

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

1535 Tiger Circle, Raton, New Mexico

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Phillips called the meet to order at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call was answered as follows:

Mr. Phillips – Present

Mr. Boone – Present via Zoom

Mr. Walton – Present

Ms. Ferri – Present

Mr. Kamp – Present

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 (via Zoom),

Myra Baird (via Zoom), Deia Craig, Justin Mattorano,

Sue Holland, Shannon Garrett, and Johonna Petrie

a. Student Senate Representative Report

None.

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

Jonathon Castillo, along with several other parents of senior students, attended the meeting to discuss a concern they had regarding graduation. They had been informed that seniors would not be walking across the stage and instead would remain at their seats, simply standing when recognized. He emphasized that graduation is a once-in-a-lifetime event for many students and that they deserve to be recognized through traditional practices, consistent with how previous classes have been honored.

Mr. Phillips clarified that there had been a miscommunication. He explained that the graduation ceremony would proceed as usual, with the exception of a stage. Students would still walk forward and shake hands with the Board as they receive their diplomas. Ms. Medina reiterated this clarification.

IV. Approval of Agenda

President Phillips reported that the Audit Presentation has been postponed for this meeting. Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of the Audit Presentation. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

V. **Approval of Minutes – February 19, 2026 – Regular Meeting**

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. **Informational Items**

a. Principal/Director Reports

Mr. Mattorano reported that Raton Intermediate School is having a Stem Connection Day tomorrow, 3/20/26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Geneva Sandoval, with many volunteers, have put the day together. There will also be some high school students coming to the Intermediate School to help. An Awards Assembly will take place in the afternoon.

Deia Craig, Special Education Director, reported that Child Find will take place on March 30th and 31st. Ms. Craig also informed the Board that she submitted the application for a Pre-K Grant. The District will hear if it was awarded in May.

b. Superintendent Report

Ms. Medina reported that she recently met with FBT about access controls, cameras, and how, and when, to incorporate the existing gym into the rest of the building. She stated that the District has a new PSFA Project Manager, named Matthew Gurkin.

c. Board Member Reports

President Phillips took part in Ms. Padilla's 4th Grade Starfish Café yesterday. He stated that the coffee was delicious and that he had sent Ms. Padilla an email thanking her.

President Phillips also reported that Mr. Boone had done a walk through and the new Des Moines facilitates. He thought that it would be a great idea for all of the Board Members to do it. He explained that during the construction phase, the contractor pays all the utility bills. Des Moines Superintendent, Kodi Sumpter, was surprised at how high their utility bills were when they moved into their new facilities. President Phillips thought this was something that should be considered. He wondered about the possibility of solar for the building.

d. Capital Projects Update

None

e. Title 1 Input & Federal Programs Review and Input

Ms. Medina reported that the District is still looking for input on these programs. It looks like all of the Federal Programs will have a small increase in funding for next year. She also explained what each fund was for:

Title I – Reading and Math Instruction

Title II – Professional Development

Title III – Consortium

Title IV – Safe Schools: The District currently uses these fund to purchase Parent Square.

Title V – After School and Summer Programs

Ms. Medina reported that the District will have the applications completed as soon as possible.

VII. **Action Items**

- a. Presentation & Approval of Audit Report – Manning & Associates
Tabled until a later meeting

b. Discuss/Approve Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers and 2nd Quarter Cash Report

Ms. Baird reported that she received some great news at the Spring Budget Workshop. The SEG for the 2026/2027 School Year will be increased by \$240. That will cover the 1% Salary Increase and the 80/20 split for employee insurance premiums. Ms. Baird said that the budget is due on May 12, which is after the regularly scheduled May meeting. She and President Phillips agreed that there may need to be a Special Meeting to approve the Budget before it is submitted to the State PED. President Phillips also asked that the Special Meeting be in lieu of the regular meeting. Ms. Baird reported that the audit had not been approved at the State yet. It must be checked and approved by 2 people, before it is finalized. The District's has only been approved by 1 so far.

Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers and 2nd Quarter Cash Report. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

c. NMSBA Scholarship Nomination

After much discussion about the future criteria for this scholarship, President Phillips made a motion to nominate Addison Medina for the NMSBA Scholarship. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Appoint Finance Committee Members

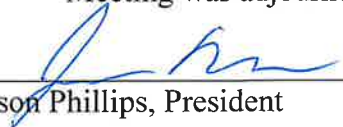
Ms. Ferri made a motion to appoint Ryan Boone and Dustin Walton to the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Appoint Audit Committee Members

Ms. Ferri made a motion to appoint Ted Kamp and Jason Phillips to the Audit Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Kamp made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Jason Phillips, President



Brenda Ferri, Secretary