Long Range Advisory Committee

MINUTES
Monday, September 22, 2025
5:30 - 7:00 PM

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Committee Members in Attendance: Jeff Anderson, Josh Baldner, Laura Baukol, Susan Courson, Brooke Daerr, Trish De Fries, Yvette Salas, Mamta Saxman, Cori Shaff, Della Smith, Caleb Starbuck, Ezra Veno, Nick Vanderpol

Staff Members in Attendance: Rob Price, Robbyn Fernandez, Sierra Espinoza, Glen Segrue, Susan Cousins

Board Members in Attendance: Alex Medler

I. **Welcome**
Chairperson Yvette Salas opened the meeting and welcomed the committee.

II. **Public Comment**
No members of the public were present, and there was no public comment.

III. **Committee Governance**
- A. Upcoming Important Dates
  1. Next LRAC Meeting - Nov. 17, 2025
  2. Next Update to the Board - Oct. 21, 2025
  3. Upcoming BOE Meetings on Enrollment
     a) Attendance Boundary Action - Sept. 23, 2025
- B. The March 10, 2025 Minutes were approved.
- C. Committee Communication
  1. Several committee members shared what they are hearing in the community and their personal perspectives, including:
     a. There is awareness that the board has been looking at attendance boundaries.
     b. The attendance boundary work feels Boulder-centric.
     c. 1-round schools are challenging: It is hard to balance student behavior; There is no opportunity for teacher collaboration; There are many part time staff which feels pieced together; There isn't consistent support for students. It can be hard to get from where we are to where we want to be.
     d. Some schools in Lafayette feel crowded.
  2. Board member Alex Medler stated that the Board has received very few letters concerning attendance boundaries. He has heard a small amount of frustration related to transportation, but the

majority of people impacted are happy with the opportunity for students to stay at their school until completion.

IV. Information/Discussion

A. Connection/Grounding
   a. The committee members introduced themselves and stated their affiliation with BVSD.
B. Assistant Superintendent Robbyn Fernandez shared an article with the committee about BVSD's approach to declining enrollment titled Boulder's Different Direction When Enrollment Drops. The committee discussed the article and shared their takeaways.
C. Fernandez reviewed the work of the committee to date and introduced the continuing discussion of middle level metrics.
D. Sr. Planner Glen Segrue presented 5-year enrollment projections and Fernandez reviewed past discussions of middle level metrics.
E. Committee members broke into small groups to discuss whether LRAC needs to develop middle level metrics. Takeaways from the discussions included:
   a. There need to be different metrics, a different threshold, and a different standard for K-8 schools;
   b. It is too soon to have metrics for middle schools—still working on the elementary schools. Making big moves might undermine the confidence within our communities and within our schools which could cause distrust with the district. People might ask, "Why would we disturb the system when we are doing our best right now?" (referring to Accreditation with Distinction)
   c. There is diversity among BVSD's middle schools: large, small, mountain, K-8. Metrics could be more generalized and define the optimal enrollment for each building and program that would provide the optimal learning experience;
   d. Metrics show intentionality in this work as well as community involvement via the committee;
   e. Metrics serve as an early warning system so that the community is not surprised;
   f. Metrics could be qualitative, e.g. To what extent are we providing the optimal student experience?
   g. Think of the metrics as signaling the need for the District to provide additional support for a school program.
F. Assistant Superintendent Rob Price provided a brief overview of the recent work the Board has completed related to attendance boundaries, including a study item on Sept. 9 (Policy JC Attendance Boundary Action Item) and an upcoming action item on Sept. 23.
G. Price also informed the group that there will be an enrollment worksession on Oct. 21.
H. Future Board Enrollment Discussions:
   a. Oct. 21 - LRAC/Declining Enrollment Worksession
   b. Dec. 9 - Annual Enrollment Update (October count)
   c. Feb. 10 - Annual Trend Report

V. Agenda Setting

A. Committee members were asked to email any agenda items for the next meeting to staff.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.