Mr. Phillips asked if there would be any loss of instructional time, or if there was any reason that the time and date could not be changed. Both Ms. Medina and Ms. Starr responded that there would not be any issues with the change. The Board members present felt that it was the seniors' day and that the changes should be accommodated, if possible.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Boone made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 3-0.

V. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2025 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 3-0.

VI. Informational Items

a. Superintendent Report

Ms. Medina reported that the next FBT Design meeting would take place tomorrow, October 17, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. She also reported that due to a lack of substitute teachers, there will be no staff at that meeting. A third option for the new school will be presented. Ms. Medina reported that these are only preliminary meetings and that staff and the community will be able to have input before anything is solidified.

b. Principal/Director Reports

- a. High School Principal, Joleene Starr: Wireless Communication Device Policy Possible Revisions - Ms. Starr asked if any of the staff present would like to speak about the policy. Ms. Kelley reported that she feels that engagement has gone up in the classroom, but they are still having some problems with phones. She felt that the policy was good, but that it could use a little more teeth. Ms. Simpson reported that some students really like the policy because they don't have family members calling them during school. They feel like they have more focus and are able to concentrate more. Ms. Starr reported that about 50% of her current discipline referrals are because students are not following the phone policy. She also reported that a parent recently showed her that the Wireless Communication Device Policy and the High School's discipline matrix do not have consistent consequences listed. All agreed that they should probably be the same. Ms. Starr and Ms. Medina would meet and bring some recommendations back to the Board. The general agreement of the Board is that policies, including this one, should be broad to leave room for the specific schools and teachers to enforce the way that is best for their school and/or classroom.

c. Board Member Reports

There were no additional Board Member Reports

d. Capital Projects Update

Mr. Phillips reiterated the FBT meeting on Friday, October, 17th from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mr. Walton asked about being included in the zoom, if it was available. Mr. Phillips said that he would at least try to get the replay to Mr. Walton.

VII. Action Items

a. Discuss/Approve 2024/2025 Fixed Asset Inventory

The Board had some questions about the Fixed Assets Inventory. Mr. Boone made a motion to table the Discussion/Approval of the 2024/2025 Fixed Asset Inventory until the November meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 3-0.

b. Policy Advisory No 270 - EGAD – Copyright Compliance – **Final Read**

- c. Policy Advisory No 271- IJNDB – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction – **Final Read**
IJNDB-R – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction – **Final Read**
IJNDB-E – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction – **Final Read**

d. Policy Advisory No 272 - IJNDC – Use of Artificial Intelligence – **Final Read**

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve Advisories No 270, No 271, and No 272. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 3-0.

VIII. Executive Session - Pursuant to the State “Open Meetings Act” Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) for discussion of limited personnel matters. No action will be taken in executive session.

None

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Boone made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Jason Phillips, President

Brenda Ferri, Secretary