

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT RE-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
AT MADISON ELEMENTARY, 202 E. DOUGLAS, CANON CITY,
FREMONT COUNTY, 5:30 p.m., January 24, 2005**

Before the Board Meeting began, the attendees were treated to a variety of performances by Madison students. The violin students played several selections, two second graders shared their stories, and a fourth grade boy presented his report on beluga whales via a Power Point presentation.

I. Roll Call

President, Garnet Wilcox, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Secretary, John Evans, called roll.

Present: Garnet Wilcox, President; Ken Cline, Vice-President; John Evans, Secretary; Charlene Seaney, Treasurer; and Chuck Kinyon, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Also present: Superintendent, Robin Gooldy; Director of Human Resources, Mike Nieslanik; Director of Business Services, L. F. "Buddy" Lambrecht; Director of Instruction/Assessment, Carole Brown; Director of Special Services/Federal Programs, Debi Blackwell; Chief Information Office, Eileen O'Reilly, and Attorney, Rocco Meconi.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. General Business

A. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Robin Gooldy announced two additions to the Agenda. One was under New Business, Action Item V. A. 5, a correction to the previously scheduled Work Sessions, to suggest that the Board Meeting on February 14 begin at 4:30 p.m. to be immediately followed by a Work Session. This suggested change is due to the fact that the third Monday in February is on a vacation day and the offices and schools will be closed. The second item was information to the Board that Dr. Gooldy will be a guest on KRLN's Morning Line Program on Friday, January 28th, and he invited any interested board members to join him in being interviewed.

Chuck Kinyon made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Ken Cline seconded the motion. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Madison Students Congratulated:

Madison Exploratory School students, staff, and parents have reached their goal of raising money to pay the entire cost for the construction of an outdoor covered area that will serve as an outdoor classroom / lunchroom. They have worked for three years to raise the money, and the foundation was dug on January 19, 2005. Congratulations to these patient and dedicated members of our school community! The Board joined President Garnet Wilcox in congratulating the Madison community on this project as well as thanking them for their quality presentations before the Board Meeting this evening.

C. Any person may express views concerning school district programs and policies. No one present wished to speak on any item not on the agenda.

D. Consent Agenda:

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and approval is with one motion. If a Board member or a citizen requests separate discussion of an item, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

1. Approval of the Minutes of January 10th and January 17th
2. Approval of the Financial Report ending January 24, 2005

3. Approval of the Following Staffing Reports: (No staffing reports at this time)

Charlene Seaney moved and Ken Cline seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

E. Staff Report

1. INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following items are presented for information only unless otherwise noted or if a Board member has a question.

- a. CCHS Parking Lot Plan:

CCHS Students John-Paul Sauer, Dustin McCurry, and Andrew Cooper presented a plan to address current problems in the high school parking lot. They explained how they had perceived the problem, researched solutions making sure their solutions met codes and regulations, and created a plan to create as many as 70-75 new parking spaces in the high school parking lots. They have presented the plan to the District and have been given permission to proceed with the plan, so the overhaul will occur during Spring Break, weather permitting.

The Board congratulated these enterprising students and praised their efforts at making the parking lot a safer place for students and the community.

- b. Madison Outdoor Classroom/Lunchroom Designed By CCHS Student:

CCHS student Ashley Sams was present with her drawings of the plans for the Madison Outdoor Classroom/Lunchroom mentioned in the Kudos section of this report. The Board invited her to explain her plans and process. Ashley explained how she had taken the basic concepts that Madison staff and students had presented and created the plans which are currently being used to construct the outdoor classroom. CCHS students are actually doing the construction, at a tremendous savings to the school, compared with cost projections by professional designers and builders.

- c. Algebra 1A Exam Update:

Carole Brown provided information about the Algebra 1A Exam that was recently given to about 50 eighth graders and all Fall Semester Algebra 1A students at the high school. 71% of students who took the test on test day passed. The number falls to 68% when the students who took the test as a make-up or re-test are factored in. In 2003-04, the numbers were 66 % passing on test day, with that number being reduced to 53% factoring in the students who took the test as a make-up or re-test. The results of the Algebra 1A Test are used to plan course offerings for next year.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- Ken Cline reported attending the CCHS Wrestling matches over the weekend, and congratulated the team and the coaches on a well-run event.
- Charlene Seaney also reported attending the Wrestling Tournament, and voiced her appreciation as well.
- John Evans reported working in the concession stand sponsored by the Booster Club during the Wrestling Tournament. He has also visited the high school several times in the past few weeks, and is pleased with what is happening at the high school.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. Presented for second reading and final vote:
File 326 – Electronic Mail
File 326 A – Staff Use of Internet and Electronic Communications
File 424 – School Attendance Areas

Charlene Seaney made a motion to adopt all three policies as they were presented. Ken Cline seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 – 0 in favor of the adoption.

IV. Old Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:
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V. New Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Band Trip To Ireland and England:

It was recommended that the Board approve the request by Ken Ovrebo, Director of the Cañon City High School Band, to take the Cañon City High School Band to Ireland and England, March 15-22, 2006. Dr. Gooldy reminded the Board that at previous work sessions the majority of the Board members had expressed approval for the idea of the trip, but questioned the district's need to pay for chaperones. Dr. Gooldy suggested that the Board consider granting permission for the band to take the trip, but hold off approving of the district paying for chaperones until more research had been done.

John Evans moved that the Board approve the request by Ken Ovrebo to take the band to Ireland and England, March 15 – 22, 2006 if they can raise the necessary funding to go. Ken Cline seconded the motion. Board Members Cline, Wilcox, and Evans voted 'yes'. Board Members Seaney and Kinyon voted 'no'. The motion passed on a 3 – 2 vote.

2. 457(b) Retirement Plans:

It was recommended that the Board authorize the inclusion of 457(b) Employee Deferred Compensation (EDC) plans as an approved investment option for District employees. Director of Business Services Buddy Lambrecht shared that inclusion of this option would expand the district's retirement options for our employees and enhance their retirement opportunities.

Ken Cline made a motion to authorize inclusion of 457(b) Employee Deferred Compensation plans as outlined above. Charlene Seaney seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

3. RISO Duplicating Machine Lease:

It was recommended that the Board approve authorizing Director of Business Services, Leslie F. Lambrecht, to enter into a contract with American Express Business Finance through Frontier Business Products for the lease of RISO duplicating machines. The use of the new machines for large copy jobs will decrease the copy overages on our existing copy machines.

Chuck Kinyon moved that we authorize Buddy Lambrecht to enter into the contract for the lease of the new RISO machines. Charlene Seaney seconded the motion. It passed on a 5 – 0 vote.

4. Post-Retirement Options:

It was the recommendation of the Administration that the Board approve the current practice of allowing all staff access to the Alternative Employment Contact as a post retirement option. It was further recommended that the current practice of freezing the employee's salary at the time of retirement for the transitional period be modified to reflect 90% of the employee's rate as of the date of retirement, and that all other current conditions remain in effect. This practice is would be in effect for the 2005-06 school year.

It was further recommended that the Board eliminate the Early Retirement Bonus option for all employees effective July 1, 2006.

Charlene Seaney made a motion to approve the recommendation as outlined above. Ken Cline seconded the motion. It was passed on a 5 – 0 vote.

5. Establishment of Board Work Sessions for February and March:

Because of the Presidents' Day Holiday in February (district offices and buildings closed), and Spring Break in March, there was a need to consider alternatives for the work sessions that were originally scheduled for the third Monday of each month for the remainder of the school year. It was suggested that the Board move the meeting time of the first regular meeting in February (2/14/05) to 4:30, and to hold the work session immediately after the meeting. It was further suggested that the March work session could be held as scheduled since the school district offices will be open.

Chuck Kinyon made a motion to hold the first Board Meeting in February at 4:30 p.m., and follow it immediately afterward with the February work session. Additionally, the March work session will be held the third Monday (3/21), at 4:30 p.m. as previously planned. Ken Cline seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

VI. Miscellaneous Business:

- A. 1. Dr. Gooldy reminded everyone that the district will hold the groundbreaking ceremony for the new K-5/6-8 School at 920 Field Ave. at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. He invited everyone to attend.

Ken Cline volunteered to appear with Dr. Gooldy on KRLN's Morning Line Program on Friday, January 28th at 8:30 a.m. at the radio station.

VII. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Wilcox called for a motion to adjourn.

Ken Cline made the motion to adjourn. Charlene Seaney seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION
FREMONT RE-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT**