

SANTA FE TRAIL USD 434 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2026

5 p.m.

District Administrative Center

Call to Order	Tanner Black called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
Board Members Present	Tanner Black, Michelle Schmale, Stephenie Ganger, Kylie Hastings, Justin Ramsdell, Amy Huizenga, and Jamie Sowers
Board Members Absent	None
Administrators & Others present	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.
Agenda Approval	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 7-0.
Consent Agenda Items	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approved the minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting.● Approved the January & February 2026 treasurer's report.● Approved the school activity fund reports of OAC Jan 2026, OAC Feb 2026 & HS Feb 2026.● Approved the presented check journal.● 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.● Approved the out of state travel of OAC 1st graders to Science City.● Approved the HS FFA fundraisers for Spring 2026.
Personnel Report	
Executive Session	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, 8th 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

Amy Hill, Clerk

Tanner Black, President