

**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., August 11, 2008**

I. Roll Call

President, Charlene Seaney, called the regular meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. and Secretary, Honey Moschetti, called roll.

Present: Charlene Seaney, President; John Evans, Vice-President; Honey Moschetti, Secretary; 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; and Chief Information Officer, Shaun Kohl.

Absent: Board Attorney, Rocco Meconi.

- 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:

- Additions to Personnel Reports – Item II. D. 3. a. (Appointments)
Item II. D. 3. b. (Terminations & Leaves)
Item II. D. 3. c. (Supplemental Contracts)
- A discussion of a letter received in response to a newspaper article regarding a facilities use request (to use a school for church services)

Honey Moschetti 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. Dr. Gooldy mentioned that today was the start of new teacher orientation. We have a wonderful group of new teachers who are ready to begin working with our students. Mr. Valentine also thanked the Board members who participated in orientation meetings today. Mrs. Seaney enjoyed administering the oath to the new teacher group.

Dr. Gooldy also announced that the heating and cooling system at CCMS is in its final stages of testing, and is still on schedule to meet the goal of having cool air in the classrooms on the first day of school.

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

Mr. Rhody Heinen addressed the Board regarding the district's need to find long term ways to use our resources more wisely. He was particularly interested in addressing energy consumption, and suggested considering increasing the radius from 1.5 to 2 miles for secondary students to qualify for a bus ride. He acknowledged that such a policy change would require educating our customers and preparing them for the change. He mentioned

educating all our patrons, including staff, about turning off lights, reducing energy consumption, and adopting healthy lifestyles aimed at physical fitness.

Dr. Gooldy responded that this year our district has, with funding from a grant, been able to create a "Wellness Coordinator" part-time position. Mrs. Kristi Elliott will have the responsibility of working with students and staff at all our schools on adopting healthy lifestyles. Also, as an outgrowth of bargaining, a Budgeting Committee will be formed this year to address wise use of our allotted funds in all areas, including energy consumption.

He also mentioned that just today he received a call from a parent who thought that the 1.5 mile radius was too far for secondary students to have to walk or have their own transportation. Mrs. Seaney added that safety is a big consideration in determining bus routes.

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 July 28, 2008
2. Approval of the Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending August 6, 2008
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves
 - c. Supplemental Contracts

Ken Cline moved and Mike Near 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. Student Count Audit Report:

Director of Business Services, Mr. Leslie F. "Buddy" Lambrecht, reviewed the Student Count Audit Report for October 2005, 2006, and 2007. The audit from CDE resulted in a discrepancy of two students the district had counted erroneously and received funding for. As a result, the district will need to reimburse the state in the amount of \$12,014.42, payable over a three year period. Dr. Gooldy praised Mr. Lambrecht and his staff for their hard work in making sure the count is as accurate as possible, and Mr. Lambrecht shared the compliment saying that many people are responsible for the count's accuracy.

b. S. O. P. 12 – Travel Reimbursement:

Director of Business Services, Mr. Leslie F. "Buddy" Lambrecht, reviewed changes in the mileage reimbursement rate. The changes in language will allow the district to consider budget constraints in determining the amount of future increases in the reimbursement rates.

c. Use of District Facilities By Outside Entities:

Prompted by a phone call and a letter referencing a newspaper article about a district employee starting a church and using a district facility for a meeting place, Dr. Gooldy reviewed District Board Policy 407, which speaks to the use of district facilities by community organizations, and SOP 22, which addresses the terms and conditions for the use of district real property. He also reported that Board Attorney, Mr. Rocco Meconi, was consulted in the matter. Discussion centered around whether or not a district employee could use a district facility in this manner. Concerns were raised about the perception of this facility use by a district employee, and whether, as questioned by the letter's author, there was a violation of separation of church and state laws. Legal counsel maintains that the District has acted in accordance with the law and the Board Policy and SOP in allowing this facility use application to proceed to the contract stage.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a.

F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

(- Ken Cline had to leave the meeting during the discussion of the facilities use.)

- Mike Near reported attending the Leadership Team Lunch/Meeting last week. He was pleased with the meeting and the capable leadership demonstrated by our directors. He also enjoyed having lunch with the new teachers during their orientation today.
- Charlene Seaney also enjoyed meeting the new teachers and administering their oath today.
- Honey Moschetti participated in the Leadership Team Lunch/Meeting last week and met the new teachers during their orientation today. She is excited about the caliber of our new and returning staff and is looking forward to a great new school year. Mrs. Moschetti also attended the "Capturing Kids' Hearts" Conference with other district staff in Denver last week, and said it was an outstanding experience. She thanked the district for the opportunity to attend that conference.

III. Review of Board Policies

- A. POLICIES:
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IV. Old Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:
1.

V. New Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Amendment to Madison Calendar:

It was recommended that the Board approve changing the end of the first quarter for Madison Exploratory School to October 9, 2008. Fall Break would move to October 10 – 20, and second quarter will begin on October 21. Making this change in their calendar will enable Madison Staff to participate in the District Professional Development planned for elementary teachers on October 20.

John Evans made a motion to approve the change in Madison's calendar as outlined above. 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.

Honey Moschetti moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4 – 0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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