

Board Meeting Highlights – November 5, 2025

Attended by: Mary Parker, Michelle Applegate, Erin Kenworthy

Absent: Paula Reed, Danielle Varda

TL;DR Recap

Board of Education Highlights – Nov. 5, 2025, 4:30 PM

Regular business included:



Next meetings:

- **November 7th, 11:30 AM - Special Meeting - Virtual Lunch & Learn**
- **November 10th, 7:30 AM - Annual Jeffco Elected Delegation Breakfast**
- **November 13th, 5:00 PM - Regular Meeting (Thurs)**

Board meetings are long, and not everyone can attend. For a more detailed, but easily digestible summary of this Board Meeting keep reading below. If you want to watch the full recorded meeting, find it [here](#).

Oct 24 Executive Session Recap

To learn more about these topics, the 10/24 recorded executive session meeting is [here](#).

Agenda

- 2.01 Dialogue with Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
 - The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) previously noted in November 2024 and again in March 2025 that using reserves to fund recurring operating expenses is not sustainable. The Committee recommended that the District develop a long-term plan to reduce or avoid certain expenses while simultaneously evaluating opportunities to increase voter-approved revenues. Four recommendations ([memo](#)):
 1. Continue engaging with the community and budget owners
 2. Budget Development and Transparency
 3. Regularly evaluate and update expense-reduction and revenue-target assumptions based on emerging data

4. Conduct Long-Term Fiscal Forecasting

- 2.02 Budget Reduction Blueprint Update
- 2.03 Vivian 2 Acres and Emory Sale
- 2.04 Charter School Renewals
- 2.05 Monthly Consent Agenda Preview (for November 13th)
- 2.06 Board Dialogue on Current Topics



Study Session Highlights

- **Presentation from Jeffco Chief Academic Officer Renee Nicothodes**
 - **Board Ends 1.3** – Every student will be taught using **evidence based instructional materials** that reflect the global diversity of the world they live in.” Discussion re: high quality, uniform learning materials. Report located [here](#).
 - **Board Ends 2.1** – “Educators will receive high quality professional development and engage in planning that impacts student outcomes” Report located [here](#).
 - **Additional discussion among Board members regarding offering digital literacy teaching for students.**



Leadership Reports

- Superintendent Dorland highlighted school visits, a Career EXPO, and retreat planned in December for high school 2.0 and the Magic of Middle School. This work is funded by the Markle Foundation. She described support and visits to Evergreen High School (students and teachers), increased mental health access to the community, and she honored the resilience of Evergreen High School community. Superintendent Dorland expressed a need, based on public comment, to clarify that Jeffco does support SROs in charter schools, and expressed regret for the miscommunication. She stated that a change to the language that caused the confusion is being proposed.
- Board members also expressed support for the Evergreen High School and ways that they were able to connect with the community. They shared updates from school visits, committee meetings, and community events they attended. Some Board members acknowledged funding concerns and expressed gratitude for those who provided public comment at the meeting.
- Board member Kenworthy disagreed with many public commenters calling for armed individuals in schools, expressing concern that this makes many individuals feel less safe. She called for a community backed effort to solve the issue of school violence, iterating that this issue cannot be solved by schools alone.



Adjourned

The next Board meeting will be a **Study Session on November 5, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

Until next time, Jeffco! 🎓 ✨

