



KCA Board Agenda May 14th, 2026

5:00pm at KCA in Towaoc, CO and by zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81039089735?pwd=qzfTSpx8z8j3BibLealJhnxavlSaFd.1>

Call to order - Tina King-Washington at 5:05pm

Welcome - Tina

Roll Call

Alicia - absent at time of call, present at 5:07pm
Tawnie - absent at time of call, present at 5:07pm
Ceriss - here
Raleigh - here

Approval of Agenda-Vote - Raleigh motions, Ceriss seconds, approved at 5:05pm

Approval of the minutes for April 9th, 2026 meeting- Vote - change needed - Title VI (instead of XI) - Raleigh motions, Ceriss seconds, approved at 5:06pm with correction noted

Community addresses the Board: none requested

Reports:

· Council Report – Councilwoman Knight - KCA/ head start/ battle rock bear dance presentation today was awesome; PAF got through to Council; community event in collaboration with Fountain SD this Bear Dance, KCA/K12 cooperation

· Finance Committee Report - financials are stable and we are responsible, secured several new grants, board action needed on 2027 budget, may be short of IDEA and capital construction grant because we haven't broken ground on the permanent building yet

26-27 proposed budget - vote to approve needed - planning for 77 students; Ceriss motions to pass proposed budget, Raleigh seconds, all in favor at 6:05pm

· Principal report - looking for teachers, will need to enroll 95-100 students when our grants run out; Frontline, Handshake, Indeed, School Springs; RE1 looking to increase base salary to \$50k; meeting with Alison Ruiz to handle 2mil toward the new building; dyslexia bill

Discussion:

Expansion to 6th grade - Lori Farris' thoughts on 5th/6th - Background is in multi-age classrooms, our kids need to move with their peers and build culture in town, daily talks about their job to support each other as they move forward; transition to middle school - made arrangements for MCMS tour and part of Cortez library visit trip, walked around campus with principal; MCMS counselor Morgan Nichols came to KCA and presented about scheduling, specials, lunches, etc. - the move will be tough but its best for our kids to learn the culture and get to know the school the same time as everyone else their age are going up; sending up 14

Family surveys, staff perceptions: now is not the time for 6th grade

Board - Raleigh motions to maintain a k-5 campus, Tawnie seconds, KCA will not build a 6th grade for the 26-27 school year; we will continue talking about this as we grow - 4/1/0

Tina - no

Raleigh - yes

Tawnie - yes

Ceriss - yes

Alicia - yes

Transportation issues - Alicia - K12 has 3 folks with 2 vehicles, 7/27/2020 letter agreements are they still relevant now? Need Tribal support; we need to prioritize transportation access - Danny in conversation with Richard and Shawn to look at purchasing vehicles; day labor?

BIA offender list requested to safeguard our kids and events- Danny sending a letter to request

Merchandise orders - Alicia - keeping purchasing local to Montezuma County within a reasonable range for our budget, create a KCA policy on looking local first

SPED: over identification? $24/82 = 29\%$ identified; need more/ better teacher training, not uncommon for charter schools, we do need to watch sigdispro

Executive Session: Make a motion to enter executive session to discuss the purchase, sale, transfer, or lease of property under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4).

Raleigh motions to enter executive session to discuss the purchase, sale, transfer, or lease of property under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), Tawnie seconds, executive session entered at 6:49pm; Executive session ended at 7:01

Action Items

Adjourn - Raleigh motions to adjourn, Ceriss seconds, adjourned at 7:02pm