

SANTA FE TRAIL USD 434 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

February 11, 2026 at 6 p.m.
District Administrative Center

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CLOSING OF SCRANTON
PRESCHOOL AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**

Call to Order

Tanner Black called the hearing to order at 6 pm.

Welcome and Purpose for Hearing

President Black welcomed the audience presenting the hearing purpose. Justin Ramsdell read a statement of plans involving the potential future use of the building.

**Public Address to Board of Education
Regarding Closing Scranton Preschool
and District Administrative Center**

Several members of the public addressed the Board of Education with their thoughts on the closing of the school building in Scranton and it's potential future use. Speakers included: Aulysha Lester, Pat Lira, Libby Thompson, Ken Silver, Melinda Barnes, Scranton Mayor Lester, Joe Gast, and several who did not provide their names.

Adjournment of Hearing

President Tanner Black adjourned the hearing at 7:27 pm

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Call to Order

Tanner Black called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Board Members Present

Tanner Black, Michelle Schmale, Kylie Hastings, Justin Ramsdell, Amy Huizenga, and Jamie Sowers in person. Stephenie Ganger joined the meeting by Google meets and voted by roll call vote.

Board Members Absent	None
Administrators & Others present	Amy Hill, Faith Flory, Robby Madden, Lorle Bolt, Kyle Ellis, Mike Maloun, Austin Hershberger, Andy Lohmeyer, Greg Goheen, Gary Rush, HTK reps, Carrie Mugridge, Greg Sheets, Shelley Schmale, Chad Schmale, Corky Green, Joe Gast, Dana Workman, Julie Flory, Jacob Burrell, Justin Wagstaff, and numerous patrons.
Agenda Approval	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the amended agenda adding item 4.8 Donation to OAC; and to item 6.2 Employment, Staab. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote.
Presentation to BOE HTK Architects	HTK reps recapped requested information regarding two or three campus options, and the cost of deferred maintenance.
Consent Agenda Items	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve the amended consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote. • Approved the minutes of January 14, 2026. • Approved the December 2025 activity fund reports and Jan 2026 for CAC and the HS. • Approved the presented check journal. • Accepted the resignations of Michelle Herren, HS cross country coach; Natosha Dahl, jr. high cheer coach; Andrew Berckefeldt, asst. high school baseball coach; Shellby Bevan, high school dance coach; Sarah VanAalst, jr. high volleyball coach • Accepted the donation from Carbondale Masonic Lodge to CAC, OAC, and the high school. • Approved bank account changes for the district administrative center. • Accepted the anonymous donation to OAC to pay toward student meal balances.
Executive Session – Legal Matter	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to enter executive session for twenty minutes to consult with the Board’s attorney pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the gym at 8:12 pm, with Faith Flory and Greg Goheen present and Ganger joining by phone. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote.

Tanner Black, Justin Ramsdell, Amy Huizenga, and Michelle Schmale returned to open session at 8:13 pm. Motion by Tanner Black, second by Justin Ramsdell, to extend executive session for a legal matter by 17 minutes to 8:30 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel Report

The board returned to open session at 8:30 pm. No action taken.

Executive Session

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Amy Huizenga, to enter executive session for five minutes to discuss personnel employment pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the gym at 8:36 pm, with Faith Flory present and Ganger joining by phone. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote

Employment

The board returned to open session at 8:36 pm.

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the amended employment of personnel. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote

Employed: Joshua Whittaker, asst. jr. high track coach; Brian Dickie, SAC/CAC custodian; Emily Roberts, part-time high school library aide; Nicollette Morgan, 8th grade head volleyball coach 26/27; Eric Staab, 1.0 fte baseball coach 25/26.

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the transfer of Carrie Gregoire to CAC technology teacher 26/27. Motion carried 6-1. Ganger voted by roll call vote. No vote Sowers.

Administrators

Building administrators spoke of Chargers of the Month, activities updates, community involvement goal, CAC student won the county spelling bee.

Items from the Past for Consideration

None

New Items for Discussion & Consideration

Adopt a Resolution to Close Scranton Preschool and District Administrative Center

After reading the full resolution, motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Stephenie Ganger, to adopt the stated resolution. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote

Approve the Disposal of Scranton Preschool/District Administrative Center Property

After reading the full resolution, motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve the disposal of Scranton Preschool/District Administrative Center property. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote.

Approve the 2026/2027 School Calendar

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the presented calendar. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote

Approval of Service Dog – Three Lakes and Jess Lewis

Motion by Kylie Hastings, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve Three Lakes Special Ed Co-op having a dog in the USD 434 schools. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote.

Executive Session – Student Matter

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to enter executive session for ten minutes to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA, and the open session will resume in the gym at 9:08 pm with Faith Flory present and Ganger joining by phone. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote.

The board returned to open session at 9:08 pm. No action.

Executive Session – School Security Matters

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to enter executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss matters relating to information systems security measures, pursuant to the exception under KOMA for school security matters to secure the security of the school, its buildings and/or its systems is not jeopardized, and the open meeting will resume in the gym at 9:27 pm with Faith Flory and Andy Lohmeyer present and Ganger joining by phone. Motion carried 7-0. Ganger voted by roll call vote.

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Superintendent's Report

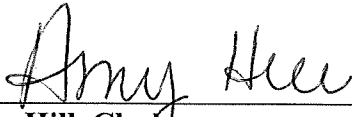
Jamie Sowers reported Three Lakes director search interviews are upcoming.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Adjournment

President Tanner Black adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm



Amy Hill, Clerk



Tanner Black, President