MOUNTAIN BOCES
BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Board of Directors Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

May 14, 2026 1:00-3:00

Participation Information:	**Mountain BOCES Board Room** **27900 County Road 319** **Buena Vista, CO 81211**	**Virtual Option** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86089875326 Meeting ID: 860 8987 5326

Mountain BOCES Mission
Through collaboration, partnership, and extended networks, we provide services and create opportunities that support equitable, high-quality education experiences for youth and adults. Our work is grounded in building strong relationships through mutual trust and respect while embracing a growth mindset.

Mountain BOCES Vision
The leadership, support, advocacy, and resources that Mountain BOCES provides ensures all students, especially underserved youth, and those with disabilities, have equitable access to a high quality, meaningful education that empowers them to reach their full potential in school and in their community and beyond.

Meeting Minutes

****RECORD****

I. Call to Order

Board President Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

II. Roll Call

District	Board Member	Superintendent
Buena Vista	X Brett Mitchell	X Lisa Yates
CMC	Gloria Perez/X Kathleen Law (Proxy)	
Lake County	X Miriam Lozano	Kate Bartlett
Park County	X Graham Fowler	Kevin Sellers
Salida	X Tiffany Rhodes	David Blackburn

Others Present:

Susan Udenberg, Executive Director/Sped Director
Michele Williams, Business/HR/Operations Manager
Lara Knudson, Data Records Manager/Secretary to the Board

Mountain BOCES Organizing Principle
We partner with all stakeholders-educators, school and district leaders, staff, students, families, and communities-to achieve our mission and vision with a focus on building strong relationships through mutual trust and respect while embracing a growth mindset.

Mountain BOCES Values

Learning. *Supporting educational opportunities, equity, and excellence for children and adults are the foundation for all that we do.*

Leading. *We are dedicated to affecting positive change for those we serve while also blazing trails that stand to benefit the entire field.*

Living. *We strive to use the natural environment around us to enhance our lives and the lives of those we serve.*

Local. *We are made stronger by the contributions and participation of all people—every student, parent, administrator, educator, future educator, and partner—we serve, who serve alongside us, and who serve us.*

III. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Graham Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Rhodes to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed 4-0.

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y
CMC (Law): Absent
Lake County (Lozano): Y
Park County (Fowler): Y
Salida (Rhodes): Y

Kathleen Law joined the meeting at 1:01pm

IV. Approval of the Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes from the previous BOCES Board meeting
b. Approval of Human Resources:
   - New Hires - 0
   - Transfers - 0
   - Leaves of Absence - 0
   - Resignations/Dismissals - 2
c. Approval of Financial Information
   - Financial Overview
   - Account Summary Break Report
   - Check Report
   - Cash Receipts Report
d. Confirm Review and approval of D Policies

If there are any questions about a Consent Agenda item, any Board member can request that the item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion purposes.

A motion was made by Tiffany Rhodes and seconded by Miriam Lozano to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was passed 5-0

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y
CMC (Law): Y
Lake County (Lozano): Y
Park County (Fowler): Y
Salida (Rhodes): Y

V. Public Participation

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of all citizens throughout the member districts and also needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule time during some Board meetings for brief comments and questions from the public. Some public comment periods may relate to specific items on the agenda. The Board shall set a time limit on the length of the public participation time and a time limit for individual speakers.

No public participation

VI. BOCES Reports

a. Operations

- Strategic Plan Progress
- 1345 Grant Funding Plan
- 26-27 School Year Staffing Updates
  - SWAP Coordinator opening - Leadville
  - Assistant Sped Director Retirement - LaRee Bearss

Executive Director Udenberg presented on Strategic Plan Progress, 1345 Grant Funding Plan, and 26-27 School Year Staffing updates.

b. Special Education

- 2026 AU Determination
- Parent Guardian Survey
- Special Education Feedback Survey

Executive Director Udenberg presented the results of the 2026 AU Determination, Parent Guardian Survey, and Special Education Feedback Survey.

David Blackburn joined the meeting at 1:26pm

c. SWAP

- Presented on Bringing Post Secondary Education to Life at the SWAP Statewide this year.
  - *"They were specifically chosen because of their Transition Readiness Toolkit (TRT) data points. The TRT measures skills gained in the Pre Employment Transition Skills that SWAP provides, and as we are now in year 2 of implementation, we have strong data to show what an impact Mountain BOCES is making."*

Executive Director Udenberg shared the praise from CDE for Mountain BOCES SWAP.

d. Professional Learning

- Reauthorization Site Visit Completed April 20-23rd 2026
- Final Results in June

Executive Director Udenberg gave a summary of the reauthorization process which was completed in April and reported that results are expected in June.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of Mtn BOCES 26-27 Budget

A motion was made by Graham Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Rhodes to approve the Mountain BOCES 26-27 Budget. The motion was passed 5-0

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y

CMC (Law): Y
Lake County (Lozano): Y
Park County (Fowler): Y
Salida (Rhodes): Y

b. Approval of 26-27 Operating Agreement

- No recommended changes for 26-27

A motion was made by Tiffany Rhodes and seconded by Graham Fowler to approve the Mountain BOCES 26-27 Operating Agreement. The motion was passed 5-0.

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y
CMC (Law): Y
Lake County (Lozano): Y
Park County (Fowler): Y
Salida (Rhodes): Y

c. Approval to sell 2008 Chevy Express 8 Passenger Van

A motion was made by Graham Fowler and seconded by Kathleen Law to approve the sale of the 2008 Chevy Express 8 passenger van. The motion was passed 5-0.

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y
CMC (Law): Y
Lake County (Lozano): Y
Park County (Fowler): Y
Salida (Rhodes): Y

d. Approval of Executive Director Calendar 26-27

A motion was made by Kathleen Law and seconded by Tiffany Rhodes to approve the Executive Director Calendar 26-27. The motion was approved 5-0.

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y
CMC (Law): Y
Lake County (Lozano): Y
Park County (Fowler): Y
Salida (Rhodes): Y

VIII. Discussion Items

a. Policy Review Calendar - 25-27 Policy Review Calendar

- E Policies - No recommended changes

Executive Director Udenberg recommended no changes to the E policies.

b. Discuss 25-26 Executive Director Evaluation

- **Executive Director Goals - Final**

President Mitchell led discussion of results of Executive Director Evaluation.

IX. Confirm 26-27 Board Meeting Schedule

- Thursday, September 10th, 2026 at 1pm
- Thursday, November 12th, 2026 at 1pm
- Thursday, January 14th, 2027 at 1 pm
- Thursday, March 11th, 2027 at 1pm
- Thursday, May 14th, 2027, at 1 pm

President Mitchell reviewed the 26-27 Board Meeting Schedule.

X. Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Tiffany Rhodes and seconded by Kathleen Law to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed 5-0

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y
CMC (Law): Y
Lake County (Lozano): Y
Park County (Fowler): Y
Salida (Rhodes): Y

The Meeting adjourned at 1:43pm

The Board Minutes are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: Graham Fowler (May 14, 2026 16:23:00 MDT) Dated: 05/14/2026

Graham Fowler, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Signed: Tiffany Rhodes Dated: 9/10/26

~~Brett Mitchell~~, Board President

Tiffany Rhodes

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