

SANTA FE TRAIL USD 434 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Meeting
September 13, 2023**

7:14 p.m.

Santa Fe Trail District Administrative Center

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing – 6 pm call to order

The district presented information.

Questions from patrons regarding revenue neutral rate.

Motion by Jason Supple, second by Justin Ramsdell, to approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate to finance the 2023-24 district budget. Roll call vote by Clerk Amy Hill indicated the motion passed 7-0.

Hearing adjourned at 6:53 pm

District Budget Hearing – 6:54 pm call to order

The district presented information.

Questions from patrons regarding the district budget.

With no further questions, hearing concluded at 7:14 pm

Call to Order

Tanner Black called the regular meeting to order at 7:14 pm

Board Members Present

Tanner Black, Michelle Schmale, Jason Supple, Stephenie Ganger, Kylie Hastings, Justin Ramsdell, and Madison Sowers.

Board Members Absent

None

Administrators & Others present

Amy Hill, Faith Flory, Rhonda Fulton, Kaylee Boyd, Lorle Bolt, Jodi Testa, Eric Staab, Julie Smith, Austin Hershberger, Kris Henry, Andy Lohmeyer, Eric Staab, Treas Baker, high school students, and district patrons

Agenda Approval

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Madison Sowers, to approve the presented agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**Board of Education Presentation
Treas Baker**

Treas Baker spoke to the board regarding her concerns with the student permission slip required to participate in StarBase.

**Eric Staab – Community Project
Plan and Out-of-State Travel
Request**

Eric Staab spoke of the community-based projects that his students will work on and requested that the district provide \$1500 for the purchase of supplies or equipment

to complete the projects.

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Jason Supple, that the district will provide funding up to \$1500 for this project. Motion carried 7-0.

His second request was that his class be allowed to travel out-of-state to attend the OKC Memorial Museum. The district would bus students and provide the driver.

Motion by Kylie Hastings, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve the travel request. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Proceedings

Review and Approval of Building Needs Assessments & District State Assessment Summary

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Jason Supple, that the board approve the presented building needs assessments and district state assessment information used in the budget development and approval process. Motion carried 7-0.

Local Option Budget Percentage Adoption

Motion by Madison Sowers, second by Jason Supple, to adopt the local option percentage of 33% for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 7-0

District 23-24 Budget Adoption

Motion by Jason Supple, second by Stephenie Ganger, to adopt the presented 2023-24 USD 434 budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

- Approved the minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting.
- Approved the July & August 2023 treasurer's reports.
- Approved the July and August 2023 activity reports of the high school, Carbondale, and Overbrook.
- Approved the presented check journal.
- Approved the employment of Jess Lewis & Lisa Obregon to the CAC building leadership team; Preston Fordham, 8th grade scholar's bowl sponsor.
- Accepted the resignation of Tim Laubach, bus driver and Ashley Michaelis, CAC quiz bowl, yearbook and building leadership team.
- Approved the Carbondale, Overbrook and high school fundraisers for 23/24
- Accepted the donation from Kansas State Bank to the Scranton preschool.

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Stephenie Ganger,

to employ Eric Bailey, high school football trainer for the remaining home games. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrators

Administrators spoke of the OAC CHAMPS program; CAC August honored students, handbook review with students, and jr. high sports update; high school noted the musical is upcoming and baseball and softball schedules can include six more games.

Items from the Past for Reconsideration

Board Goals

Work session on Sept. 27th at 6 pm is open to the public.

New Items for Discussion and Consideration

Approve Negotiated Agreement

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve the 2023-24 negotiated agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve Classified and Administrator Salaries

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Stephenie Ganger, to approve classified and administrator salaries for 2023-24. Motion carried 7-0.

Grant Awards

Motion by Michelle Schmale, second by Kylie Hastings, to accept the grant awards from Safe and Secure Schools; and the Patterson Foundation. Motion carried 7-0.

Trap Team & Hunter Safety Course Donation – Mercer Family

Motion by Tanner Black, second by Justin Ramsdell, to accept the Jim Mercer memorial donations to the high school trap team and hunter safety course. Motion carried 7-0.

Items Added to the Agenda

None

Executive Session

None

Superintendent's Report

Madison Sowers provided an update on the difficulties of finding staff.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Special Meeting

Board work session – Sept. 27, 2023 at 6 pm

Adjournment

President Tanner Black adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Amy Hill, Clerk

Tanner Black, President