

# SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARY

## Board Meetings of April 14 and April 28, 2008

*The Mission of School District Fremont RE-1 is to develop  
compassionate, responsible, independent, and productive citizens  
through a quality education provided in a safe environment.*

Kudos:

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Cañon City Police Department – Safe Schools Grant-Security Cameras:

The Cañon City Police Department and Cañon City Schools partnered to obtain funds for installing security camera systems in several schools. These systems allow for the monitoring of our schools in emergency situations by the police department. This is part of our overall plan to provide a safe environment for students and staff. The Board and Administration of Cañon City Schools would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognize that the Cañon City Police Department has been a valuable partner in our efforts to make schools safe places to work and learn.

Police Chief Dan Shull addressed the Board to reiterate his appreciation for the working relationship between the school district and the city. He named Kim Poirier of the Police Department as the person who originally identified the Safe Schools Grant as a means of funding the security cameras, with matching funds from the school district. He also thanked District Personnel Robin Gooldy, Buddy Lambrecht, and Shaun Kohl for their cooperation in securing the grant and purchasing and installing the cameras, and presented them “Challenge Coins”, a Police Department Gift of Excellence.

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Educational Surrogate Parents:

Six individuals from the southeast region recently volunteered and were subsequently trained to be Educational Surrogate Parents. These volunteers will attend special education meetings for students whose parents’ rights have been legally terminated. Those individuals specific to Cañon City Schools are **Ken McGowan, Rosemary McIntyre, and Mary Ann Goshert.**

Destination Imagination:

Once again this year, Cañon City students excelled in the Regional Destination Imagination Competition, a worldwide problem solving competition. CCMS English teacher, Mrs. Michelle Taylor would like to congratulate the following students for their performance at regionals:

**Stella Montelongo**  
**Alex Regnier**  
**Matt Lungu**  
**Chris Cook**  
**Jarod Stevens**  
**Tina LaFoe**

**Megan Foraker**  
**Jacob Schipper**  
**Hailey DeSalvo**  
**Shayne Taylor**  
**Trevor Cook**

These students have qualified to compete at the national level in Knoxville, TN May 21 – 24, 2008.

Design Drafting Students:

CCHS Drafting/ADDA teacher, Mr. Mike Geesaman, would like to announce this year's winners in the National Design/Drafting Competition. They are as follows:

<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners:</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners:</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners:</i>
<b>Joshua Pohl</b>	<b>Patrick Banker</b>	<b>Matthew LaBonte</b>
<b>Brooke Keller</b>	<b>Brittney Willyard</b>	<b>Mackenzie Trenhaile</b>
<b>Mitchell Trujillo</b>	<b>Amanda Marchiani</b>	<b>Susan Edwards</b>
<b>Spencer Stringari</b>	<b>Kristin Brown</b>	<b>Kris Macoskey</b>
<b>Richie McBeth</b>		<b>Kaitlin Hegarty</b>

As has been true for the past 13 years, Cañon City students have achieved more top places in the nation than students in any other district or state.

Solo-Ensemble:

CCHS Instrumental Teacher, Mr. Bill Phalen, would like to recognize two of his band students who did an outstanding job at the recent Solo-Ensemble Festival (March 1, 2008). **Megan McKean** and **Austin Warman** not only performed in the event, but they also did a fantastic job of helping the groups stay organized and keeping the event running smoothly.

Dr. Gooldy and the Board and administration would also like to congratulate **Mr. Bill Phalen** and **Mrs. Stephanie Nolan** for organizing and running the event.

Carpentry Student Excels:

CCHS Vocational Carpentry Teacher, Mr. Matt Micci, announced that **Clayton Usry** won the State SKILLS USA Carpentry Contest in Colorado Springs April 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Clayton on this achievement. The judges complimented him on his organization, safety skills, maturity, and his ability to stay calm and focused under pressure. He has qualified to compete at the national competition in Missouri this summer. Mr. Micci invited all to attend the Open House at 503 Dalmatian Dr. (May 18) to tour the home constructed by the CCHS Vocational Carpentry students

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

**4/14/08:**

- Miss Heather Shores, Language Arts Teacher at Harrison, invited the Board and participants to the upcoming Harrison Hawks Theater Production, 3 one-act plays, "Man of the House", "Sunday Dinner", and "Uninvited Guest", which will be presented April 25 and 26 at 7:00 p.m. She also expressed appreciation for the new sound equipment for Harrison, saying that the wireless microphones were invaluable in helping the students express emotion as they delivered their performance of "The Diary of Anne Frank" last semester. She noted that the excellent talent exhibited in the high school performances begins in the middle school grades as students gain experience in the performance arts. Dr. Gooldy reiterated that sentiment and congratulated Miss Shores and the Harrison students on their production of "Anne Frank".

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- Cañon City Daily Record writer, Melodie Roberts, spoke on behalf of the newspaper, asking anyone who might have news to share to contact her so that she might continue to promote the school district activities. She also invited anyone interested to write a guest column for the paper. Dr. Gooldy thanked both Melodie and Dennis Bloomquist, of the KRLN/KSTY Radio station for the work they do to positively promote and support the school district.

- Harrison School Principal Mr. Ty Valentine invited the Board and Administration to attend the upcoming performance of “The Pied Piper” (May 10<sup>th</sup> at Harrison School) by the Missoula Children’s Theater. Each year the production company comes to Cañon City and involves numerous Cañon City children in their theatrical productions which are always outstanding.

- Dr. Gooldy took a moment to congratulate Mr. Ty Valentine on his new assignment as Director of Human Resources beginning July 1, 2008. He also shared that Clyde Tarrence, the new principal at CCHS, will be in town April 25-26 to meet students and staff. Dr. Gooldy praised the selection process for both of these key positions in the district.

#### Information Items:

**4/14/08:**

##### Proposed Sale of Old Harrison Playground to Cañon City Recreation and Park District:

Buddy Lambrecht discussed the details of a proposed sale of the property east of the old Harrison School, described as the old Harrison School playground, to the Cañon City Recreation and Park District. Mr. Lambrecht reminded the Board that this issue had been previously considered, but had become moot when the Recreation District’s Bond Issue did not pass. The Recreation District approached the School District to renew the proposal this year, since their use of the Abbey Fields has become tenuous. Sale of this property to the Recreation District would relieve the School District of maintenance costs and would fulfill the promise made to the town to make sure that the use of the property would be “good for the neighborhood.” Mr. Lambrecht will ask the Recreation District Director, Mr. Jim Hoar, to be present at the Board Work Session on April 28<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions the Board may have on this sale.

**4/28/08:**

##### Alpine Achievement – Add Services:

Director of Instruction and Assessment, Miss Carole Brown, presented information about additional services for the Alpine Achievement Systems. For the past four years, we have contracted the services of Alpine Achievement for the purpose of literacy plans as required through the Colorado Basic Literacy Act (CBLA) and as a data tool for staff with CSAP scores. The need to write and track other student plans, such as Advanced Learning Plans, Accommodation Plans, and revised Individual Educational Plans (IEP’s), requires additional services from Alpine Achievement.

Advantages include convenience for staff to enter data into a format they are already familiar with and the ease of use of this system. Also, our instructional staff has been encouraged to use data to drive their instruction and school goals. Although the program is costly, it is more economical than hiring additional staff. Miss Brown will bring this purchase as an action item at the next board meeting.

### CCHS Course Textbook Adoptions – Intro to Algebra Course:

Director of Instruction and Assessment, Miss Carole Brown, will present information about the following textbook recommendation:

The CCHS Math Department is recommending the purchase of *Pre-Algebra*, published by Glencoe, for use in the Introduction to Algebra course. This is part of the text rotation process and the department has followed the district textbook selection process. The course is a remedial course for students who need remediation.

### Retirement Reception For District Retirees:

Dr. Gooldy invited the Board to the reception honoring the district retirees. It will be held Monday, May 5, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., at the Abbey Events Center. The honorees are: **David Chandler, Carol Crossley, Cheryl Erickson, Sue Hitt, Winifred Soester, Vicky Murphy, Toby Tipton, Joseph Trujillo, and Marsha Wysong.**

### Board Members' Reports:

4/14/08:

- John Evans reported participating in the luncheons to meet the candidates for the High School Principal and Human Resources Director positions. He also attended the high school "Seussical" production, and said the talent of the students was 'phenomenal'. He continues to volunteer at Washington 3 days/week, and sits on the Truancy Board every Thursday.
- Ken Cline attended basketball games and a tennis match. He also visited a school board meeting in Oakland, CA, and expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he finds between our local school board and administration. The California meeting raised his awareness about the quality of our students and our programs and how thankful we all need to be.
- Charlene Seaney also participated in the "Meet the Candidates" luncheons and helped interview the Human Resource Director candidates. She also participated in bargaining and attended some soccer games.
- Honey Moschetti attended the luncheons to meet the candidates, participated in bargaining, and enjoyed the high school "Seussical" production. She also visited Skyline School, where she watched as Mr. Weatherill fulfilled his promise to shave his head if the students met their reading goals. Mrs. Moschetti also visited CCMS and CCHS, and traveled to Tucson and Phoenix. She has now ridden all the bus routes except Mr. Ralph Cruz's, and she is looking forward to riding that bus. She enjoyed the experience and said it is a great way to meet a lot of students and see the bus drivers interact with them.
- Mike Near visited Skyline when Mr. Weatherill got his head shaved. He continues to volunteer at Skyline 3 days a week. He also participated in the interviews for the high school principal position and complimented the process, especially noting that he was happy that students were involved in the selection. He attended the luncheons to meet the candidates, had lunch at Lincoln, visited Washington, and participated in bargaining.

4/28/08:

- Ken Cline attended the Harrison Hawks Theater Production and complimented the performance. The 'wireless mike' sound system helped the students project their voices, and the plays were all enjoyable. Mr. Cline also visited Washington Elementary and attended CCHS Volleyball practice. He had high praise for the custodial staff at the high school, saying that the caretaking of all areas was excellent especially in light of the numerous activities that always keep things busy at the high school. He also complimented the logo at the Harrison School Gym, painted by Ken McGowan.

- John Evans reported attending Truancy Board on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and he continues to volunteer 2 days a week at Washington. He attended several baseball games and enjoyed the CCHS Musical Production with the Pueblo Symphony. He participated in bargaining with the certified staff.
- Charlene Seaney reported attending the reception to meet the new high school principal, Mr. Clyde Tarrence and the new human resources director, Mr. Ty Valentine, hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Robin Gooldy. She also attended several boys and girls soccer games.
- Mike Near toured “Old Harrison Elementary” with Pam Walker, who described the plans proposed for renovating part of the building so that it can house the Early Childhood Department. He attended the “Community Payback” Assembly at CCMS, two bargaining sessions, and a reception tea for the volunteers at Skyline Elementary. He continues to volunteer at Skyline, and he will drive the Food Services van in the Blossom Parade.
- Honey Moschetti had high praise for the music production with the Pueblo Symphony at CCHS. She then stated that she was “humbled and honored” to present the first and only “OOC” ‘annual award’, to Cañon City Schools Board Attorney, Mr. Rocco Meconi. For his service and dedication he received a plaque for the “Order of Old Crow”, the only time this award will be given!

#### Action Items:

4/14/08:

Approved:

First reading of File 812 – Dress and Uniform Codes – (Revised) – presented for first formal reading, discussion, and first vote. Mr. Near stated that we must to make it clear that the Board was not approving school uniforms, but approving the language that specifies that any school wishing to implement standard student attire must have the approval from the Board of Education. Mr. Cline questioned if staff would have “training” for consistency in enforcement of dress codes. The administration in each building is responsible for enforcing consistent minimum expectations of school dress codes. The enforcement needs to be schoolwide.

CCMS is considering adopting a “standard student attire” policy or practice. They will conduct a survey of parents of students who will attend CCMS next year to determine if there is at least 65% support for the idea.

#### School-to-Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Contract Renewal:

The Board approved the School-to-Work Alliance Program Contract in the amount of \$75,689 for the time period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Director of Special Services and Federal Programs, Mrs. Debi Blackwell, explained the main points of the contract.

#### Approval of Textbooks for CCHS Courses in Business and Math Departments:

The Board approved the purchase of the following textbooks for courses at CCHS:

- *Introduction to Business*, published by Glencoe, for Introduction to Business course
- *Introduction to Multimedia*, published by Glencoe, for Multimedia Course
- *Calculus, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition*, published by McDougal Little/Houghton Mifflin, for AP Calculus course

Mike Near thanked Miss Brown and the high school staff for their work in selecting the new textbooks.

### Proposed District Calendars For 2008-09 School Year:

The Board approved the proposed calendars for all Cañon City Schools – the regular district schools, Garden Park High School, and Madison Exploratory School for the 2008-09 School Year. Dr. Gooldy explained that the Madison and Garden Park High School calendars propose starting two weeks prior to the district schools in order to more closely align their activities with the district calendar. The changes made to the district calendar since the subject was brought for information include making May 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> school days for students and the last day of school is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Graduation will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will eliminate the conflict of having graduation on the same weekend as state sporting events. Other changes of note are the elimination of “Fall Break” in October in exchange for having a full week off for Thanksgiving. Dr. Gooldy again thanked the Calendar Committee for its work on this challenging project

### **4/28/08:**

Approved:

Second reading and adoption of File 812 – Dress and Uniform Codes – (Revised) – presented for second formal reading, discussion, and second vote. Dr. Gooldy reminded the Board that the revision will expand the existing dress code policy to include “standard student attire or uniforms”, and will require any school wishing to adopt standard student attire or uniforms to receive approval of the Board of Education prior to beginning such a practice.

### Sale of Old Harrison Playground Property to the Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District:

The Board approved the sale of the old Harrison playground property to the Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District for \$10, subject to the deed restrictions contained in the proposed contract and authorized Superintendent Dr. Robin Gooldy to sign and execute the sales contract and for Director of Business Services Leslie F. Lambrecht to sign and execute all related documents required to complete the sale of the playground property to the Recreation District.

### Proposed Changes To Board Meeting Schedule:

The Board approved amending the May meeting schedule as follows:

1. Cancel the May 26, 2008 meeting. (Memorial Day)
2. Conduct the May board work session on Monday, May 12, instead of May 19. The work session time would be 4:30 to 5:30, and immediately following the regularly scheduled board meeting.