

**SANTA FE TRAIL USD 434 BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 11, 2026**  
**5 p.m.**  
**District Administrative Center**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Tanner Black called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
<b>Board Members Present</b>	Tanner Black, Michelle Schmale, Stephenie Ganger, Kylie Hastings, Justin Ramsdell, Amy Huizenga, and Jamie Sowers
<b>Board Members Absent</b>	None
<b>Administrators &amp; Others present</b>	Amy Hill, Faith Flory, Gary Rush, Kyle Ellis, Sean Norwood, Kris Henry, Lorle Bolt, Carrie Mugridge, Mike Maloun, Mary Burgett, Robby Madden, Austin Hershberger, Jon Brady, Pat Lira, Brian Murakami.
<b>Agenda Approval</b>	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 7-0.
<b>Consent Agenda Items</b>	<p>Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Approved the minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting.</li><li>● Approved the January &amp; February 2026 treasurer's report.</li><li>● Approved the school activity fund reports of OAC Jan 2026, OAC Feb 2026 &amp; HS Feb 2026.</li><li>● Approved the presented check journal.</li><li>● Accepted the resignations of Tiffany Burget, CAC STUCO sponsor; Eric Staab, Green Team sponsor; Elizabeth Kraus, PK para; Erin Metsker, OAC lead teacher duties 3.9.26.</li><li>● Approved the out of state travel of OAC 1<sup>st</sup> graders to Science City.</li><li>● Approved the HS FFA fundraisers for Spring 2026.</li></ul>
<b>Personnel Report</b>	
<b>Executive Session</b>	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 5:16 pm with Faith Flory present. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 5:16 pm

**Employment**

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve the presented employment of personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

Abigail Beliel, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math; Brian Murakami, CAC asst. principal/activity director; Mary Burgett, .5 fte JH golf asst coach; Skylar Kunsch, .5 fte JH golf asst coach; Gracey Sterling, OAC attendance clerk.

**Administrators**

New JH asst principal/activities director, Brian Murakami was introduced to the Board of Education.

Also discussed were upcoming state assessment plans; chargers of the month; spring sports and winter sports/activities highlights; career day at the high school; new Spanish curriculum; and ELA curriculum is in review.

**Items from the Past for Consideration**

None

**New Items for Discussion & Consideration**

**Non-Resident Enrollment Capacity**

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to adopt the 26/27 enrollment capacity with discussed changes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Summer Programs**

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Jamie Sowers, approving the presented summer programs from Overbrook, Carbondale, SFTHS and Overbrook Parks & Rec. Motion carried 7-0.

**Capital Outlay Updates**

Discussion of several large projects. Board asked for bids on high school gym floor renovation & CAC HVAC replacement.

Motion by Kylie Hastings, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve the bid for Carbondale School windows from Trak Roofing & Construction for \$23213.43. Motion carried 7-0.

**Reconfiguration Discussion**

Jon Brady addressed the Board of Education regarding reconfiguration and effects on towns. Board member consensus that November is the best time for a potential bond election; continue negotiations with Allen Co for SAC.

**Spring Online Enrollment**

Consensus was to open 26/27 student enrollment early, possibly April 13, 2026.

**Executive Session - Negotiations**

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to enter executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:12 pm with Faith Flory. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to open session at 7:12 pm. No action taken.

**Superintendent's Report**

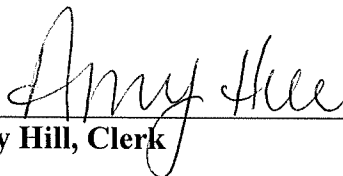
Three Lakes meeting recap provided by Jamie Sowers announced a new director has been employed.


**Next Regular Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

**Adjournment**

President Tanner Black adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm

  
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Amy Hill, Clerk

  
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Tanner Black, President