

## Rural agility focus: public school with local control

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Straight waivers, innovation school considerations and charter school law are three options being looked at in the Colorado Association of School Boards' Rural Agility Project.

Local control revisited is a subtitle of the Rural Agility focus, and Holyoke School District is participating in the project to better assess the potential options.

An open house to update the community on the project was held prior to the April 8 school board meeting, but no citizens attended.

While that was disappointing to the board, it was cited that perhaps the community doesn't recognize what the Rural Agility Project term means.

There has been some community conversations of concern over the charter school proposal. Board members suggested that if the open house had targeted that subject, there would have perhaps been quite a turnout.

Board members said there is a lot of misinformation about the charter school option and there's some fear of the unknown amidst the community.

Board member Kim Killin pointed out that the whole Rural Agility Project focus is a public school with local control.

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