



Board of Directors Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

January 15, 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	Lisa Yates
CMC	Gloria Perez/Kathleen Law (Proxy)	
Lake County	Miriam Lozano	Kate Bartlett
Park County	X Graham Fowler	Kevin Sellers
Salida	X Tiffany Rhodes	X 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 Tiffany Rhodes and seconded by Graham Fowler to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed 3-0

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

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 - 0
- c. Approval of Financial Information
 - [Financial Overview](#)
 - [Account Summary Break Report](#)
 - [Check Report](#)
 - [Cash Receipts Report](#)
- d. Confirm Review and approval of [B 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 Graham Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Rhodes to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was passed 3-0

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y
CMC (Law): Absent
Lake County (Lozano): Absent
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. [BOCES Presentation](#) for New Board Members

- [Mission/Vision/Values](#)
- [Organizational Chart](#)
- [Operational Budget Summary.](#)

Executive Director Udenberg presented the BOCES presentation for new members and the operational budget summary.

Michele Williams joined the meeting at 1:20pm

b. [Strategic Plan Progress](#)

Executive Director Udenberg presented on strategic plan progress.

c. Special Education

- [Equity Status Report](#)
- [December Newsletter](#)

Executive Director Udenberg reported on the equity status report and December newsletter.

VII. Action Items

a. Election of Board of Director's Officers

- In accordance with [Policy BDA](#), the board shall meet biennially for the purposes of selecting officers. The following officers, in order, shall be elected from the membership: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Voting shall be by roll call. The president and vice president may be elected by secret ballot, if the Board so determines.

Graham Fowler nominated Brett Mitchell for president, seconded by Tiffany Rhodes. Passed 3-0.

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

Brett Mitchell nominated Tiffany Rhodes for vice-president, seconded by Graham Fowler. Passed 3-0.

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

Salida (Rhodes): Y

Brett Mitchell nominated Graham Fowler for secretary/treasurer, seconded by Tiffany Rhodes. Passed 3-0.

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y

CMC (Law): Absent

Lake County (Lozano): Absent

Park County (Fowler): Y

Salida (Rhodes): Y

b. Swearing in of new Board Member

New Board Member Tiffany Rhodes was sworn in by President Mitchell.

c. Amended Budget

- Approve the [January Amended Budget](#) per the budget resolution
- Approve the Use of Beginning Fund Balance resolution

Business Manager Williams presented the amended budget and Use of Beginning Fund Balance resolution.

A motion was made by Graham Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Rhodes to approve the January amended budget. The motion was passed 3-0

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y

CMC (Law): Absent

Lake County (Lozano): Absent

Park County (Fowler): Y

Salida (Rhodes): Y

A motion was made by Graham Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Rhodes to approve the Use of Beginning Fund Balance resolution. The motion was passed 3-0

Buena Vista (Mitchell): Y

CMC (Law): Absent

Lake County (Lozano): Absent

Park County (Fowler): Y

Salida (Rhodes): Y

d. Approve Lease for Building in Buena Vista

- [Lease with Buena Vista School District](#)

Executive Director Udenberg presented the Lease for Building in Buena Vista.

A motion was made by Tiffany Rhodes and seconded by Graham Fowler to approve the Lease for Building in Buena Vista. The motion was passed 3-0

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

VIII. Discussion Items

a. CASB Conversation

President Mitchell led discussion of topics covered at recent CASB meeting including the new home mortgage program for rural teachers and declining enrollment.

b. Policy Review Calendar - [C Policies](#)

■ No recommended changes

Executive Director Udenberg recommended no changes to C policies.

IX. Next Board Meeting

- Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 1:00- 3:00

X. Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Graham Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Rhodes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed 3-0.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.

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

Signed:  _____ Dated: 12/18/26
Graham Fowler (Jan 18, 2026 08:00:07 MST)

Graham Fowler, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Brett Mitchell, Board President






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