

**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., October 27, 2008**

I. Roll Call

President, Charlene Seaney, called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and Assistant Secretary / Treasurer, Mike Near, called roll.

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

Also present: Superintendent, Robin Gooldy; Director of Human Resources, Ty Valentine; 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: Honey Moschetti, Secretary

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

II. General Business

- A. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Gooldy announced the following changes to the agenda:

Moving the Information Item II. E. 1. a., "Highlighting the Madison Mural Project", to the Awards and Kudos Section, II. B. 3.

Ken Cline made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. John Evans seconded the motion. On a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

- B. Awards and Kudos

1. Pat Stott Recognition:

The Board and Administrative Staff of Cañon City Schools congratulated Washington teacher, Mrs. **Pat Stott** on receiving the "Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year" Award in September. Washington Principal, Mrs. Janice Zeiler, was quoted as saying, "...Mrs. Stott teaches with layers of complexity, combining multiple teaching techniques, prior planning, information about learning styles, and the gut instinct that comes from being a veteran teacher."

Mrs. Stott received a check from Wal-Mart for classroom supplies, and the school also received a grant.

2. Congratulations to Sandra Miller:

The Board and Administrative Staff of Cañon City Schools congratulated Mrs. **Sandra Miller** on receiving the Zonta Club's 2008 Sharon Cushman Memorial Scholarship. Mrs. Miller is a paraprofessional at Cañon City High School, and has worked with special education students for the past 5 years. She is currently working on a Master's Degree in Counseling at Adams State College where she maintains a 4.0 grade average. As stated in the Cañon City Daily Record, "... this annual scholarship is just one of the projects that the local Zonta Club promotes to improve the status of women locally and internationally."

3. Highlighting the Madison Mural Project:

Madison Principal, Molly Merry, along with Madison Teacher, Krystal Wyatt, and students from Madison and Garden Park High school, shared information about the "Madison Mural Project" that was recently in the news. The students painted over graffiti on a long concrete wall lining a ditch that they have to walk by every week on their way to their physical fitness/wellness activities. The project incorporated the 21st Century Skills of Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships by having the students research Colorado symbols including trees, wildflowers, and topography; utilize problem-solving skills to make a difference in the community; and work intergenerationally with high school students to create a thing of beauty and a source of pride in place of a community eyesore.

The Board and Administration enthusiastically expressed their appreciation to the staff and students for their "job well done".

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.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Charles Kaiser, CEA Attorney representing Mr. Michael Fox, introduced himself and requested to speak on behalf of his client about the request on the Consent Agenda to dismiss Mr. Fox from his position as Bus Driver for Cañon City Schools. Mrs. Seaney confirmed that it was the intention of Mr. Fox to appeal his dismissal, and she offered the opportunity to move into Executive Session. Mr. Cline made a motion to move into Executive Session, but Board Attorney Rocco Meconi and Mr. Kaiser both reiterated that Mr. Fox had the right to have the discussion heard in public rather than in executive session. Mrs. Seaney confirmed that that was the preference of Mr. Fox, and she asked Mr. Cline to rescind his motion. **Mr. Cline then made a motion to discuss the personnel matter publically. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 3 – 1 as follows:**

Cline – yes
Evans – yes
Seaney – yes
Near - no

Mr. Kaiser presented a letter to the Board and the Superintendent requesting that the Board not follow the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal. Discussion centered around the issues of bus safety, and whether or not the District had grounds to dismiss Mr. Fox based on his refusal to drive bus 895, and his refusal to complete the required pre-trip inspection.

Dr. Goody reiterated that the bus in question has been maintained, inspected by outside agencies, and found to be safe to operate. He said the safety of our students and staff is of utmost priority. The recommendation for dismissal is based upon Mr. Fox's refusal to follow the instructions of his supervisor and refusal to perform tasks required of his job. The steps of due process outlined in the Master Agreement have been followed.

The Board's decision was to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent to dismiss Mr. Fox.

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 October 13, 2008
2. Approval of the Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending October 23, 2008
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves

John Evans moved and Ken Cline 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. Revision to Board Policy (File 722) – Flag Displays:

Dr. Gooldy presented proposed changes to File 722 – (Flag Displays) – to bring district practice into compliance with revised state statute. The state will now require that all flags purchased for display in schools be purchased in the United States. Our flags are a product of the State Prison System, so that will not be a problem for our district.

b. Update on CCHS CFS Text Purchase for Foods Class:

The request to purchase the *Foods for Today* textbook is delayed while the CCHS staff explores other options for Consumer Family Studies. Director of Instruction and Assessment, Carole Brown, told the Board that staff is examining alternatives on how to structure and teach the Foods Class in the future. Options include partnering with higher education culinary studies programs to provide the best quality program for students.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a.

F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- Ken Cline thanked his fellow board members and the administration for their patience in indulging his "volleyball habit" (coaching). He had high praise for the custodial staff, saying that they do an excellent job of having the facilities ready for practice and matches. "Our facilities look great". He also thanked the administrative team, staff, and students for their support of the volleyball team and program. Mr. Cline also attended the Ice Cream Social at the high school, visited 4th graders at Washington, and visited McKinley Elementary.

- John Evans attended a SB94 Conference in Vail on Oct. 15th & 16th, the subject of which was funding for at-risk students with mental health issues. Especially informative was the session on the brain and how it works, and the research presented about teenagers doing better academically (optimum brain function) when they start school later in the day. Mr. Evans continues to volunteer at Washington. He also attended the Fall Choir Concert at CCHS, and this past week represented our Board and District at the CASB Fall Conference / Delegate Assembly in Ft. Collins. Of particular interest at that conference was a session on districtwide standards.

- Charlene Seaney attended the Homecoming Football Game and the Leadership Cañon Class presented by the Chamber of Commerce. She also participated in a budget committee meeting.
- Mike Near continues to monitor and guide student teachers. He visited Washington School, and continues to read with students at Skyline Elementary.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

- 1.

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1.

V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Board Meeting Schedule Change:

It was recommended that the Board approve the cancellation of the Board Meeting scheduled for November 24, 2008.

John Evans made a motion to approve cancelling the Board Meeting on November 24, 2008. Mike Near 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.

Ken Cline moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4 – 0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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