

Salida School District R-32-J

Board of Education

February 27, 2024

2nd Floor Conference Room, 627 Oak Street

6 p.m. Special Meeting of the Board

1) Call to Order

- a) President Joe Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited. The following directors were present: Jodi Breckenridge Petit, Ben Hill, Matt Hobbs, Karen Lundberg, Mandy Paschall, Jenn Schuchman, and Joe Smith.
- b) There were no **Written Messages to the Board**.
- c) **Public Comments**
 - i) Andre Wilkins read a letter authored by an individual seeking long-term leave.
 - ii) Stacy Follet spoke about exit interviews and decorum at the previous board meeting
 - iii) Jen Lang spoke about fun events at Longfellow Elementary School
- d) Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **approve the agenda as presented**. Director Paschall 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. Lundberg, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was approved.

2) Consent Agenda Items

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to **approve the consent agenda** as follows:

- Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2024

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. Lundberg, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was approved.

3) Action Items

- a) Director Hill made a motion to **Approve 627 Oak Street - pre annexation agreement**. Director Paschall seconded the motion. In attendance to answer questions were representatives from DLR, DSI, and Caplan & Earnest, and SSD Facilities Manager. Following an update from that team, Director Paschall made a motion to convene in executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding the Board's rights and obligations under a proposed pre-annexation agreement and annexation process. Director Breckenridge Petit seconded the motion. The board asked that in addition to directors, Superintendent David Blackburn, Assistant Superintendent Will Wooddell, Business Managers Shiela Moore and Aaron Dobson, and Kristin Edgar with Caplan & Earnest attend the executive session. Said motion was voted on as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Lundberg, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and was approved.

The executive session began at 6:35 p.m. and President Smith began by noting that the topic of the session was to conference with the board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding the board's rights and obligations under a proposed pre-annexation agreement and annexation process pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). The discussion about this topic began at 6:36 p.m. at which time the recorder was turned off. The recorder was turned back on at 7:38 and the board concluded the executive session at 7:40 p.m. The board took a short break and returned to public session at 7:48 p.m.

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Director Hill made a motion to table the motion to **Approve 627 Oak Street Pre-Annexation Agreement**. Director Paschall seconded the motion. Said motion was voted on as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, yes; Dr. Hill, yes; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Lundberg, yes; Mrs. Paschall, yes; Ms. Schuchman, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and the motion to table the item was approved.

b) **Long Term Leave Request**

Director Breckenridge Petit made a motion to approve a **Long-Term Leave Request**. The motion was seconded by Director Schuchman. Discussion included review of policy GCCAFA-N - Long-Term Leaves of Absence and its lack of guidance or clarity, a desire to find a better solution, and the benefits that are available to employees to use in the case of a catastrophic event. Following discussion, said motion was voted on as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, no; Dr. Hill, no; Mr. Hobbs, yes; Mrs. Lundberg, yes; Mrs. Paschall, no; Ms. Schuchman, no; Mr. Smith, no; and was defeated 5-2.

c) **Consider action on the usage of a snow day for March 14, 2024**

Director Hill made a motion to approve the **use of a snow day for March 14, 2024**. Director Paschall seconded the motion. Discussion included an interest to find a way to honor and recognize staff, but had concerns about parents who wouldn't have a lot of time to figure out other plans for childcare that day, and the potential need for a snow day yet this year. Following discussion, said motion was voted on as follows: Dr. Breckenridge Petit, no; Dr. Hill, no; Mr. Hobbs, no; Mrs. Lundberg, no; Mrs. Paschall, no; Ms. Schuchman, no; Mr. Smith, no; and was defeated.

4) **Future Business**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be **March 12, 2024**, at The Crest Academy. Director Paschall will participate in agenda review. The board is also holding **March 26, 2024** for a tentative Special Meeting.

5) **Adjournment**

Director Schuchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kim LeTourneau, Board Secretary


Joe Smith, Board President