

Sangre de Cristo School District Re-22J
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
December 9th, 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: Lance Curtis, President; Travis Beiriger, Vice President; Jess Freel, Secretary/Treasurer; Michael Jones; 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: Jess Freel made a motion to approve Board Minutes, Financial Revenue and Expense Reports for November 11th and December 2025 Biennial Board Minutes. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Agenda: Additions/Corrections/Blanket Motions:

Add 6.4 – Intent to COOP MS and HS Football with Sargent.

Brandi Slane made a motion to approve addition. Michael Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board:

N/A

Student Reports:

FBLA:

Completed Events

Chapter Meeting
Alzheimer's Fundraiser
BAA Completion

Upcoming Events

Member lunch

Ongoing Events

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

Guest:

Sharon Stanford – A smarter path to health benefits in Colorado

PK-12 Principal Report: Jenna Crowder reported

Calendar

- Christmas concert will be this Thursday, December 11th.
- Early release next Thursday, December 18th at 1:30
- Christmas break will be December 19th-January 4th with teachers returning January 5th for a work day and students returning January 6th.

Testing

- Middle of the year testing for elementary is from December 1st-11th. We will be completing our DIBELS reading assessment, Acadience math assessment and NWEA.
- Middle school will be doing NWEA next week December 16th-18th.

- High school will be completing finals next week December 16th-18th and NWEA January 6th-8th.

Classroom Happenings

- Middle school completed their history fair projects today, Tuesday, December 9th and presented to a panel of three judges. Mr. Mackey will have results later this week.
- We are continuing to update our ICAP structure to include work-based learning, Industry recognized credentials, and college credit. Dave and Kelly attended the PWR meeting on November 18th and that training will help guide how we address those three areas during ICAP.

Trainings

- Elementary teachers have a DIBELS coaching session this Friday on using student data to help struggling readers.

School Safety

- We did a lockdown drill on November 19th and partnered with Red Bag and the Sheriff's office. All teachers were in lockdown and logged into Red bag in under 3 minutes. 31 teachers and 206 students were accounted for. Considering student absences all students were counted. We had some high school students who were in the locker room changing, who knew to scan the QR code and began chatting with administration.

Athletic Director Report:

HS Girls Basketball 9 Players
Current Record 1-2

Next Games: 12/09 @ Sargent 12/12 @ Walsenburg

HS Boys Basketball 15 Players
Current Record 2-1

Next Games: 12/09 @ Sargent 12/12 @ Walsenburg

JH Boys Basketball
Sangre de Cristo will host End of Season Tournament Friday 12/12 and Saturday 12/13.
End of Season Tournament starts 12/9 and concludes 12/13 @ Sangre de Cristo
13 Players on team

JH Girls basketball practice can begin officially 12/15. First games will be after Christmas Break

Hosted Thunderbird Shootout 12/4-12/6.

Continuing work on confirming the schedule for HS Basketball with other schools and officials.

Working on CHSAA paperwork.

Attended SPL meeting.

Attended SLV Middle School Activities Association meeting.

Superintendent Report:

- **Chosen Name Use is Mandatory:** The law requires public school employees, educators, and contractors to address a student by their chosen name in school and during extracurricular activities, if the chosen name differs from the student's legal name to reflect their gender identity.
- **Bus** We have an addition to our fleet a **brand-new 71-passenger school bus**. This investment represents our commitment to **student safety, comfort, and reliable transportation**. The new bus is equipped with the latest safety technology and designed to efficiently accommodate a large number of students ensuring a smoother and more dependable ride for daily routes and extracurricular activities.
- **Work Session** Can we schedule a work session in January to focus on our priorities for the remainder of the school year and as we transition into our budget development season.
 - **Gun violence prevention for parents and guardians of K-12 students** As required by state law HB 25-12 50 the Colorado Department Of Education publicly available for educational providers to access and distribute to parents guardians and legal custodians of elementary or secondary school students. This resource outline steps you can take to keep your children safe and reduce the risk of unintentional injuries, suicides and firearm threat
 - **Mill Levy Certification** The Mill Levy Certification is a critical annual process for Colorado school districts that determines the primary local funding source for their operations. It is the formal action taken by the local Board of Education to set the property tax rates that will be collected to fund the district's budget for the following year

Here is a breakdown of what the Mill Levy Certification involves, its importance and the required timeline

1. The Role of the Mill Levy

In Colorado, school funding is based on the **Total Program** formula and includes:

Local Share: Raised by local property taxes via the **Total Program Mill Levy**.

State Share: Provided by Colorado to meet the required funding level.

The **Mill Levy Certification** finalizes the *Local Share* amount.

The Mill Levy Formula

A mill levy sets the tax rate for assessed property value.

Assessed Value: Determined by the County Assessor.¹

Mill Levy: The rate (in mills) set by the school board during the certification process.²

The Certification Process & Deadline

The Mill Levy Certification is a time-sensitive process that occurs late in the calendar year, following the finalization of the annual budget

Step	Date/Timing	3	Action
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1. Valuation Certification	On or before December 10th	The County Assessor provides the school district with the final Certified Valuation of all taxable property within the district's boundaries.
2. Board Certification	On or before December 15 th	The School District Board of Education formally adopts a resolution certifying the specific Mill Levies to be collected. This resolution must be provided to the County Commissioners.
3. Submission to CDE	On or before December 15 th (typically)	The district submits its mill levy data to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) using a web-based application (often through the State Equal System).
4. County Approval	On or before December 22nd	The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approves and certifies the levies of all taxing authorities (including the school district) to the County Assessor. Note: The BCC's role is typically ministerial (they certify what the district set, assuming legality), not discretionary.

Upcoming Board Meetings & Governance Actions

- 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 FFA Itinerary for January 10-12 to the National Western Stock Show: Brandi Slane made a motion to approve. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Approve Resolution for Mill Levy Certification FY 25/26: Travis Beiriger made a motion to approve. Brandi Slane seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Approve Resignation of Cyndi Snyder as MS English Teacher FY 25/26: Jess Freel made a motion to approve. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Approve Intent to COOP HS and MS Football with Sargent FY 26/27: Brandi Slane made a motion to approve. Michael Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed roll call vote 5-0.

Information / Discussion Items:

Adjournment: Brandi Slane moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Travis Beiriger seconded the motion. The motion passed a roll call vote 5-0.



Brandi Slane
Board President



Michael Jones
Board Secretary/Treasurer

