

# DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2(J) DOVE CREEK, COLORADO

MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023  
DOVE CREEK, COLORADO  
BOARD ROOM

Jenny Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Directors present included Kimberly Alexander, Chase Davis, Donella Fury, and Jenny Smith. Director Crystal Jarmon was absent.

Guests Present: Stacy Hankins


Mrs. Smith called for a Roll Call of the Board of Education.

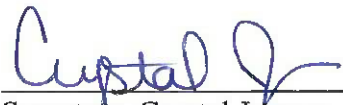
**ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Kimberly Alexander moved to approve the agenda as presented. Chase Davis seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2023-10: ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE DETACHMENT OF RICO:** Jenny Smith moved to approve resolution 2023-10 ballot question for detachment of Rico as presented. Kimberly Alexander seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously. Kimberly reported they had their final committee meeting. She gave the board information packets. Jenny thanked her for all the hard work she put into getting this question on the ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jenny Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Chase Davis seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously. The special meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Stacy Hankins.

  
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President, Jenny Smith

  
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Secretary, Crystal Jarmon

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2(J) ) ss.  
 DOLORES AND SAN MIGUEL COUNTIES )

As the Secretary of the Board of Education of the Dolores County School District RE-2(J), Dolores County, Colorado (the "District"), I do hereby certify that:

1. Attached is a true and correct copy of a resolution (the "Resolution") adopted by the Board of Education (the "Board") at a special meeting held on September 5, 2023.
2. Notice of the meeting was posted not less than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting in accordance with the open meetings provisions of the Colorado Sunshine Act of 1972 (Section 24-6-402, C.R.S.)
3. The Resolution was duly moved, seconded and adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board as follows:


<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Jenny Smith, President	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Chase Davis, Vice President	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Crystal Jarman, Secretary	---	---	<u>X</u>	---
Kimberly Alexander, Treasurer	<u>X</u>	---	---	---
Donella Fury, Member	<u>X</u>	---	---	---

4. The Resolution was duly approved by the Board, signed by the President of the Board, sealed with the District's seal, attested by the Secretary of the Board and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

5. The meeting at which the Resolution was adopted was noticed, and all proceedings relating to the adoption of the Resolution were conducted, in accordance with all applicable bylaws, rules, regulations and resolutions of the District, in accordance with the normal procedures of the District relating to such matters, and in accordance with applicable constitutional provisions and statutes of the State of Colorado and all other applicable laws.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District as of September 5, 2023.

[SEAL]

  
 Crystal Jarman, Secretary

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING A BALLOT QUESTION FOR DETACHMENT OF THE TOWN OF RICO AND RELATED AREAS FROM DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2(J); SETTING THE BALLOT TITLE AND CONTENT FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE DOLORES AND SAN MIGUEL COUNTY CLERKS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 COORDINATED ELECTION

WHEREAS, Dolores County School District RE-2(J), Dolores and San Miguel Counties, Colorado (the "District"), is a duly organized and validly existing school district, political subdivision and body corporate of the State of Colorado (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District and the Board of Education of Telluride School District R-1 have agreed and determined that the Town of Rico and related areas (the "Rico Area") should be detached from the District and annexed into Telluride School District R-1 in accordance with the Rico Reorganization Plan (the "Plan") prepared by the Rico Reorganization Planning Committee pursuant to C.R.S. §22-30-114 and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30-117 the Plan will be submitted to the voters in San Miguel and Dolores Counties who will be affected by the detachment and annexation of the Rico Area, who may accept or reject the Plan; and

WHEREAS, San Miguel County and Dolores County will each conduct a coordinated election to be held on November 7, 2023, in accordance with articles 1 to 13 of title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Uniform Election Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Clerk and Recorders of Dolores County San Miguel County (the "County Clerks") are the coordinated election official for the Dolores County and San Miguel County coordinated elections pursuant to the Uniform Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously appointed a Designated Election Official ("DEO") who will assist the County Clerks in providing necessary information and notices for the conduct of the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to set the ballot title for the ballot question to be submitted at the election called by this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Telluride School District R-1 will take the corresponding action and submit the same ballot question to its voters in San Miguel County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2(J), IN DOLORES AND SAN MIGUEL COUNTIES AND THE STATE OF COLORADO:

1. An election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (the "Election Date") at which there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District a ballot question which shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. For purposes of Section 1-11-203.5, C.R.S., this Resolution shall serve to set the ballot title for the ballot question set forth in the appendix hereto. Appendix A is hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in full herein. The ballot title for the ballot question attached hereto as Appendix A shall be the text of such ballot issue.

3. The District's DEO is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with any action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution and comply with the Uniform Election Code, and other applicable laws and election rules.

4. Not later than 60 days before the Election Date (Friday, September 8, 2023) the DEO shall certify a copy of the ballot question set forth in Appendix A hereto to the County Clerks in accordance with Section 1-5-203, C.R.S.

5. No later than 20 days before the Election Date (Wednesday, October 18, 2023) the DEO shall cause a notice of election to be published (if not otherwise published by the County Clerks) and, no later than 10 days before the Election Date (Friday, October 27, 2023), posted in the office of the DEO in accordance with the Section 1-5-205, C.R.S. (As provided in Section 1-1-106, C.R.S., if the State Constitution or a State statute requires doing an act "no later than" or "at least" a certain number of days prior to the Election Date, the period is shortened to and ends on the prior business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.)

6. The officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution, including but not limited to coordination with Telluride School District R-1 as necessary and appropriate.

7. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the members of the Board and the officers and employees of the District and directed toward holding the election for the purposes stated herein are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

8. All prior acts, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, by the District in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, except that this repealer shall not be construed to revive any act, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

9. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various parts hereof are severable.

10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of September, 2023.

DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R3-2(J)

By   
President

[DISTRICT SEAL]

ATTEST:

By   
Secretary

**APPENDIX A  
FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION**

**Dolores County School District Re-2(J) Ballot Question #\_\_\_\_: Rico Area Detachment**

Shall there be approved and adopted the Rico School Final Approved Plan of Organization which provides for the detachment of the Rico Area described in such plan from within the boundary of the Dolores County School District RE-2J and annexes such area into the boundary of Telluride School District R-1, and which plan provides, among other things, that the affected Rico Area will remain subject to the levy of taxes for repayment of the outstanding Dolores County School District RE-2J bonded indebtedness until such obligations are paid in full, as well as being subject to the levy of taxes going forward for repayment of all outstanding and future bonded indebtedness of the Telluride School District R-1?

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YES/FOR       NO/AGAINST

Dolores County School District RE-2(J)  
(Order of Ballot and Ballot Content)

DOLORS COUNTY RE-2J SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR DISTRICT A

4 YEAR TERM

(Vote for one)

Kimberly Marie Alexander

DOLORS COUNTY RE-2J SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR DISTRICT C

4 YEAR TERM

(Vote for one)

Crystal G. Jarmon

Robbin Kae Laws

DOLORS COUNTY RE-2J SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR DISTRICT E

4 YEAR TERM

There are no candidates for this office

DOLORS COUNTY RE-2J SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR DISTRICT B

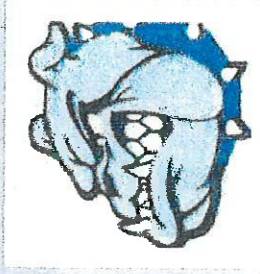
2 YEAR TERM

(Vote for one)

Donella Fury



Kids of Rico



# RICO AREA REALIGNMENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION



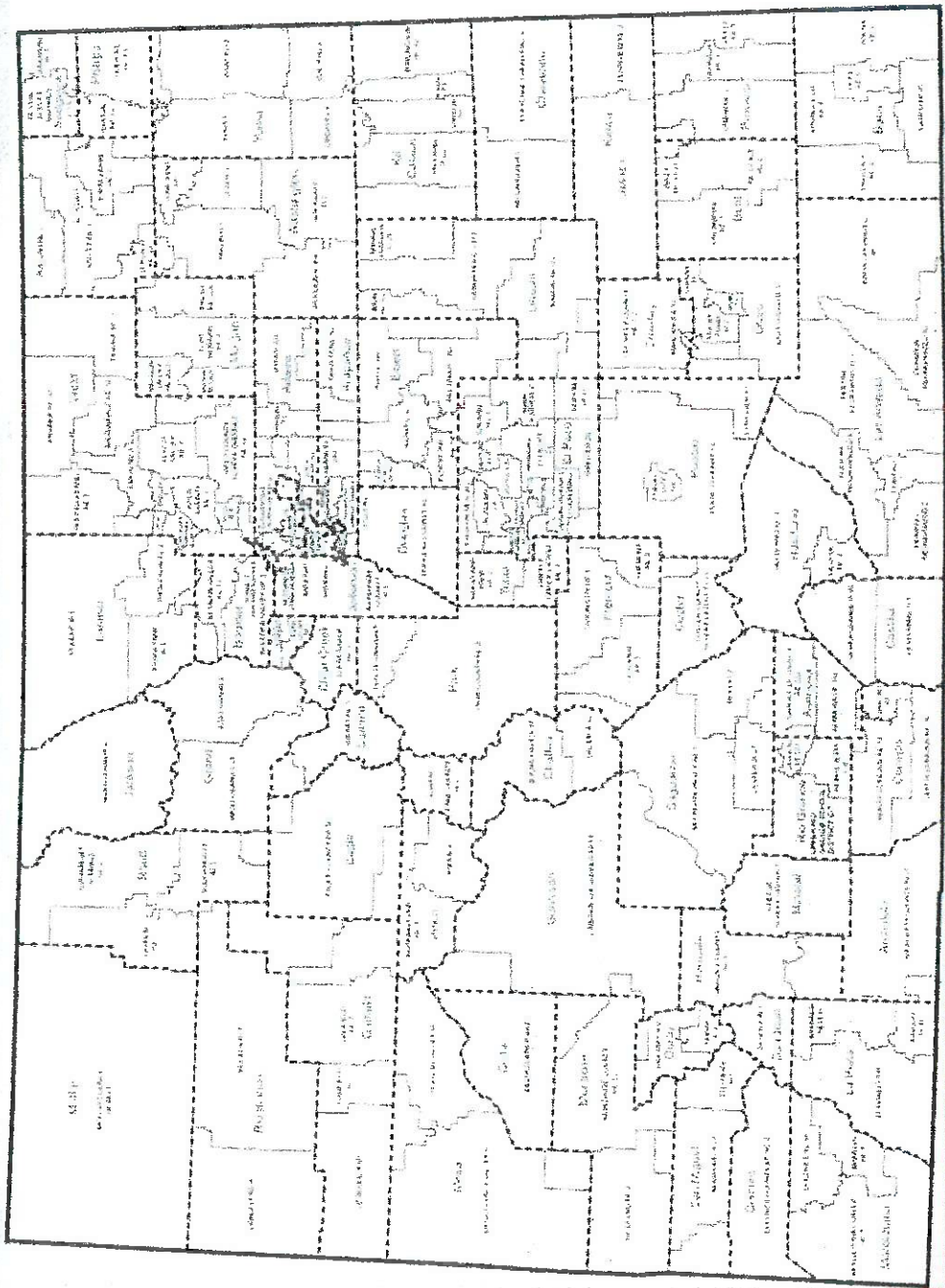


## WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT RE-ALIGNMENT?

- In Colorado, every student is guaranteed a K-12 education, regardless of where they live.
- Every square inch of Colorado is mapped to a school district.
- Rico is mapped to Dolores County School District RE-2J.
- The high school was closed in about 1931.
- The elementary school was closed in 2018, again.
- Families moved to Rico while the elementary school was open.
- Telluride is reaching capacity in some grades.
- Capacity planning only occurs for in-district students.
- Average Student count in Rico today is 1.9 students per grade.

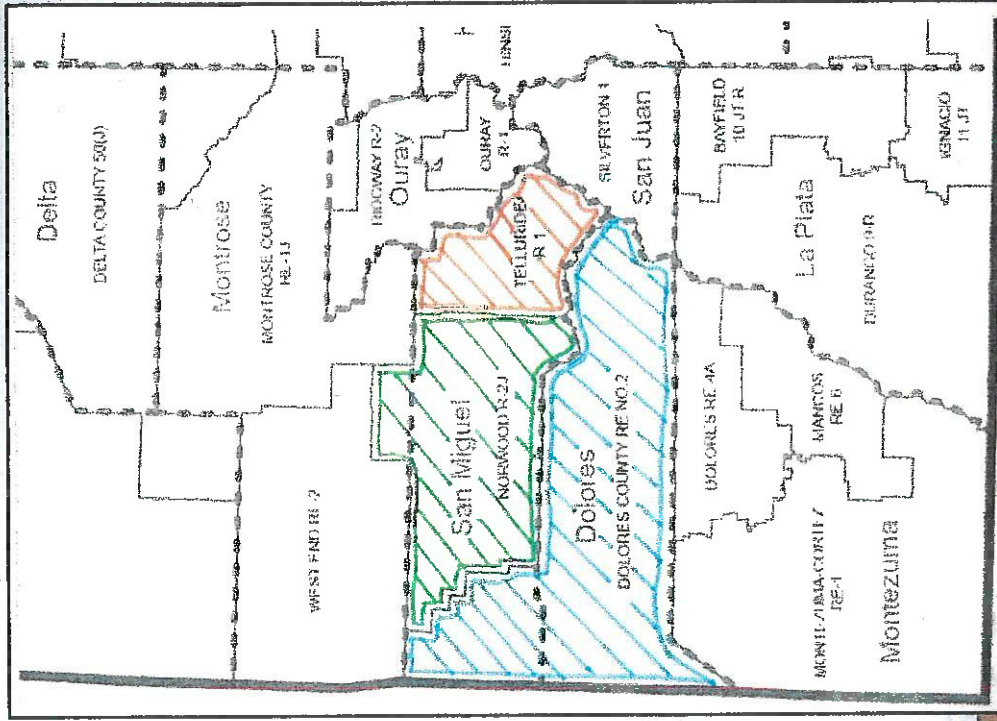


# School Boundaries for the State of Colorado



# LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- School District Boundaries do not follow county boundaries.

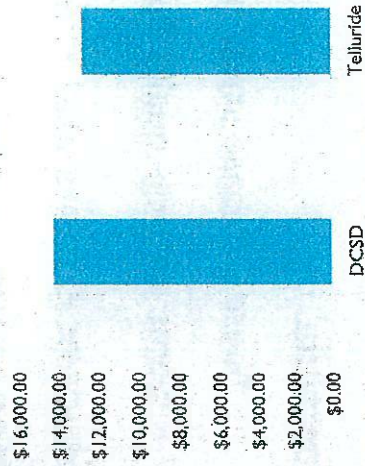


## FINANCES

- Schools are funded equitably, so that every student has the same chance at an education.
- General school funds, which is our every day money, is determined by formula.
  - There is a base student amount awarded to every school.
  - Some schools qualify for risk factor add-on funds. The amount awarded is by formula.
- Student counts and risk factors, not property values, determine how much money we receive.

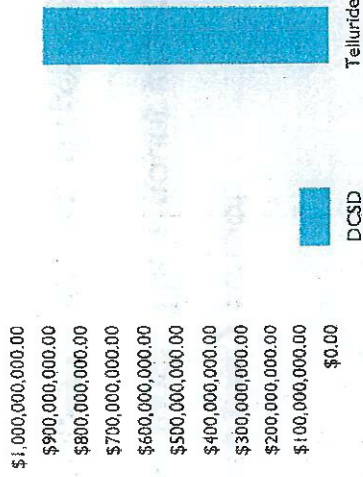
# FINANCES

Per Student Funding



Per Student Funding	
	Telluride
Minimum funding level	\$9,421.02
Risk Factors	\$4,812.25
Total Per Student	\$14,233.27

Property Valuation



Property Valuation	
	Telluride
2023	\$99,073,283.00
	\$914,809,044.00

- Telluride's Property Valuation is almost 10 times higher than DCSD, but...
- DCSD receives more funds per student than Telluride.

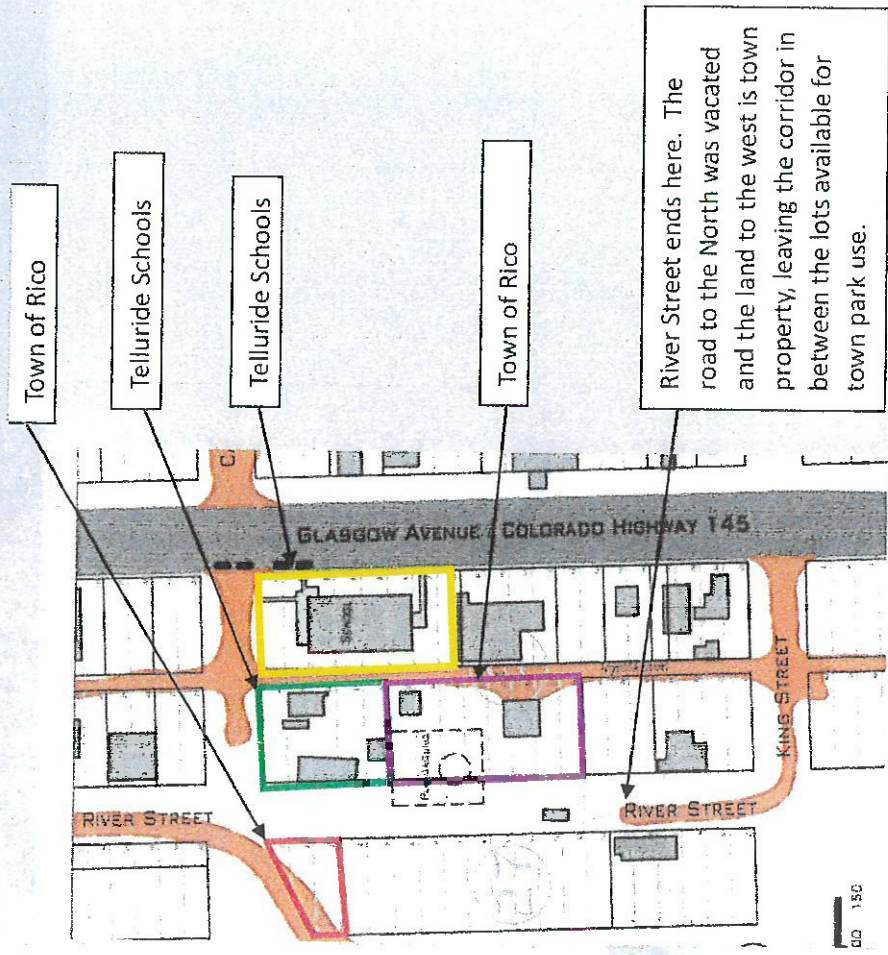
## FINANCES-SUMMARY

- **DCSD:**
  - **Student Funding:** **No Impact**
  - **MLO: Funding Generated by Rico has been spent in Rico** **No Impact**
  - **New Elementary School Bonds: Rico will continue to pay** **No Impact**
- **Rico Residents:**
  - **School Property Taxes** **Lower**



## WHAT'S IN THE PLAN?

- The school properties must be transferred.
- Some land will go to the Town of Rico, including the park.
- The school building and the developable residential lots will go to Telluride School District.
- The Rico Elementary School building “may be used for educational, recreational and community needs of the Rico Community.”





WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE COUNTY?

Nothing



THANK YOU

