

Delta County School District
145 W 4th Street
Delta, CO 81416

June 18, 2025
Special Meeting
9:00 a.m.

These are the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting held on June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Tony Bohling, Dan Burke, Kristina Hines, Jennifer McGavin, Beth Suppes.

Staff Present: Caryn Gibson, Laura Esplin, Kurt Clay, Mike Madden, Colter Christensen, Wendy Pyott, Tell Hawks, Amanda Cerise

Guests Present: DJ Wells from WEMBER, Wilma Erven and Carl Holm from the Town of Cedaredge, Adena Kreutz, Mazie Giberson, Sophie Harris, Terry Hotz

Attorney Present: None

Welcome, Roll Call & Agenda Review:

Under Nutritional/Food Services, Draft 5-Year Plan was added to the agenda. Ms. McGavin made a motion to approve the addition. Mr. Bohling seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

WEMBER Update on the Bond & BEST Projects – DJ Wells:

Mr. Wells shared updates for the BOND projects:

- Delta High School - Warranty work on the sloped floor in the corridor is complete, and new doors are being installed. The auxiliary gym floor continues to be investigated: both the manufacturer and contractor believe the issue is related to low humidity. They are trying to get the warranty extended. The Train HVAC units are sending error codes, and the issue is being addressed.
- North Fork High School - parking lot is being regraded. The team rooms and locker rooms: mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) work is complete. The A-wing work continues. School entryway demolition continues, and the footers and foundation are being formed. There will be three separate permits applied for. One for the Bond, BEST (A-wing), and entryway.
- Cedaredge High School - the weight room is complete, and team room work continues. Locker room floors will be epoxied in the coming weeks. A-wing work continues. School entryway demolition continues, and the footers and foundation are being formed.
- Permit updates: The Bond work and A-wing work at both CHS and NFHS should be complete by August 1. The entryway work is expected to be complete by October 1st.
- Change orders: There is minimal activity - bills are being paid on time, and the budgets at both CHS and NFHS are healthy.



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- The BEST Supplemental Grant will be applied for to supplement the cost of the Paonia K-8 A-wing work.

Nutritional/Food Service:

Recap & Review Process for Request for Proposals & Bid: Mr. Hawk shared that a small committee met last week to review the two proposals received: one from Sodexo and one from SFE. (Two proposals were received from Sodexo, one to have them as a food service management program and one for consulting services. The consulting services do not fit the needs of the district.)

The rubric includes:

- Service capability plan
- Experience, references with like school systems
- Financial condition/stability, business practices
- Accounting and reporting systems
- Personnel management
- Innovation and use of local products
- Promotion of the school food services program

The committee scored each section and the scores were shared. Overall, SFE had higher scores from their proposal due to cost efficiency and tailored needs for the school district.

Recap, Review & Plans for the current Nutritional/Food Service Program: Mr. Hawk shared information regarding the nutritional services department. The summary included total meals served and expenses through March 25, 2025. Total free & reduced meals versus paid meals were shared and 48% of students are free and reduced which contributes to the 80% of meals served. Reimbursement comparison shows free reimbursements and paid reimbursements. The salary and benefits and salary comparison chart was shared that reflects consistent cost and spending. The meals per labor hour formula was shared.

Draft 5-Year Plan: Nicole Ahern shared the vision statement for the nutritional services department. She shared:

- Year one: Groundwork and community engagement and the action steps
- Year two: Menu innovation & participation boost and the action steps
- Year three: Modernization & nutritional education and the action steps
- Year four: Financial stability and the action steps
- Year five: Community integration and the action steps

Ms. McGavin shared that she appreciates the opportunity to review the RFP's, and looks forward to working with Ms. Ahern. She shared a statement with the board. See Exhibit A. Ms. Hines shared that she likes the new plan and does not want to go with a food service program and appreciates the breakdown of the program. Ms. Suppes shared reassurances to the nutritional service staff that the intention was to not change staff, and she looks forward to the new directors plans. Mr. Burke looks forward to the new director's plans.

DCSD Nutrition/Food Service Program next steps - Action Item: Ms. McGavin made a motion to not accept either of the proposals that were submitted and continue with the

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current food service model. Mr. Bohling seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Hawk shared the next steps are to submit the proposals to CDE and inform them we are keeping our current model.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Cedaredge - Action Item:

Partnering & Planning to add Tennis Courts on Hunsicker Property: Ms. Gibson shared that since the last board meeting, a revised intergovernmental agreement was created.

Highlights include:

- Shared interest and use of the proposed tennis courts. Wilma explained the process regarding the planning grant.
- Hunsicker Park, owned by the District, is approximately 4 acres.
- Both parties seek to collaborate on a planning grant.
- Community listening/input sessions.
- All recommendations from the joint planning committee will be submitted for approval by both the Town and District.
- Upon completion of the planning process or two (2) years from the date of this Agreement, whichever occurs first, the PARTIES may agree to consider an updated (new) intergovernmental agreement.
- Either party may terminate this Agreement with 30 days' written notice, provided the termination does not compromise any active grant.

Ms. Suppes shared that this item does not need a board vote today and it should be reviewed more. She shared that other options to add tennis courts have not been reviewed. There was a discussion about the District selling or donating the property to the town as an option and it releases the district from financial obligations. There was a discussion about how much land is needed for the four courts? Approximately 1.5 acres. Once the land is acquired, planning can begin. Ms. Suppes shared that the town council should have time to review the agreement and then the Board can vote. The Colorado Health Fund (CHF) grant has to be done as a first step towards gaining the funding. There was a discussion about permits being required to begin the work. There was a discussion about the grants and what is required as a match. Ms. Suppes made a motion to table this item until the next board meeting. Ms. McGavin seconded the motion. Mr. Burke shared that we should support the community in the decision and be community oriented. Ms. McGavin does not feel like this ties the district down but helps the community. Ms. Hines asked why the current courts have not been maintained? They have been, the age and way they were constructed is an issue and the structure will need to be removed as they are unable to be repaired: estimates were around \$250,000 to fix the courts and there is not enough space to add more courts. Ms. Suppes shared that the extra week to review the agreement will allow the town board to also review the agreement and get answers about permitting. Roll call was taken. Tony Bohling - aye, Dan Burke - nay, Kristina Hines - aye, Jennifer McGavin - nay, Beth Suppes - aye. Motion passed 3/2.

Year-Round (Certified & Classified) Staff Long List – Action Item: Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the Year-Round Staff Long List. Mr. Bohling seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All members voted aye. Motion carried.



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Classified Long List – Action Item: Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the Classified Long List. Mr. Bohling seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 School District & TCR Budgets:

FY 25 Budget Amendments - Action Items: Four funds have been tried up. He shared a Budget Change Summary that includes:

- Fund 10 (General Fund) reflects the \$240,000 transfer from the student funds.
- Fund 21 (Food Service Fund) includes an increase to revenue and expenditures by \$150,000 primarily due to summer food program estimates.
- Fund 22 (Special Grants Fund) includes updates for A Kidz Clinic and BELA grants.
- Fund 43 (Capital Projects/Reserve Fund) reflects the \$240,000 transfer for the Delta High School Track project.

Resolution 2025-11 FY 25 Supplemental Budget Appropriations. Ms. McGavin made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Hines seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

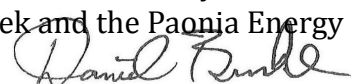
Resolution 2025-12 Use Beginning Fund Balance FY 25. Ms. McGavin made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Hines seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-13 Adopting the FY 25 Budget. Ms. Suppes made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Hines seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All members voted aye.

FY 26 Budget Projections: Mr. Madden shared the comparison summary that includes the supplemental budget for FY 25, the proposed FY 26 budget and difference between the two. Changes to revenue are: a difference of approximately \$332,000 due to revenue with state funding, and interest income being zeroed out for the new fiscal year. Changes to transfers are: the one time transfer for the DHS Track project and changes to decreasing enrollment. The BEST match amount is zeroed out for the new fiscal year and Charter School transfer amount increased. Budget Assumptions were shared that include changes to revenue, expenditures and debits. The fund balance assumption was shared.

FY 25 Capital Projects and FY 26 Projected Capital Projects:

- Current Projects:
 - Maintenance is working hard on Bond projects.
 - The Cedaredge High School (CHS) AG barn should be complete in three weeks.
 - The DHS track work continues and concrete is being poured and asphalt will go in next week.
 - The Hunsicker building is part-way demolished.
 - The Miner Trail grand opening is at the Fairgrounds on Saturday at 10.
 - The roof repair at DMS should complete next week and the Paonia Energy Tech building should begin next week.



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- GMCA, the floor in the modular will be repaired and the building will be painted this summer by maintenance.
- Projected Projects: Funds are allocated for: Debt payments for CES and District Office are scheduled, Delta Middle School field work, Hotchkiss K8 (HK8) irrigation systems, maintenance equipment, summer projects, security locks, phone systems, security cameras and other capital reserve expenses.
- Current project funds allocated are: DHS Track, DMS and Paonia Energy Tech roof repair, and Hunsicker building. Recommended 2026 projects are: Garnet Mesa Elementary School (GMES) old building removal, high school shot clocks, Lincoln Elementary school HVAC replacement, HK8 & HVAC library area, roofing projects, GMCA modular renovation, CHS parking/landscape, North Fork High School (NFHS) parking and landscape.

Mill Levy Override Discussion: The question is what should the district try for? Leadership felt like maintaining class size guidelines was important. Ms. Suppes shared that reducing class sizes would be beneficial. Increasing salaries would be beneficial and the class size guidelines would need to be specific. Mr. Madden shared steps that are being taken to guide the numbers for the mill levy override. Ms. Hines asked if there is a sunset to the mill levy override, and suggested free health care for all employees. This will be researched. Something to consider is that property owners in the communities are not getting raises like the district employees are.

Committee Updates

- DURA - Kristina Hines shared that there was no meeting.
- Head Start- Tony Bohling shared that there was no meeting.
- A Kidz Clinic – nothing to report.
- RFP's – Nutritional Services RFP was discussed.
- TCR – Kristina Hines shared that there was no meeting.
- Nutritional Services – future meetings are planned.
- CASB Documents Policy Committee/Legislative & CLAS Council. Nothing to report for CASB, and with CLAS, there is a new executive director, and policy bank work is happening.

Adjourn: Tony Bohling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m., Ms. Hines seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by:

Laura Esplin

Administrative Assistant

Exhibit A

Thank you, Tell, for your work, and Nicole for your professional input.



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I want to thank the board for asking for the RFP a few months ago. I know this process was hard on a few people, but I think it was important for us to look at all sides of a situation and see where we can go from here to make the district stronger and better. Continual improvement is a good thing, and I'm seeing it here from all your efforts.

I want to thank the FSMCs who participated in the RFP and came by and put in proposals. There is always time and effort in trying to gain new clients and I do appreciate you and what you do for other school districts, especially Pueblo, which we toured.

I liked SFE's proposal over Sodexo, because they answered the questions more thoroughly, showed through their proposal that they listened to our needs and their whole attitude towards this project is one of deep regard and joy for kids and food.

If it ever becomes necessary to hire a food service management company, I think that both companies are very capable of being a good partner, and I am impressed by their management experience and knowledge.

Had we had this discussion even six months ago, I would have advocated for going in for a year of managed services, but that time has passed.

I believe at this time that it is a good idea to keep working on our own towards even better nutritional services. We have the staff, we have the willingness to try new things. We have an offer of cooperation from Mesa nutritional director for equipment they aren't using and other help. We have our own, very gung-ho nutritional director who has already started to develop a three year plan. We have plans for shortening lines and increasing choices.

We need to see where we can take ourselves and how high we can fly on our own. Thank you everyone for your trust and support in this project. I look forward to good things in the kitchens!



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