SANTA FE TRAIL USD 434 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting

May 14, 2025 at 6 p.m.
District Administrative Center

Call to Order	Tanner Black called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
Board Members Present	Tanner Black, Michelle Schmale, Kylie Hastings, Justin Ramsdell, Amy Huizenga, and Jamie Sowers
Board Members Absent	Stephenie Ganger
Administrators & Others present	Amy Hill, Lorle Bolt, Kyle Ellis, Jodi Testa, Carrie Mugridge, Andy Lohmeyer, Mike Maloun, Austin Hershberger, Gary Rush, Kris Henry, Mary Burgett, Preston Fordham, students, district patrons
Staff Recognition	Tanner Black presented Carrie Mugridge with a certificate from the University of Kansas School of Education recognizing her twenty-five years in the field of education.
Agenda Approval	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the amended agenda adding to item 3. Resignations/Retirement Keller; to item 5.2 Employment Nix. Motion carried 6-0.
Consent Agenda Items	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to approve the amended consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

- Approved the minutes of April 3, 2025 and April 9, 2025 meetings.
- Approved the March 2025 activity fund reports of the high school and Overbrook and the April 2025 CAC and high school reports.
- Approved the April 2025 treasurer's report.
- Approved the presented check journal.
- Accepted the SPARK grants to the SFT Jr. High KAY Club in the amount of $6000 & to the SFT High School KAY Club in the amount of $3300.
- Accepted the resignations of Tyler Gonzales; Mallory Koger; Danielle Gomez; Ann Fawl, 7th basketball coach; Bailey Lang; Allison Folger, NHS sponsor; Gary Keller, accompanist; Jodi Testa, resignation

instead of retirement; and the retirement notice of Nancy Lang, bus driver.
- Approved the high school fundraisers for 25/26.
- Accepted the Kansas Pre-School Pilot Grant Awards for 25/26.

Presentation of the Board of Education

Jr. High School and High School KAY Clubs

Sponsors Preston Fordham and Mary Burgett were joined by students Payton Craig, Addison Kramer, Jadyn Hudson, Elin Staab, Nora Bond, Isaiah McFreen, and Abbagail Lyda to showcase projects and events of the 24/25 school year and speak of their newly awarded SPARK grants.

Personnel Report

Executive Session

No executive session held.

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Jamie Sowers, to approve the amended employment of personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Employment

Employed: Rose Hurla, high school math; Eduardo Orona Villanueva, asst. band director; Shelby Hedke, asst. high school volleyball coach; Amber Thompson, asst. high school volleyball coach; Jorden Kincaid, SAC/CAC custodian; add .1875 FTE 4th grade music teacher for 25/26; nursing salary adjustments for 25/26; Trenton Robb, high school social studies and head wrestling coach; Trent Nix, OAC custodian.

Administrators

Building administrators spoke of Chargers of the Month, Board Goals 5 & 6, spring activities, student field trips, testing progress in the buildings, and introduced the 25/26 CAC Principal, Mike Maloun, to the BOE.

Items from the Past for Consideration

SAC Calendar Edits

Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Michelle Schmale, to make needed edits to the USD 434 25/26 calendar. Motion carried 6-0.

New Items for Discussion & Consideration

KASB Legal Services & Membership Renewal	Motion by Justin Ramsdell, second by Kylie Hastings, to approve the presented KASB memberships. Motion carried 6-0.
Accreditation Action Plan for KESA	Dr. Mugridge gave an overview of the new accreditation action plan and process timeline through 26-27. Consensus of the board members to proceed with plan.
Superintendent's Report	Jamie Sowers reported a meeting was held Monday and a special meeting is planned to discuss special education co-op funding; cardiac plan was adopted; amounts for 5th assessment were announced.
Next Regular Board Meeting	Wednesday, June 11, 2025
Adjournment	President Tanner Black adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm

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Amy Hill, Clerk

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Tanner Black, President