

Sangre de Cristo School District Re-22J
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
November 11th, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 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; Brandi Slane – Member; David Crews – Superintendent; Jenna Crowder – Principal; Myles Baker – Athletic Director; Paula Fritz - Board Clerk.

After Roll Call the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Consent Items: Lance Curtis made a motion to approve Board Minutes, Financial Revenue and Expense Reports for October 2025. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Agenda: Additions/Corrections/Blanket Motions:
N/A

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board:
N/A

Student Reports:

FBLA:

Completed Events

Fall Leadership Conference
Member Lunch
Fruit Fundraiser

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meeting
Alzheimer's Fundraiser

Ongoing Events

Birthday cards and balloons
Bulletin board in Mrs. Sessums room
Discount Cards
Concessions
BAA Completion

PK-12 Principal Report: Jenna Crowder reported
Calendar

- This morning we had our annual Veteran's Day presentation and assembly. We have a small group of community members that attend and our Travis Anderson honoree this year was our middle school social studies teacher Philip Mackey.
- The Christmas Concert will be December 11th at 6:00 pm.
- We have four students who will be attending the student leadership portion of CASB December 11th-13th.
- Winter break will be December 19th-January 4th.
- Teachers will return January 5th and students will return January 6th

Testing

- We will begin middle of the year testing for the elementary on December 1st
- Thunderbird shootout will be December 4th-6th, so we will not have school on December 4th.
- Finals will be December 16th-18th with middle school doing NWEA that week.

Classroom Happenings

- Rob Phillips from the SLV Irrigation District came and presented to our Ag classes on water in the San Luis Valley. The Ag classes are also hatching trout in their room.
- We are still working with the ICAP team to restructure ICAP to meet the new Senate Bill-315 for Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness along with House Bill 1215. Both of these laws revolve around preparing students for postsecondary and/or work force readiness.

Trainings

- Staff have been completing Title IX training through McGrath ensuring we are meeting Colorado Revised Statute 22-1-143 which mandates all staff be trained on Title IX and reporting by December 31, 2025.
- January 16th will be another SLV valley wide professional development where teachers can pick which professional development is most applicable to them.

School Safety

- We continue to work with Red Bag and will be doing another drill here in the next few weeks.

Athletic Director Report:

- **HS Football**
Finished with record of 5-4
- **HS Volleyball**
Finished with record of 7-16
- **JH Boys Basketball**
Current Record 4-1
Placed 2nd at Sierra Grande Tournament in B Bracket
Next Games: 11/11 vs. Centauri 11/13 vs. Monte Vista
- **Anticipating Numbers for Winter Sports**
HS Girls Basketball 7
HS Boys Basketball 15 will be looking to add JV games once practices start and we have official numbers.

Confirming schedules and officials for winter sports.

Working on CHSAA paperwork.

Superintendent Report:

Budget Status Update

As of November 10, 2025, the district's budget remains on target with Board-approved projections. Year-to-date revenues are tracking with local property tax collections and state funding arriving as scheduled. Expenditures are within planned parameters, with particular attention given to instructional programs, support services, and facilities. The contingency reserve stands at \$1.7 million providing a buffer against unforeseen needs. We anticipate having an audit report for you in the regular scheduled board meeting in January.

Colorado School Finance Update

The 2025 legislative session brought notable changes to the Colorado School Finance Act. Key legislative actions and funding changes include for the 2025-26 school year, a record \$10.35 billion in school funding, an increase of \$256.7 million from the previous year. Also, the base per-pupil funding amount has been increased by \$195.42 to account for inflation, resulting in a new base of \$8,691.80 for 2025-26.

The most significant development is the adoption of a new funding formula designed to more equitably allocate resources based on student need and district characteristics. The new formula incorporates adjustments for at-risk populations, cost-

of-living factors, and district enrollment shifts. A “hold harmless” provision has been included to ensure that no district experiences a decrease in per-pupil funding for the first year of implementation. The hold harmless clause is a compromise to protect schools from sudden funding decreases. It guarantees that school districts with enrollment declines will not receive less funding in the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years than they did in the 2024-25 school year.

Context on the Hold Harmless Provision

- **The Guarantee:** The "hold harmless" clause guarantees that no district receives less **Total Program Funding** than it did in the previous fiscal year. In the case of Sangre de Cristo, the new formula (which factors in the new **remoteness** weight and size factors beneficial to small, rural districts) projects a substantial increase, placing the district well above the hold harmless floor.
- **Rural Benefit:** The new Colorado School Finance formula (HB 24-1448) was explicitly designed to improve equity, including a new **remoteness factor** that heavily benefits small, rural districts like Sangre de Cristo. The high percentage increase in the preliminary estimates reflects this shift.

Below is our funding for the last two years, our current year, and the projected amount for the 2026-2027 school year

Metric	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	Change
Per-Pupil Revenue	\$14,974.87	16,806.17	+12.23%
Total Program Funding	\$3,938,390.78	4,257,003.24	8.09%
Metric	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	Change
Per-Pupil Revenue	\$16,806.17	\$17,382.94	3.43%
Total Program Funding	\$4,257,003.24	\$4,375,286.19	2.78%
Metric	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	
Per-Pupil Revenue	\$17,382.94	\$18,053.35	3.86%
Total Program Funding	\$4,375,286.19	\$4,567,496.00	4.39%

Upcoming Board Meetings & Governance Actions

- December 2, 2025 – Organizational Meeting: The Board will conduct its annual governance actions, including the swearing-in of newly elected members and the election of Board officers for the coming term.
- December 9, 2025 – Regular Meeting: Key agenda item includes the certification of the district’s mill levy, required for finalizing local property tax rates for the 2026 fiscal year.

- January 2026 – Work Session: The Board will engage in an in-depth review of the Board responsibilities and governance, district fiscal responsibilities, possible strategic planning conversations in the coming year.

Action Items:

Approve Employment of Brandi Martinez as Substitute Teacher FY 25/26: Brandi Slane made a motion to approve. Lance Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Information / Discussion Items:

Adjournment: Brandi Slane moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed a roll call vote 5-0.

Board President

Board Secretary/Treasurer