

**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, CAÑON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY,
5:30 p.m., January 28, 2008**

I. Roll Call

President, Charlene Seaney, called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and Secretary, Honey Moschetti, called roll.

Present: Charlene Seaney, President; John Evans, Vice-President; Honey Moschetti, Secretary; and Mike Near, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Also present: Superintendent, Robin Gooldy; 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, Shaun Kohl, and Attorney, Rocco Meconi.

Absent: Board Treasurer, Ken Cline, and Director of Human Resources, Mike Nieslanik.

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

II. General Business

- A. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Gooldy announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

John Evans made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mike Near seconded the motion. On a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

- B. Awards and Kudos

1. Cañon City Rotary Club Recognized:

The Administration and Board would like to publicly thank the **Cañon City Rotary Club** for its efforts to promote literacy in all of Fremont County. For the past three years, the Rotarians have provided illustrated age-appropriate dictionaries to every third grade student in Cañon City, Florence, and Cotopaxi. With funding help from West Central Mental Health Center, the club purchases the dictionaries, and Rotarians distribute them to the third grade classrooms for students to "own". **Dan Cushman** is the Director of West Central, and this year **Terri Holloway** is the chairperson of the project, and **Frank Miller** is the president of the club.

Terri Holloway spoke on behalf of the club to say that this year 411 children in the three districts received dictionaries, and that West Central, Aquila, Southern Peaks and the Royal Gorge Bridge Company were the corporate sponsors. Dan Cushman thanked former West Central Board Member Marty Stefanic for his role in getting West Central involved with the very worthwhile project.

- C. Any person may express views concerning school district programs and policies.

Dusty Ruehlen addressed the Board with his concern about not being allowed to escort his high school girl friend to the dances because he is twenty-one years old. His girl friend's mother, Anette Owens, also voiced her desire that her daughter could be escorted to the high school dances by her boy friend, Mr. Ruehlen. They both questioned the fairness of the ruling, claiming that other twenty-one year olds had attended dances.

The Board informed Mr. Ruehlen and Mrs. Owens that the matter would be investigated and the district would be contacting them with a decision. Dr. Gooldy told the Board that he had visited with Mr. Ruehlen more than once about his presence on the high school campus, adding that state law allows any principal to disallow the presence of any person if he feels that the safety of students is an issue. Mr. Webb has also conferred with Mr. Ruehlen.

- 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 14, 2008
2. Approval of the Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending January 24, 2008
Budget Report For the Period – July 1 – December 31, 2007
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations
 - c. Substitute List For Certificated Positions

Honey Moschetti moved and Mike Near seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. On a 4-0 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. Update On Implementation of High School Task Force Recommendations:

CCHS Principal, Mr. Curt Webb, along with staff members, Mrs. Pauline Carochi, Miss Cindi Perrin, Mr. Brian Zamarippa, and Mr. Bret Meuli, updated the Board on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the High School Task Force. Dr. Gooldy complimented the high school staff on their productive use of the staff development time resulting from the delayed start days granted by the Board. He said great strides had been made in the foundational relationship-building piece, which is key to the success of accomplishing the other recommendations. He reminded the Board that the process of implementation would take 3 – 5 years, and said that under Mr. Webb's leadership, the staff is ready to begin work on the next recommendations dealing with rigor and relevance.

Each staff representative expressed excitement about the enthusiasm evident among all staff members as they work together to tackle problems this year. They credited Mr. Webb's leadership for the great strides that have been made in the area of relationship building. They are looking forward to working on the recommendations targeting relevance and rigor, using resources from William Daggett and Ray McNulty.

Each Board Member echoed Dr. Gooldy's praise for the culture changes in atmosphere obvious to all visitors at the high school. All administrators are highly visible throughout the school, and the students and teachers are responding positively to the communication afforded by their presence.

Mr. Webb stated that the positive outcomes they are seeing are a result of a broad-based effort by all entities. The staff hopes to be allowed to continue their work during delayed start days next year as well.

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2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- *Mike Near* reported visiting CCMS, enjoying the positive attitude and environment there. He also visited Skyline, and plans to read with 1st graders on Jan. 29 in an effort to help them achieve their goal of 4,000 hours of reading.
- *Honey Moschetti* enjoyed a trip to Tucson, visited Mrs. Carochi's class at CCHS, toured CCHS and visited with the food service staff.
- *John Evans* (and all other board members) attended the Board Work Session on 1/17. He also continues to serve on the Truancy Board. He enjoyed the Harrison Middle School production of the *Diary of Anne Frank*, feeling amazed at the students' talent.
- *Charlene Seaney* reported serving on the Calendar Committee, and attending the wrestling tournament in KS (24 teams) and several girls' basketball games.

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. Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statements:

It was recommended that the Board approve the fiscal year 2007 Audit as presented. Mr. Lambrecht reported that the District had received an "Unqualified Opinion" – the highest rating it could receive. Mr. Evans complimented Mr. Lambrecht and his staff on their high level of efficiency in preparing for the auditors. Mr. Near thanked Mr. Lambrecht for his willingness to explain the process as thoroughly as he did, and Mrs. Seaney complimented the Business Services Staff on their efficiency and great attention to detail.

1. **John Evans made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2007 Audit as presented. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4 – 0, and the motion was passed.**

2. Out-of-State Travel For CCHS Band Students:

It was recommended that the Board approve four CCHS students to travel to Lawrence, KS, January 31 through February 3, 2008, for the purpose of participating in the Honors Band for the Prairie Wind Festival at the University of Kansas. The four students are:

Sky Archuleta
Ethan Brule
Mackenzie Trenhaile
Austin Warman

Honey Moschetti made a motion to approve the trip to Lawrence, KS as outlined above. John Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 4 – 0, and the motion was passed.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

VII. Adjournment

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

Honey Moschetti moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4 – 0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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