September 16, 2026

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Big Sandy Board of Education was called to order by President Smith at 6:00 p.m. Those members present were Book, Carter, Pfost, Smith and Stanko. Also present were Secretary Hankins, Superintendent Robinson and Principals Nienhuis and Tucker. Also in attendance was Ryan Fulmer and Katie Sedlak.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Book made the motion, seconded by Member Stanko to approve the minutes from the August 19th regular meeting and the August 25th and September 2nd special meetings. Members voted as follows: Book aye, Carter aye, Pfost aye, Smith aye and Stanko aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Ranchland Article went in regarding what is happening at the school. Area superintendents will be also submitting articles, on a rotation.**
- **Facebook communications have been effective.**
- **Getting kids feedback/ideas on Facebook posts.**
- **The Colorado Sun had a good article about the school.**

PBOCES REPORT:

- **First meeting will be next week.**

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Mr. Fulmer commented that one of our students won the varsity golf tournament and has qualified for state, which is a great accomplishment.

CONSENT MOTION:

A. **Policy 2nd reading:**
DJB, DJB-R, JLCB, JLCB-R, GBI, GBEB, JLF, JLF-R, IKF-E

B. **Approve hire of JH basketball staff: Asst. coach Arlene Frihauf and Volunteer coach Bailey Brookbank.**

C. **Approval of resignation: Diamond Horner (bus driver and Para)**

D. **Approval of Staff Bonus to be paid in October**

E. **Approve change in Extra Duty Pay Schedule**

F. **Budget review**

BOARD ACTION: Consider/Approval Consent Agenda Items A-E; Member Stanko made the motion, seconded by Member Carter to approve. Members voted as follows: Book aye, Carter aye, Pfost aye, Smith aye and Stanko aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MRS. TUCKER:

- **Some elementary textbooks have been purchased, we are on a rotation with reading curriculum vs. math.**
- **We had a reading training on Monday regarding recognizing dyslexia, it was very informative.**
- **Developing strategies and having meetings on student and how best to help him.**
- **Cubs Den met for the first time on Friday, they are elaborating on the theme "Dig Deeper."**
- **Student who has a broken arm is back in school.**
- **We have 3 paraprofessional applications to fill our spots, we may need 1, or we may need 2 depending on how some upcoming meetings go.**

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL MR. NIENHUIS:

- **Parent teacher conferences went well.**
- **Attended a workshop in Pueblo on secondary workforce readiness.**
- **Enjoyed accountability meeting last week where the students got to talk about the various activities going on within the school.**
- **Have had a few small behavioral issues.**
- **RANDA is up and running and will be doing evaluations soon.**

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NIENHUIS:

- **Homecoming is in 2 weeks.**
- **Sports are going well.**
- **Scheduling wrestling, baseball and confirming dates for sports events.**

SUPERINTENDENT MR. ROBINSON:

- **Two propositions on school finance to be on the November ballot.**
- **Senior gold cards were received well.**
- **Several senior citizens have donated to our programs.**
- **Our appeal for a higher performance rating has been submitted.**
- **September 28th we have our asbestos mitigation walkthrough.**

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Mr. Fulmer commented that next Tuesday is the Town of Simla board meeting and they encourage visitors.

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: There seem to be a few more senior citizens now attending the games since they get in for free.

OTHER: NONE

EXAMINATION, INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS: Member Book made the motion, seconded by Member Stanko to approve all claims and accounts. Members voted as follows: Book aye, Carter aye, Pfost aye, Smith aye and Stanko aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Judy Book

Judy Book, Secretary/Treasurer

Hank Smith, President