

Salida School District R-32-J Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2022

Kesner Board Room

At 6:10 President Joe Smith called the meeting to order. In attendance were Directors Jodi Breckenridge Petit, Ben Hill, Matt Hobbs, Mandy Paschall, and Jenn Schuchman (remote via Zoom). Director Carrie Mattix connected through Zoom following the approval of the consent agenda.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Guest Introductions – those present in the board room included Superintendent David Blackburn, Secretary Kim LeTourneau, Business Manager Shiela Moore (via Zoom), Kate Herrick Madden, Kate Clark, Ilona Witty, Jesse Hull, William Stokesberry, Cory Scheffel, Kristy Servis, Evalyn Parks, Will Wooddell, and D.J. Dejong.

Board Member Comments

Director Paschall shared a shout out for the Cross Country success of recent weeks with league champs for boys' and girls' at both the middle school and high school level. There has been significant conversation about rainbow fentanyl, a very potent new drug. Salida PD recently shared a press release noting that it has not been discovered in Chaffee County so far, but parents should still be aware of it with upcoming Halloween events and activities. It can be found in several forms including blocks that resemble sidewalk chalk, pills, or powder. If you see anything resembling this product, do not touch it and contact the police. The schools are aware of it, and our SRO and PD are engaged in prevention and detection efforts.

Director Breckenridge Petit noted that while we won't have a banner this year cheering our accreditation, she is thankful that through the pandemic our staff (in all positions) and our partners kept our kids safe and engaged, and she knows we will close gaps.

There were no **Written Messages to the Board**.

There were no requests for **Public Comment**.

Approval of Agenda with the following changes:

- Remove Action Item 6b Approve Rocky Mountain Recreation Proposal for \$70,230 for the Crest Academy Playground Structure
- Add N Purchase 2001 Jeep Wrangler – \$9k

Clarification - Detailed Campus Report by Ilona Witty – Principal, ECC

Director Breckenridge Petit mad a motion to approve the agenda with the above changes. Director Hobbs seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was unanimously approved.

Reports

There were **no guest reports**.

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SECC Principal Ilona Witty shared a **detailed campus report** with the Board. She shared a slide presentation detailing the history of the center, regulations, funding, and potential impacts of universal preschool. She is very involved at a state level and will keep the Board updated as more information becomes available. She noted a potential request for the coming year to adjust the staff structure currently used in toddler rooms which would also have a financial impact. She then answered questions from the Board.

There were no other questions for principals regarding submitted **campus reports**.

Assistant Superintendent Wooddell began **District Reports** with an update about the adoption and implementation of Reveal Math for K-5. Director Smith noted his appreciation for the consolidation of manger reports within Wooddell's report.

Superintendent Blackburn shared his excitement for the start of the school year, and shift away from response to planning and looking forward. DAC met the previous night and was attended by a number of local business owners and engaged community members who are focused and excited about the future for Salida Schools' students.

Consent Agenda Items

Director Paschall made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Director Hobbs seconded the motion. Discussion began as Director Hill requested clarification on the value of the vehicles listed on the list of assets to dispose. Evalyn Parks clarified that the values noted were the purchase prices, not the current value. The Jeep requested will help with snow plow needs and a fleet vehicle for transportation department needs.

Director Paschall then amended her motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item gi, CASB Special Policy Updates from 8/31/22 - IC/ICA (emergent), BEC, IHCD, JFAB, JFABA, GBAB, and GBEA, Item l, Accept Recommendation of Due Process Panel on 9/22/22, and Item n, Approve UIP, which will all be moved to Action.

- a) Approve of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2022
- b) Claims Payable – All Funds
- c) Claims Payable – Bills over \$5,000
- d) Personnel Items
- e) Acknowledge and Approve Exhibits and Regulations as Recommended by the Superintendent - None
- f) Approve on 1st Reading Policies
 - i) IKFA – Early Graduation
- g) Approve on 2nd Reading Policies
 - i) ~~CASB Special Policy Updates from 8/31/22 – IC/ICA (emergent), BEC, IHCD, JFAB, JFABA, GBAB, and GBEA (Moved to Action)~~
 - ii) CBI – Evaluation of Superintendent
- h) Approve on 3rd Reading Policies - None
- i) Approve DAC Leadership and Members -
- j) Approve the Disposal of Three Vehicles on Authorization to Dispose Asset List
- k) Approve the Purchase of Engine for 2002 International in the Amount of \$20,902.25
- l) ~~Accept Recommendation of Due Process Panel on 9/22/22 (Moved to Action)~~

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~~m) Approve UIP (Moved to Action)~~

n) Approve purchase 2001 Jeep Wrangler Sahara for \$9,000

Director Hobbs seconded the amended motion. Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Mattix, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

Directors talked about participation in the CASB October Delegate Assembly on October 21 and 22. There was interest in participation, but the event conflicts with student athletic schedules. Participation in CASB events has been an important way to stay connected to larger state initiatives and leadership. There are a number of items that will be voted on, and it was felt that having a voice from Salida Schools is important, as we are unique from other districts in a variety of ways. Following discussion, Director Schuchman will plan to attend activities on the 21st and Director Hobbs will see if he is available to attend the assembly on the 22. If they are not able to attend then Superintendent Blackburn will compose a letter drafted with support from Directors, to send to CASB with the Districts interests outlined. Secretary LeTourneau will reach out to CASB to find out if sending two delegates (one each day) is allowable.

Action Items

Director Hobbs made a motion to **Accept and Certify the Salida School District Accreditation Recommendation**. Director Breckenridge Petit seconded the motion. The accreditation findings were presented at the DAC meeting the previous night, where they approved of the rating. Director Paschall noted that this ties into the UIP and is a helpful way to identify where our gaps are and paves a way to plan to address those gaps, which Asst. Superintendent Wooddell noted were already being addressed in some cases. Superintendent Blackburn noted that our students are doing well, and that academic growth is what means the most to him. The District has noted again the shift back into a planning and looking into the future, included in the WHHW learning cycle embedded in the District's teaching philosophy. This supports the goal of identifying students who need additional support through intervention or MTSS for example. The commitment to providing significant layers of support to Salida Schools' students to promote success in life after high school graduation.

Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Mattix, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was unanimously approved.

At 7:45 the Board took a short break.

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **Approve the UIP**. Director Paschall seconded the motion. Superintendent Blackburn discussed the worksheet used to take a lengthy government document and isolates the essential components critical for the District. Director Breckenridge Petit noted that growing matriculation numbers are a key goal that the Board has been striving towards in recent years. She is excited about the progress being made, including an additional counselor at SHS, and clarity in career exploration to make sure that student's efforts in HS go to support them in "13th Grade".

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Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Mattix, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was unanimously approved.

Director Hobbs made a motion to **Approve CASB Special Policy Updates from 8/31/22 - IC/ICA (emergent), BEC, IHCD, JFAB, JFABA, GBAB, and GBEA**. Director Paschall seconded the motion. Director Hobbs began discussion requesting that policies be broken out individually on the agenda. Superintendent Blackburn clarified that the policy recommendations in this block from CASB reflect changes following the recent legislative session, to insure District policy follows current law. There were some specific questions asked regarding individual policy updates. Superintendent Blackburn will review the policies in order to confirm that they are appropriate for Salida Schools or if they need any additional review by District lawyers. Director Hobbs amended his motion to table the Approval of CASB Special Policy Updates from 8/31 as listed. Director Paschall seconded the amended motion. Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Mattix, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was unanimously approved to table the item.

Director Hobbs made a motion to **Accept the Recommendation of Due Process Panel on 9/22/22**. Dr. Breckenridge Petit seconded the motion. It was noted that the recommendation, as well as the policy in question, GBB-N, have been reviewed by H. Ortiz, a lawyer working for the District. The Board did not believe that SEA's contention that contracts need to go through CBT was valid nor desirable. The Superintendent should continue to develop contracts that fit within the framework of negotiated policies as was previously done. Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Mattix, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was unanimously approved.

Board Communications and Committee Reports

Collaborative Bargaining Team – Directors Hobbs and Hill attended their first CBT meeting and started by learning a lot about the work of the team, and feel like a good tone was set for the needed work moving forward. Current goals are to look at pay scales, sick leave, and clarity in policies. Shiela Moore is always happy to sit down and go over budget questions with anyone who is interested and is curious how different adjustments might impact the budget going forward. The next CBT meetings will be October 20 and 21, 2022.

BOCES – Director Paschall reported that the next meeting for BOCES is on Thursday.

Director Smith noted that the Salida Spartans Athletic Booster Club has reached out to the **Facilities Committee** with some ideas for future capital requests.

The **Communications Committee** reported plans for the next newsletters, including an “Annual Report” style in the winter and a “Back to School” edition in the summer.

Superintendent Blackburn reported on the DAC meeting on October 10, 2022 and shared the positive, renewed energy including new members with a new perspectives and skills to offer. There is excitement about the possibilities for the future of Salida Schools' students. Director Smith attended, and other Directors are welcome to attend as they like, with no specific assignment. It was noted that the community listening sessions were a bit hit, and promising way to connect with the community. Many of the new members are local business owners who are also parents. There is excitement for the CMC partnership and economic development opportunities throughout the community.

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Future Business

Director Smith would like to add to **Topics for Future Meetings** an adjustment to the Superintendent's spending cap of \$5000.

Calendar of events

Director Breckenridge Petit volunteered to help with agenda review prior to the November Board Meeting on November 8, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Secretary LeTourneau will work on coordinating delegates for the CASB Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly on October 21-22, 2022 in Greenwood Village, CO as noted from the Discussion portion of the meeting.

Secretary LeTourneau will also finalize CASB Annual Meeting attendance and hotel reservations. The Annual Meeting will be held December 1-3, 2022 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Director Paschall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kim LeTourneau, Board Secretary


Joe Smith, Board President