

# Salida School District R-32-J Board of Education

May 23, 2023 – 5 p.m.

The Crest Academy, 627 Oak Street, Salida

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

In attendance were Directors Jodi Breckenridge Petit, Ben Hill, Matt Hobbs, Mandy Paschall, Jenn Schuchman, and Joe Smith, Superintendent David Blackburn, Secretary Kim LeTourneau, Assistant Superintendent William Wooddell, and Business Managers Shiela Moore and Aaron Dobson. Director Carrie Mattix arrived after the agenda was approved. William Stokesberry, IT Manager, was also in attendance.

There were no Board Member comments, written messages to the board, or public comments.

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **Approval the Agenda**. Director Schuchman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Said motion was voted on as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Mattix, n/a; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was approved.

Superintendent Blackburn shared the excitement of the **recognition of Salida Schools by the State of Colorado**. The Crest Academy was awarded the John Irwin Award which is given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement. On the school performance framework, these schools “exceeded” expectations on the indicator for academic achievement over three years. Longfellow Elementary School was recognized with the Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Award which is given to schools that demonstrate excellent student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools “exceeded” expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth over three years. Blackburn expressed pride in the District’s regular recognition by the State and looks forward to continued growth and acknowledgement. Director Breckenridge Petit noted that she had shared concerns regarding a drop in scores following COVID, and that LES Principal Scheffel expressed his confidence in his team to provide the needed support to students. The growth scores reflect the success of the well-established MTSS program at LES. Director Smith thanked staff for their strong work.

## **Action Items**

Director Hobbs made a motion to **Approve the Preliminary Budget for '23-'24 School Year**. Director Breckenridge Petit seconded the motion. Business Manager Moore lead the discussion by noting that there are still variables with unknown impact. She budgets conservatively until those factors become more clear, including more information related to Universal Preschool, Proposition HH, and Senate Bill 303. She did note that the bill and proposition in question could put the mill levy override stream of revenue in the proposed budget at risk to the extent of \$200,000-\$300,000. Moore provided a list of the approved operational wish list items for the Board reference. Even with the unknowns, Moore feels confident with the conservative assumptions used to generate the proposed '23-'24 budget. The Board noted they appreciate receiving the long sheet and are comfortable with the new budget format agreed upon earlier in the year. There is also some promise that recent legislation signed by Governor Polis may provide some financial benefit for District programs already set up in partnership with Colorado Mountain College. There isn't enough information about this yet to impact budget predictions. Said motion was voted on as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill,

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yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Mattix, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was unanimously approved.

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **Approve Appropriations Resolution 202223-07 with Preliminary Budget Estimates**. Director Schuchman seconded the motion. The only discussion was note from Director Smith the he likes the long sheet shared with the Board each month. Said motion was voted on 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.

### Future Business

Board members reviewed their plans for attendance at SHS graduation. Director Smith noted that he is working with the City to set up a meeting with both Boards over the summer.

### Calendar of events

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6 p.m. at The Crest Academy. There will be a public hearing at 4:30-5 p.m. that afternoon for any public opinions on the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The public hearing will be followed by a work session with CBT from 5- 6 p.m. Director Schuchman will participate in agenda review on May 31, 2023 at 9 a.m. Note the budget will be ratified at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim LeTourneau, Board Secretary



Joe Smith, Board President

