



Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2026

DJHS Board Meeting: 6 pm, January 21, 2026
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 · 6:00 – 8:00pm
Time zone: America/Denver
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ezx-eqev-mci>
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Call to order 6:00pm Mr. Zahony
Attendance: T.J. Cole, Kevin Coffey, Jensy Guzman, Mark W. Surratt
Gary Losh by proxy

Consensus Items:

Review of Minutes November 5, 2025 [Link](#)- Unanimous
Proposed 2025-2026 Amended Budget [Link](#)- Unanimous
Amended 2025-2026 Budget Appropriation Resolution [Link](#)- unanimous
Real Estate Funding Partner - Unanimous
Administrative Hiring Process- Unanimous
Emergency Contact Process- Unanimous

Budget/Finances, Grants & Donations

- [Proposed Amended 2025-2026 Budget](#)
- [DJHS Quarterly Report](#)
- [DJHS Balance Sheet November](#)
- [DJHS Revenue and Expenditures November](#)
- [DJHS Balance Sheet December](#)
- [DJHS Revenue and Expenditures December](#)
- Monthly Neighbor Donations - On-going
- CDE Charter Facility Assistance Grant Application - projected \$15,000
 - Going off of the projected numbers for future years and re-applying for the grant each year for funds towards rent and then towards mortgage payments, the estimate for a count of 104 students is;
 - 25-26 - 108 students * \$117-\$139 (this is the only year that is projected to have carry through funds from the prior year) \$15,000 approx

- 26-27: 104 students * \$86 = \$8,944
- 27-28: 104 students * \$56 = \$5,824
- 28-29: 104 students * 28 = \$2,912
- DPS Foundation
 - Gift Cards for Safeway/King Soopers for students & their families
 - \$1,000 - Mr. Parce
 - \$2,000 - Mrs. Chavez
- EASI Grant 2026-2027 Application Partner with Generation Schools
 - **Colorado Releases 2026–27 Budget Proposal**
- Governor Polis' proposed 2026–27 state budget includes \$167 million in new K–12 funding, a \$413 increase in per-pupil funding (bringing the total to \$12,272), and continued implementation of Colorado's new school finance formula.

Facility Update

- Update on Property 300 E 9th Avenue 22Beacon did not approve financing to purchase the facility. DJHS is seeking support from other funders. Working with Choice Advisors and Level the playing field.
- Update on Building Financing- T.J. suggest contacting the Charter School Development Corporation [CSDC] Laura Fienmann.

School Updates

- DPS Board of Education DJHS Contract Renewal - November 20, 2025
 - Four year, plus one contract extension- [Linked here](#)
- November 7, 2026 Phoenix Trip - Arvada Center for Performing Arts- kids loved Aztec dancing, mud drawings and painting.
- January 9, 2025 Phoenix Day Trip - The school went bowling and everyone enjoyed it.
- DPS Board of Education Vote - November 20th
- Copier Replacements - Frontier Business Product
- DJHS 2026-2027 School Calendar Draft
- DJHS Employee Contracts
 - Preparing for 2026-2027 Academic Year
 - Intent to Return
 - Proposed COLA & Salary Adjustments: March DJHS Board Meeting

Faculty Updates

- Esteban Ortiz - He has indicated that he will be pursuing his coffee business “Mi Gente” full time.
- We are conducting interviews for a replacement Social Studies Teacher

District Updates

- DPS Projections for 2026-2027
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zTc7cowTunrLYkXCuuFgIgVNleKAnnhhVRjigZ5QzFI/edit>
- [DPS Template for Single Site Charter Sites](#)
- DPS 26-27 Financial Year 27 - FY27 Projections
 - 1. Administrative fee \$374.80 per student - a slight decrease of \$0.46 per pupil for our October Count
 - 2. Special Education fee \$681.21 per student - 20.26% increase for 26-27 school year
 - 3. DJHS is not impacted/affected at our location with the District Facility Fee of \$1,239.16 per student
 - 4. Projected Avg PPR for DPS for the 26-27 school year \$12,521.22
 - 5. Projected combination of Admin & SPED fee of \$1,056.01 per pupil, or a district percentage of 8.4% from PPR (which is less than the 18.3% DJHS would be paying if we were in a DPS operated facility).

State Updates

- [Update to 2027 SPF and HB 1215](#)
- [Link to December 10th](#) CDE Joint Budget Committee Presentation

School Accountability Committee SAC

- February 25, 2026
- May 13, 2026

DJHS Board Members Responsibilities

- Training Opportunity for Public School Boards - Provided by Colorado League of Charter Schools
 - <https://coloradoleague.org/events/trainings.html>

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- DJHS Board Meetings

- **March 11, 2026 6 pm**

- Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mez-isoo-sfh>
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- **May 13, 2026 6 pm**

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- Professional Development Training

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- Attend DJHS Community Nights & Graduation

- DJHS Community Nights at 5 pm

- February 25, 2026
 - May 13, 2026

- Graduation – Class 2026 – 5 pm May 21, 2026 - King Center KC 145 Concert Hall, Community College of Denver

Assessments

- SY 26 Assessments. =

- ACCESS - completed in January.
 - MAPs - Measurement Academic Progress Winter Testing
 - Progress:

- Tu Voz/Your Voice
 - DJHS Return Rate
 - District Goal

Public Comment

Resources

- DJHS Notice of School Board Meetings 2025-2026 - [Link](#)
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- Initial 2025-2026 Budget [Link](#)
- [DJHS 2025-2026 UIP](#)