

**SANGRE de CRISTO Re-22J BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

April 9th, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Sangre de Cristo School Library, Mosca CO. The following members were present for the regular board meeting: Stacey Eskew, President; Lance Curtis, Vice President; Jess Freel, Secretary/Treasurer; Travis Beiriger– Member; Brandi Slane – Member; David Crews – Superintendent; Jenna Mondragon –Interim Principal; David Mejia –Paula Fritz, Board Clerk.

After Roll Call the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Entered Executive Session: Lance Curtis made a motion Brandi Slane second the motion.

Regular Session was resumed at 6:35

Consent Items: Jess Freel made a motion to approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting held March 12, 2024 and Financial Revenue and Expense Reports for March 2024. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Agenda: Additions/Corrections: Brandi Slane made a motion to approve additions/corrections to include the #6.6 FBLA Itinerary to NLC and #6.7 Accept resignation of Al Duran. Lance Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board: N/A

FFA Report: Haylee Freel reported:

We competed in Lamar C.C. regional FFA events on March 27th. There were 45 plus schools and over 850 students present at the contests Team positions and those who placed in top ten

- AG Mechanics 7th Jaron 6th. Team consisted of Jaron Mason, Kolby Shellabarger, Lawson Culver, Brenton Sierra
- Vet Science 13th. Team consisted of Jayden Agenbroad, Jaiden Shellabarger, Bryanna Sierra, Alayna Rice
- Floriculture 5th. Team consisted of Jamie Damewood, Belle Beiriger, Audrina Knorr
- Field Crops Agronomy 2nd. Taylor Freel 2nd, Nina Mondragon 8th, Haylee Freel 10th
- Horse Evaluation 16th. Not full team only 2 or 3 scores, Audrey Howard and Hallie Henry
- Livestock Evaluation 17th. Team consisted of Helen Pulkrabek, Kenna Culver, Tori Sorensen
- Meat Evaluation 13th. Team consisted of Tyler Bartee, Alan Fritz, Jeremy

Ag Mech, Vet Science, Floriculture, Fiel Crops and Horse evaluation met our requirements to move on to CO FFA state CDE's.

- Student Auction April 4th
- We will be having officer interviews later this month for the 24-25 officer team
- Chapter banquet will be held on April 25th
- We will be competing at FFA State CDE's in April

FBLA Report: Seanna Garcia reported:

Completed Events:

- State Leadership Conference
- SdeC Future Business Leaders Recognition

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- Nuggets Game

Upcoming Events

- Monthly meeting
- Member Lunch
- Officer Applications

Nurse's Report:

Open Airways for Schools- I am going to begin teaching our annual OAS classes to all of our elementary kids with asthma. Normally these classes are funded by a grant, however this year that grant was not available, but I do still have the curriculum and supplies. The class is once a week for six weeks during lunch time.

Tobacco Collation- I will be working with Alamosa County Public Health to put together a group of students for our tobacco collation. This group will research negative effects of tobacco and put together presentations to present to the other students in our school in efforts to keep this a tobacco free school and keep our students informed and safe.

Fun Run-I will start working on organizing our school's 3rd annual Fun Run for this spring. I have some grant money left over that is to be used towards student / staff wellness so some of those funds will be used towards prizes and equipment for this event.

CHAMP- We have tentatively set a date for our annual CHAMP event where students can get sports physicals, register for school and have access to other various health screenings, we are planning to do this on July 31st.

Athletic Director Report: David Mejia report:

High School and Middle School Track & Field have begun and at this point we have 17 out for high school track and 10 out for middle school track. The track team is getting into the groove having attended a few meets thus far. They will get into the bulk of their schedule in the next few days. On to bigger concerns. First, we talked extensively about the shot clock at the high school AD meeting yesterday and there was a resounding "NO" vote for the addition of the shot clock. We were told by a CADA representative that CHSAA is demanding the addition of red lights encircling the backboard for the shot clock, bringing the price anywhere from 3K to 25K for installation, As it stands, the vote for the shot clock is going to be for the 5A and 6A schools. We have a vote coming up when the legislative council meets about the shot clock, which should ultimately just affect 5A & 6A schools. As far as the district basketball tournament goes, the 1A schools across the state will have them next season. The 2A schools are currently working on retaining their tournament and doing the necessary paperwork and networking to keep it. The district tournaments provide a great deal of income for the Southern Peaks League. The monies are used to pay for trophies, plaques The District Tournament for 1A schools has been secured, but 2A – 6A basketball teams are slated not to have a District Tournament. Southern Peaks League 2A teams are working on retaining their tournament, which is a significant moneymaker. Without District Tournaments all schools are allowed to play 23 games instead of the normal 19. However, when we are playing this game I would chose to play less games and make certain to schedule accordingly to improve our RPI and Seeding Index standings. There is no limit to the number of games a school plays, so playing a quality schedule and less games would be ideal. Not playing the Antonito's and Lake Cities of the world would only improve our ranking and basically destroy the aforementioned schools. Moreover, not having a District Tournament would mean league games wouldn't be important, as qualifying for the Regionals would lessen the importance of league games. Therefore, playing the likes of Lake City, Centennial or Antonito – teams that are on the bottom of the RPI and Seeding Index – wouldn't make sense. And if we would be hurt in the RPI by playing the aforementioned teams, we just wouldn't schedule them and these schools would struggle to pick up games and could eventually be forgotten. I mean who wants to drive to Lake City in the dead of winter? Who wants to drive to San Luis

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and deal with their fans? In my opinion, this may eventually cause some teams to disband, which would be very unfortunate. In these crazy times, where students are refraining from participating in sports in droves, there is a point where we need to think outside the box and maintain our leagues. I have one game to fill for our 8-man football schedule. I expect the volleyball and basketball schedules complete in the next two weeks. Speaking of volleyball and basketball, we are currently doing a search for new head coaches. We have one applicant for each sport and I would like to wait to see what new applicants. I am also trying to complete our volleyball and basketball schedules I attended a CADA (Colorado Athlete Directors Association) meeting Monday in Monte Vista. The meeting covered a bevy of subjects including the shot clock and district tournaments to name a few. The shot clock has been shot down again by the San Luis Valley Athletic Directors and it looks like only 5A & 6A will begin using the shot clock in the 2025-26 season. Interestingly, the cost of installation for the shot clock, which includes the red light for the backboard, have skyrocketed to anywhere from 3K to 25K. They have announced the beginning of fines for coaches being ejected starting at \$100 and doubling thereafter for any other coach of the school. Personally, I feel this is a Denver thing and these meetings are important, but we always end up discussing Denver or northern Colorado issues. For instance, we discussed Skiing, Esports and Lacrosse – all of which are not a part of the sporting scene in the San Luis Valley. One other interesting proposition was CHSAA wanted to explore “Sunday Contact”, which won’t go over well with Parents and School Administrations. Some of this is due to the fact that schools like Denver Jewish Day, which was allowed to move their game because of religious beliefs. The team affected happened to be Sierra Grande. Finally, we have our volleyball head coaching position open, as well as the girls’ basketball head coach open as well. I have received one application for each and I would like to wait for additional applications before filling the positions.

PK-12 Principal Report: Jenna Mondragon reported:

- 3rd Quarter ended March 7th.
- Spring Break March 18-21
- No School April 1st for Easter Break
- CMAS testing will be April 8-18, with PSAT on April 11 and SAT April 17th.
- Updated the board on the work with the Jicarilla Apache.

Superintendent Report: Dave Crews reported:

- Haynes Summer work; replace (1) Motor on Heat Pump #1, (1) Motor on Heat Pump #26 and (1) Seal Kit on the Spray Pump that serves the Cooling Tower
- Current vacancy update
- Set a date for the Special Board Meeting for approval of certified employees for the 24-25 school year.
- Sand Dunes Field Trip Update

Over this last year we have worked with the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rocky Mountain PBS to have our first big event. Fourth grade students from both Sangre and the Apache Jicarilla Nation in Dulce, NM will travel to the Great Sand Dunes National Park on May 2, 2024.

Rocky Mountain PBS established a media partnership with the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Sangre de Cristo School District in honor of national PBS programming initiative. As part of this collaboration, filming will take place across important ecological sites on Jicarilla Apache ancestral lands in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico, including our upcoming field trip to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The resulting documentary highlighting the significance of the natural world will be broadcast on Rocky Mountain PBS and

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will support classroom instruction with a corresponding fourth grade Colorado history curriculum.

Below is our Itinerary for our May 2 Sand Dunes trip 9:30 AM

10am - 12 PM

Sangre de Cristo and Dulce students and instructors arrive at Sand Dunes

12:00 - 12:30

Activities at Medano Creek, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

12:30 - 1:00 PM

Lunch TBD

1:00 - 2:45

Program Welcome and introduction of guests.

PM Breakout Sessions

Three combined school groups of about 20 students rotate 30-minute learning sessions, with five minutes in between.

Session 1

1:00-1:30

Dr. Veronica Tiller, Roberta Serafin and Everett Serafin overview directions, seasons, and Jicarilla Apache ancestral geography through storytelling about animals, plants, water and the earth.

Session 2

1:40-2:10

Jicarilla Cultural Arts and Heritage Center Director and Artist Shelden Nuñez-Velarde leads artists from the Jicarilla Apache Nation in presentations and demonstrations of pottery and basket weaving.

Session 3

2:20-2:40

Jaiden Garcia, Sand Dunes Park Ranger, leads youth on a Welcome Center tour including a geologic and cultural overview of the Sand Dunes and Medano Creek.

2:45 - 3:15 pm

At the end, students gather together. Teachers lead discussion to share, reflect, and ask questions.

3:15pm Sangre de Cristo students load into bus.

SDC students depart Sand Dunes by 3:25 PM.

3:45pm

Dulce ISD students travel to Sangre

5 PM

Dinner at school with 4th grade families.

4th Grade Parents are invited to eat dinner at Sangre School with their students and the students from Dulce. Please RSVP if you and your family plan to join.

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Approve FFA Itinerary: Following discussion Jess Freel made a motion to Approve FFA Itinerary Brandi Slane seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Accept Resignation from Barbra Grandell as Nutrition Director: Following discussion Lance Curtis made a motion to accept resignation from Barbra Grandell as Nutrition Director. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Accept Resignation from Hunter Powell as HS Girls Basketball Coach: Following discussion Travis Beiriger made a motion to accept resignation from Hunter Powell as HS Girls Basketball Coach. Jess Freel seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.


Approve Employment of Chrissy McKinney as Substitute Teacher for FY 23/24. Following discussion Lance Curtis made a motion to approve employment of Chrissy McKinney as Substitute Teacher for FY 23/24. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Approve Suspension of Policies JFBA & JFBA-R. Following discussion Lance Curtis made a motion to approve suspension of Policies JFBA & JFBA-R. Jess Freel seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Approve FBLA Itinerary for NLC: Following discussion Jess Freel made a motion to Approve FBLA Itinerary for NLC. Brandi Slane seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Accept Resignation from Al Duran as Music Teacher: Following discussion Lance Curtis made a motion to accept resignation from Al Duran as Music Teacher. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Adjournment: Lance Curtis moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed a roll call vote 5-0.


Board President


Board Secretary/Treasurer