



SALIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT R-32-J

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Special Meeting of the Board

January 21, 2023, 8 a.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, 627 Oak Street, Salida

President Joe Smith called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also in attendance were Directors Jodi Breckenridge Petit, Ben Hill, Carrie Mattix, Mandy Paschall, and Jenn Schuchman. Director Hobbs arrived later. Others in attendance were Superintendent David Blackburn, Assistant Superintendent Will Wooddell, Business Manager Shiela Moore, Secretary Kim LeTourneau, and SHS Principal Jesse Hull.

There were **no Board Member Comments** nor any **Public Comments**.

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **approve the agenda** as presented. Director Mattix seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was approved. Director Hobbs was not in attendance for this vote.

Action Items

Director Hill made a motion to **Approve Amended Budget and Appropriation Resolution 202223-04, Resolution 202223-05 Authorization for Use of Portion of Beginning Fund Balance – General, and Resolution 202223-06 Authorization for Use of Portion of Beginning Fund Balance – Food Services.**

Director Paschall seconded the motion. Discussion began with Business Manager Moore indicating corrections to Resolutions 202223-05 to reflect \$2,169,360 for one-time expenditures from the General Fund 10, and 202223-06 to reflect the use of \$109,017 from the Food Service Fund 21. There is concern that the budget next year will be able to cover costs considering the increase of operational budget needs related to inflation. Said motion was put to a vote as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was approved. Director Hobbs was not in attendance for this vote.

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **Approve Appointment of District Legal Counsel Caplan & Ernest.** Director Paschall seconded the motion. Director Breckenridge Petit shared the process of interviewing three firms which had responded to the RFP for legal services. Superintendent Blackburn with Directors Breckenridge Petit and Hobbs participated in the process and unanimously recommend Caplan & Ernest. Melissa Barber will lead our general counsel, but Caplan & Ernest has a very robust team to ensure we have the greatest experience guiding our perspectives. Three firms submitted bids

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and all three were interviewed. Director Hobbs arrived shared his agreement on the recommendation of Caplan & Ernest. 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.

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **Approve the Universal Preschool Program MOU with The Chaffee County Early Childhood Council**. Director Mattix seconded the motion. It was noted that because of deadlines with the government, the MOU had already been signed, and still needed the Board's final review and approval. Discussion included assumed impacts to SECC and the Salida School District interests because of the changes related to Universal Preschool. Currently, many early concerns appear to have been addresses, and impacts to SECC are expected to be minimal because of the multiple income streams represented in the SECC budget. 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.

The Board reviewed the upcoming **Calendar** of events, including the next regular meeting of the Board on February 14, 2023 with a work session at 5 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6 p.m. Director Paschall will attend the agenda review in advance. Secretary LeTourneau will continue work to schedule upcoming listening sessions for the community. There was a reminder that there will be a special meeting on May 23, 2023 to formally approve the budget.

Director Mattix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Work Session

January 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, 627 Oak Street, Salida

At 8:45 a.m. the Salida School Board began their annual January retreat/work session. In attendance were Directors Jodi Breckenridge Petit, Ben Hill, Matt Hobbs, Carrie Mattix, Mandy Paschall, Jenn Schuchman and Joe Smith. Also in attendance were Superintendent David Blackburn, Secretary Kim LeTourneau, Assistant Superintendent Will Wooddell, and SHS Principal Jesse Hull.

The Board discussed the following items as outlined in the agenda:

Review Roles and Responsibilities

SHS Strategic Priorities Update – Jesse Hull

Salida School District Operations Update – Will Wooddell

Facilities Plan Discussion

Finish Facilities Plan Discussion

Policy GBB and CBT Discussion

Remaining Strategic Priorities Update, and Monitoring Plan

Lunch was provided by District Appreciation Team in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

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The Board completed the work session at 3:35 p.m. and took a short break.

At 3:44 the Board convened for the **evaluation for Superintendent** David Blackburn. Director Mattix mad a motion to convene in executive session to discuss personnel matters as outlined in C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f). The motion was seconded by Director Hill. The executive session was completed at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim LeTourneau, Board Secretary



Joe Smith, Board President