



RE-1 VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sterling and Caliche Communities
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
Hagen Administration Center
301 Hagen Street
Sterling, Colorado 80751
July 6, 2026, 6:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. OPENING ACTIVITIES

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Call to Order by the President and Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. SCHOOL/PROGRAM/COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Each participant may be allotted up to three minutes to speak. For complete details regarding public participation, please refer to Board Policy BEDH-R.*

5. COMMUNICATION

5.1. Staff Reports

5.2. Superintendent's Report

5.3. Board of Directors Committee Reports

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. BEST Grant and Bond Project Design-Build RFP Review and Selection

6.2. BEST Grant Project – Owner's Representative Service

6.3. District 7 Board Vacancy

6.4. Lauer Szabo and Associates District Financial Audit Engagement Letter

6.5. Policy Revision - First Reading

- JICJ - Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Technology Devices

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Personnel Approvals

7.2. Meeting Minutes

- Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2026

7.3. Selection of BEST Grant and Bond Project Design-Build Team

7.4. BEST Grant Project – Owner's Representative Service

7.5. Resolution Declaring a District 7 Board Vacancy

7.6. Lauer Szabo and Associates District Financial Audit Engagement Letter

8. **CLOSING REMARKS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

File: JICJ - Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Technology Devices

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of promoting responsible digital citizenship and empowering students to make thoughtful and reflective decisions and develop a positive presence online. The Board also believes that personal technology devices may be useful tools for students in the educational environment and can play a vital role in monitoring health and during emergency situations. However, possession and use of personal technology devices in school situations must be regulated to assure that the use or presence of such devices does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or school operations, or impair the safety, welfare and privacy of students and staff.

For purposes of this policy, "personal technology device" (PTD) includes any privately owned portable technology device, including but not limited to cell phones, laptops, headphones, earbuds, smartwatches, **smart-glasses**, and any other wireless technology device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, **captures audio or video**, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of such device. Building administration shall develop procedures for staff concerning confiscating PTDs in accordance with this policy.

Prohibited Uses

For purposes of this policy, the term "school day" means the hours between the starting and ending time of the school day as defined by the school. Students shall not use PTDs as follows:

- 4.** Students in grades PreK - **812** are prohibited from using PTDs on school or district premises, or when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools during the school day.

Students are encouraged to leave their **PTDs- personal technology devices** at home. If a student brings a PTD to school, **then it- the device** must be turned off **or placed in silent mode** and stored **out of site** in a **student's** backpack, **or** locker, **or other school-designated location for the entire during the** school day. **Personal technology devices shall not be visible, audible, accessed, handled, worn, or used at any time during the school day, including but not limited to:**

- **Before the first class period**
- **Passing periods**
- **Advisory periods**
- **Study halls/WIN, Tiger, or Buff Time**
- **Lunch periods**
- **Recess periods**
- **Classroom and instructional time**
- **Assemblies**
- **Library visits**
- **Any other time between the official start and end of the school day**

~~2. Secondary students are prohibited from using PTDs during classroom or instructional time as well as when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools. Classroom or instructional time includes the entire period of a scheduled class and other times when secondary students are directed to report to and participate in any instructional activity. Upon entry into a classroom or other instructional area or district vehicle, each student must turn off their PTD and store it away in the student's backpack, locker, or school-designated location. PTDs may be used during passing periods, lunch periods, and school-sponsored programs, events, or activities happening outside of classroom or instructional time, except that headphones, earbuds, or any other PTD that interferes with or diminishes a student's ability to hear communications from school staff or emergency alarms are prohibited at all times.~~

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that PTDs are ~~is~~ turned off or silenced and stored in designated ~~areas- locations during times of prohibited use~~ the school day.

PTDs that:

- ~~(1)~~ Produce any audible sound - including a ring tone, notification, or vibrating alert - whether through a speaker, headphones, earbuds, or other means,

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- ~~(2) that a~~ Are displayed, accessed, handled, worn, or otherwise visible during the school day ~~or are in plain view at such times~~ shall be deemed to be used in violation of this policy.

Students shall not use PTDs on school or district premises, when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools, during a school- or district-sponsored activity or event and off district property when the conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular or non-curricular event:

- ~~1.~~ to create video or audio recordings of students and/or staff, without permission of the student and/or staff member;
- ~~2.~~ to take photographs of students and/or staff, without permission of the student and/or staff member;
- ~~3.~~ in locker rooms, bathrooms, or other locations where the presence of such devices poses an unreasonable risk to the safety, welfare, or privacy of other persons, as determined by the building principal;
- ~~4.~~ during safety or other emergency drills;
- ~~5.~~ for academic dishonesty or cheating;
- ~~6.~~ to send, receive, or possess voice, text, or email messages reasonably interpreted as indecent or sexually suggestive;

- ~~7.~~ to threaten, harass, intimidate, or bully another person or group of persons;
- ~~8.~~ to engage in, promote, or facilitate any other conduct that violates the student code of conduct, other Board policies or regulations, or state or federal law while at school, on school transportation, or at a school-sponsored activity or event; or
- ~~9.~~ to act in a manner that causes or results in disruption of the educational environment or school-sponsored activity or event or impairs or interferes with school or district operations.

Exceptions

Students may possess and use PTDs during ~~classroom or instructional times or during times~~ when PTDs are otherwise prohibited, **only** under the following circumstances:

1. When specifically authorized under a current ~~i~~Individual ~~e~~Education ~~p~~Plan (IEP), ~~a~~Section 504 accommodation plan, or a health care plan in force and effect regarding the student. **During a documented emergency situation as directed by school administration, law enforcement, or emergency responders.**

~~2. For instructional purposes, in accordance with specific school procedures and under the direction of the school principal.~~

Nothing in this policy prohibits students from possessing or using PTDs before the official start of the school day, or after the official end of the school day.

Violations

Violation of this policy and/or use that violates any other Board policy shall result in the following disciplinary measures:

- First offense: ~~t~~The student will be ~~given a verbal warning and directed to turn off~~ **directed to surrender and/or store** the PTD ~~in an appropriate location~~ to school staff. The PTD will be stored in the office until the end of the school day. Staff will enter a behavior referral into Infinite Campus ~~to documenting the verbal warning the violation.~~
- Second offense: ~~t~~The PTD will be confiscated and stored in the main office, and a behavior referral will be entered into Infinite Campus, ~~and the student's parent/legal guardian will be notified.~~ The PTD will be returned ~~to the student at the end of the day~~ **only to the student's parent/legal guardian.**
- Third offense: ~~t~~The PTD will be confiscated and stored in the main office, ~~and a~~ **A** behavior referral will be entered into Infinite Campus, ~~and t~~the student's parent/legal guardian will be contacted to arrange ~~to pick up~~ **of** the PTD. Staff, the student, and the student's parent/legal guardian will develop a plan ~~to have~~ **requiring** the student ~~to check in~~ the PTD ~~with into~~ the main office ~~before~~ **at the beginning of each school day** and ~~pick up the PTD it~~ at the end of the day. ~~This plan will be~~

~~reviewed each semester and continued for any reason deemed necessary by the administration in their sole discretion.~~

- Subsequent offenses: ~~t~~The PTD will be confiscated and stored in the main office, ~~and a~~A behavior referral will be entered into Infinite Campus. The student's parent/legal guardian will be contacted to arrange to pick up the PTD and the student will be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy.

If the building principal or designee believes a student's possession or use of a PTD may involve a violation of ~~the law, the building principal or designee may also refer~~ the matter **may be referred** to law enforcement.

Loss or Damage

The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of PTDs brought onto school or district property or while the student is attending school-sponsored activities or events.

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Revised: June 22, 2009

Revised: June 20, 2016

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Reviewed: August 14, 2017

Revised: September 16, 2024

Revised: TBD

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. [18-7-109](#) (posting, possession or exchange of a private image by a juvenile)

CROSS REFS.: [JIC](#) and subcodes, Student Conduct

[JIH](#), Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests

[JK](#) and subcodes, Student Discipline

[JS*](#), Student Use of the Internet, Electronic Communications and Personal Technology Devices