

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT RE-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
IN THE BOARD ROOM LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
101 N. 14TH STREET, CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY,
5:30 p.m., December 12, 2005**

I. Roll Call

President, Ken Cline, called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and Secretary, John Evans, called roll.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Robin Gooldy; Assistant Superintendent / 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 Officer, Eileen O'Reilly, and Attorney, Cynthia Peterlin.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. General Business

- A. Approval of the Agenda

Charlene Seaney made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Garnet Wilcox seconded the motion. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

- B. Awards and Kudos

1. Thanks to Bryson Soden:

Bryson Soden, a student in Mr. Geesaman's Design and Drafting III Class at Cañon City High School, created two large maps for use during the discussion of school boundary recommendations. Bryson used GIS information, as part of his project in the class. His help was very valuable to the process of recommending boundary changes.

2. Boundary Committee:

A special thanks goes out to the members of the Boundary Committee for their work associated with making recommendations for boundary changes. They did a good job of analyzing the data and recommending what is best for the district. The committee members are Terry Cochran, Don Packard, Christina Mohr, Pam Sell, Molly Merry, and Brad Kemper.

3. Support Staff Awards Banquet / Christmas Party:

A special thanks goes to Sheri Moore, Colleen Carroll, Misty Manchester, and Terri Solano for their work in organizing the annual support staff awards banquet and Christmas party. Many of our support staff attended the party and had a wonderful time, thanks to the hard work that went into organizing the event.

- 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 November 28, 2005
2. Approval of the Financial Report ending December 12, 2005
3. Approval of the Following Staffing Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations
 - c. Supplemental Contracts

Garnet Wilcox moved and Charlene Seaney 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. Change Orders:

None at this time

b. Survey Results:

Carole Brown presented information summarizing the recently conducted student, staff, and parent perception surveys. She said that 3568 students in grades 2 – 12, 378 staff, and 1168 parents had completed the surveys, and the overall feeling is that our district climate is good, and our schools are safe places where learning is fun. There was also praise for our staff and administration.

Plans are in place to begin having staff review the results of the surveys in January, with the hope of addressing improvements that can be made easily as soon as possible. Some of the changes will require budgetary planning to implement. We hope to incorporate some of the changes suggested into our education improvement plans.

c. Revisions to File 805 and SOP 805 Presented for Information:

Dr. Gooldy presented revisions to existing Board Policy File 805 and SOP 805 addressing deadlines for applications for Open Enrollment and Transfers within the district in preparation for populating the two middle schools and finalizing attendance areas for the elementary schools. The change in File 805 provides for moving the process of applying for open enrollments / transfers earlier with an April 1st deadline.

Changes to SOP 805 do not require Board Action. They include changing the process so that the capacity of each elementary school will be decided prior to the transfer period. During the transfer period (February 1st through April 1st), we will fill slots on a first come, first served and space available basis.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- Garnet Wilcox, Charlene Seaney, John Evans, and Honey Moschetti all reported enjoying the Classified Staff Awards Banquet/Christmas Party as well as the CCHS Program, Home For the Holidays. Mrs. Moschetti also attended the Choir Program as presented in Pueblo, and shared the compliments of the Pueblo audience, saying that our students were great “ambassadors” representing Cañon City and RE-1.
- John Evans, Honey Moschetti, Ken Cline, and Charlene Seaney reported attending the CASB Conference in CO. Springs in early December. Of special interest were a brain research session and the keynote speech on the use of the Internet in education as well as the role of foreign languages taught in schools in preparing students for a global economy.
- Charlene Seaney also reported that she has finished supervising the student teachers at Skyline, attended two wrestling matches, and Harrison Elementary’s 4th grade Christmas Program.
- Ken Cline has visited the construction sites, Washington, Lincoln, Harrison, and Madison, where he was treated to an impromptu violin concert.
- John Evans visited the high school and Washington where he was introduced to a new game, “Omnicon”, in the physical education class. He also attended a basketball game.

III. Review of Board Policies

- A. POLICIES:
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IV. Old Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:
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V. New Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval - Title I “Highly Qualified” Set-aside Waiver

It was recommended that the Board approve the application to the Title I State Department for a waiver of the required Highly Qualified set-aside. Because all district teachers and paraprofessionals meet the highly qualified requirement, the district could use the 5% of the Title I allocation for Title I instructional supplies, professional development, and salaries if the Set-aside Waiver is granted for this school year.

Charlene Seaney made a motion to approve the application for a waiver of the Highly Qualified Set-aside. Honey Moschetti seconded the motion. The vote was 5 – 0 and the motion passed.

2. Fiscal Year 2004 – 2005 Audited Financial Statements:

Director of Business Services, Mr. Buddy Lambrecht, commended Accounting Manager Amanda Wittman for her work to ensure the accuracy of the audit. He then introduced auditor Mr. Jim Giblin, representing Hoelting and Company, who reviewed the district’s financial statements for the Board. He praised the teamwork in the accounting department and found all reports to be in order. A complete copy of the report can be obtained from or viewed in Mr. Lambrecht’s office. It was recommended that the Board approve the Audit as presented.

Charlene Seaney made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Garnet Wilcox seconded the motion. The vote was 5 – 0 and the motion passed.

3. Certification of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2006:

It was recommended that the Board approve a resolution certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2006 for the General Fund and the 2003/2004 General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund.

John Evans made a motion to approve the resolution certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2006 for the General Fund and the 2003/2004 General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund. Charlene Seaney seconded the motion. The vote was 5 – 0 and the motion passed.

4. Retiree Medical/Dental Insurance Coverage:

It was recommended that the Board approve a resolution stating that Cañon City Schools retirees will not be permitted to elect coverage under the District's medical and dental insurance plans after December 31, 2006. The resolution is based on recommendations from the auditors and our insurance providers. Mrs. Moschetti raised concerns about fairness to the 17 people this will affect. Mr. Evans suggested amending the letter the 17 people will receive to change the wording in paragraph seven from "We are not pleased with this decision, but feel it is necessary . . ." to "This decision is necessary . . .".

Charlene Seaney made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, with the amended wording on the letter those affected will receive. John Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 4 – 1, with Board Members Cline, Evans, Seaney and Wilcox voting "yes" and Board Member Moschetti voting "no". The motion was passed.

5. Approval of Boundary Committee Recommendations:

It was recommended that the Board approve the recommendations presented to the Board by the Boundary Committee. The recommendations provide for changes of elementary attendance areas such that students in the Red Canyon area will move from Skyline to Harrison, and students east of 4-Mile Lane will move from Lincoln to Harrison. Any student affected by a boundary change could remain at his current school for one year. We will continue to allow school of choice transfers on a space available basis.

Middle school students from the attendance areas of Washington, Lincoln, and Skyline will attend Cañon City Middle School, and those from the attendance areas of McKinley and Harrison will attend Harrison School.

Garnet Wilcox made a motion to approve the recommendations presented by the Boundary Committee. Charlene Seaney seconded the motion. The vote was 5 – 0 and the motion passed.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

VII. Adjournment

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

Garnet Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting. Charlene Seaney seconded the motion. The vote was 5 – 0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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