

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

1535 Tiger Circle, Raton, New Mexico

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:01 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
Brenda Ferri - Secretary
Ted Kamp – Member
Dustin Walton - Member

Staff

Kristie Medina, Superintendent, Myra Baird,
Business Manager, Joleene Starr,
Deia Craig, Justin Mattorano, and
Johonna Petrie

a. Student Senate Representative Report

Juliana Ware reported on the plans for Tiger Fest, which will take place on January 17, 2026. The theme for this year is: Night on the Bayou. The tentative schedule for the week is as follows:

Monday:	Powerlifting – Students with appropriate grades & no write-ups can attend. Dress Up: Black and Gold Powerlifting Day
Tuesday:	Dress Up: Mardi Gras Day
Wednesday:	Early Release – After lunch: Rowdeo, After School Assembly, Royalty and Mums Dress Up: Class Color
Thursday:	Dress Up: Shine like a Fire Fly (Bright Sparkles)
Friday:	Dress Up: Friends on the Other Side (Spooky)
Fri./Sat.:	Wrestling – out of town. Possible Movie Night
Saturday:	Basketball Games starting at 1 p.m. Prince and Princess crowning between the JV and Varsity Games King and Queen crowning during the Boy’s game half time. Bonfire after the games.

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

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

V. **Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2025 – Regular Meeting**

Mr. Boone made a motion to approve the minutes from the November, 20, 2025 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. **Informational Items**

a. Superintendent Report

Ms. Medina reported the schools are finishing up the semester. Several of the classes at Longfellow were having programs this week. They also participated in dress up days this week. The District is preparing for another Page Turner Meeting to hopefully take place the first or second week in January. After that, there will be a meeting with all school staff. Ms. Medina mentioned that in the “Action Items” for this meeting, the Board would be presented with a requisition for the roofing survey for the new school. She also reported that Pettigrew has been on campus doing surveys. The District has been informed that Title Services does not have enough staff to do a Title Commitment on the School Project. Ms. Baird reported that the school might have to go to a national company to have the commitment completed. The surveyors are asking about the property easements. President Phillips reported that PSFA will not approve improvements to a city street, so this issue might slow down progress on the project.

b. Principal/Director Reports

Mr. Mattorano, Raton Intermediate School Principal, reported that the behavioral data that was discussed in the November, 2025 Board Meeting, was included in the School Board Packet for this meeting.

c. Transportation Director Report

Nick Cardenas, Transportation Director, reported that he is interested in a grant opportunity that would pay for new infrastructure for propane buses, for route buses. Diesel is expensive. By going to propane, the District could save 30% in fuel costs and another 30% on maintenance costs. Mr. Walton asked if we have a mechanic who is trained in propane bus maintenance. Mr. Cardenas reported that there is a week-long class that the District’s mechanic could attend to learn how to service and work on the buses. President Phillips reported that he had some reservations. He brought up questions about zoning for the infrastructure and what might happen if the infrastructure was installed and then the district did not chose to go that route for bus purchases. Mr. Cardenas reported that if the grant was awarded, he would come back and report to the Board.

Mr. Cardenas also reported some concerns about public drivers not stopping at various stop signs around town, especially near Longfellow. He stated that the District bus drivers make a point to drop kids off in the safest manner possible. President Phillips suggested that maybe Mr. Cardenas and Ms. Medina could go and speak on KRTN, about the situation.

d. Board Member Reports

Mr. Boone reported that he went to the Fall School Board Member Conference. Raton schools received some kudos about the fact that we are teaching Financial Literacy. The PED Secretary reported that there will be online school board training, to help more rural school district board members complete their annual training.

President Phillips reported that he had attended the Lifecycle Cost Analysis for the new school. He also reported that he and Mr. Boone would be sworn in as Raton Public

School Board Members at the January 2026 meeting, as they had been reelected. President Phillips took a moment to thanks all the school staff for what they do.

VII. Action Items

- a. Discuss/Approve Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers
Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. Discuss/Approve Requisition to RTM for HVAC PAC Consultant
Mr. Boone made a motion to approve the Requisition to RTM for the HVAC PAC Consultant. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. Discuss/Approve Requisition to AGI for Roofing Consultant
Ms. Ferri made a motion to approve the Requisition to AGI for the Roofing Consultant. Mr. Boone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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.

- a. Superintendent's Evaluation
Mr. Kamp made a motion to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Roll was called as follows:
 - Mr. Boone – Yes
 - Mr. Phillips – Yes
 - Ms. Ferri – Yes
 - Mr. Kamp – Yes
 - Mr. Walton – Yes

Motion carried 5-0.
The Board went into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Ferri made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Jason Phillips, President



Brenda Ferri, Secretary