Long Range Advisory Committee

MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Se ofrece traducción de los materiales de la reunión a español por pedido. Por favor comunicarse con bvsd.operations@bvsd.org.

Committee Members in Attendance: Jeff Anderson, Josh Baldner, Laura Baukol, Susan Courson, Brooke Daerr, Trish De Fries, Tina Marquis, Yvette Salas, Mamta Saxman, Jessica Seevers, Della Smith, Caleb Starbuck, Jim Topping, Nick Vanderpol, Ezra Vino, Kitty Sargent

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

Board Members in Attendance: Nicole Rajpal

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 - Mar. 9, 2026
  2. Upcoming BOE meetings on enrollment
     a) Community engagement presentation - Jan. 27, 2026
     b) Annual Trend Report - Feb. 10, 2026
- B. The Nov. 17, 2025 Minutes were approved.
- C. Committee Communication
  1. Committee members shared what they are hearing in the community and their personal perspectives, including:
     a. Quick turn around on Open Enrollment offer letters was appreciated; many families did not get what they wanted and are already exploring options outside the district. Southern Hills and Louisville Middle continue to be highly attractive, helping retain families.
     b. Increased buzz in the Mesa community, with strong engagement at PTO meetings and improved understanding of financial implications.
     c. Eldorado community expressed no major concerns; attributed to optimism for the future, though there is a need to better

retain neighborhood students. Overall sentiment has become more positive.
   d. Desire expressed by some families for a traditional middle school experience rather than K–8 while others strongly support the K–8 model.
   e. Same level of concern in the Flatirons community; conversations are beginning to "percolate" across communities.

IV. Information/Discussion

A. Annual Enrollment Update 2025-26 (October count) - Sr. Planner Glen Segrue presented the enrollment update that was given to the Board in December 2025. Takeaways from the presentation were:
   a. Total enrollment 26,607 students
   b. Enrollment declined by -525/-1.9% over last year; 2nd greatest loss since pandemic.
   c. All levels saw declines in 2025, however kindergarten (1,626) was the largest since 2022.
   d. Previous student gains at middle school didn't occur in 2025; may indicate students are no longer re-entering the system in significant numbers after the pandemic.
   e. Out of District contributions to enrollment in 2025 were higher than last year's historic high.
   f. Boulder is largely driving enrollment declines in 2025, but Lafayette/Erie also showed declines despite new housing.
   g. Births showing signs of leveling after a period of steep declines in Boulder.
   h. Resident student "net migration" faltering in 2025.

B. Draft Community Engagement Plan - Assistant Superintendent, Rob Price, shared the draft community engagement plan which will go to the Board on Jan. 27. Price initiated group discussion with the prompt: "What have you heard through this process that resonates with you and compels the district to take further action?" Notes and shareouts from the activity are recorded here: Community Engagement Process Feedback

V. Agenda Setting

A. A form was sent to committee members to provide feedback on the proposed community engagement plan.
B. Update on OE numbers and anything that would be beneficial for the group to hear.

VI. Additional Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.