

# SALIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT R-32-J

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### **October 6, 2021 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Board of Education met for over seven hours Tuesday evening in executive session. The Board reviewed staff statements, District video footage, community letters, and heard direct testimony from many staff regarding the incident that occurred on September 23rd, 2021. The Board sees discrepancies between District reviewed accounts and the released police affidavit. Disciplinary actions regarding Principal Trujillo and Superintendent Blackburn are confidential personnel matters. The current legal proceedings do not allow the Board to comment further. Principal Trujillo will return to work as soon as possible.

We want to learn from this experience and improve our response. Therefore, the Board of Education is putting out a call to action, inviting the Salida City Council to sit together as elected officials to find ways to better partner. Upon completion of those legal proceedings, the Salida Board of Education directs District staff to seek mediation with police through a neutral party. The Board appreciates the great response of our staff and students through a complicated scenario.

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