

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FREMONT RE-1 BOARD OF  
EDUCATION HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 101 N. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CAÑON CITY, COLORADO  
5:30 p.m., October 26, 2009**

**I. Roll Call**

President, **Charlene Seaney**, called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 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:

- Additions to the Personnel Report as follows:
  - Item II. D. 3. c. – Supplemental Contracts (goldenrod sheet)
  - Item II. D. 3. d. – Substitute Lists For Certificated and Classified Positions – (white sheet)
- Addition to the New Business, Action Item Agenda of Item V. A, 2. – Mutual Settlement Agreement
- Request for an Executive Session to convene before the New Business Action Agenda as per *CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel matters except where the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting. This section does not apply to any member of the entity, any elected official, or the appointment of a person to fill the office of a member of the entity or to discussion of personnel policies that do not require discussions of matters personal to particular employees.* – No action is to be taken.
- Moving the Information Item (II. D. 1. a.) to the Kudos Section.

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

- B. Awards and Kudos

1. Appreciation for Outstanding Service:

The Colorado Preservation, Inc. sponsored a program entitled "On the Road" during the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup> in Cañon City. The activity showcased the historical highlights of the Fremont County area and attracted approximately 150 people from around the state.

Cañon City Schools assisted with this project by providing three buses to transport people to different places. Three of our drivers were recognized because of the numerous contacts received from participants who praised their service. **Tammy Otterstetter, Keith Sellers, and Terry Kunz** provided their usual good service, and also brought much good will to our school district.

2. McKinley PTO Provides Emergency Backpacks!

McKinley Principal, Ms. Deb Chittenden, wrote, "With a donation of backpacks from a local radio station, **McKinley PTO** supplied each classroom with all the materials needed for an Emergency Response Kit. These Emergency Backpacks are filled with items that will accompany the class out of the room in an event of an emergency. Included are various first aid supplies: band-aids, gauze, gloves, splints, tweezers, scissors, water and antiseptic wash. Also purchased from building and PTO funds were Walkie-Talkies for each class. We can now more easily contact classrooms who are outside for recesses and emergencies.

A special thank you goes to **Mrs. Sheila Tarnaski**, PTO President and McKinley Health Tech, who headed up the project and saw it through to completion. To Sheila and our wonderful McKinley PTO, we send out a ROARING Thank You!!!"

Dr. Gooldy added that this project nicely addresses enhancing school safety -- a goal in McKinley's School Improvement Plan.

3. Energy Star Presentation:

Patty Crow of the Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Program presented recognition awards to four district schools which have qualified for the distinction. Energy Star awards are a mark of superior energy performance and identify the recipients as being among the most energy efficient in the nation. The award winning schools are CCHS, CCMS, GPHS, and Harrison K-8 School. They each received a certificate and a bronze plaque to be showcased in the buildings.

Energy Star covers products, buildings, and homes. Over 100,000 buildings nationwide have received the award, and in Colorado there are 339 labeled buildings, about half of which are K – 12 schools. The four Cañon City Schools being awarded this year will also be recognized statewide and nationwide for 2009. Five other Cañon City Schools are in the process of making application for the award. Dr. Gooldy thanked Bob Heacock for his role in certifying our buildings, and Bob in turn acknowledged the team effort over many years for achieving this status.

4. CCHS Yearbooks:

Mr. Ed Bray, CCHS Journalism and English teacher, and students from the yearbook staff, presented the 2008-09 yearbooks to the Board and Administration.

Dr. Gooldy and the Board congratulated **Robbie Basham, Josh Odom, Taylor Burkett, Gillian Brown, and Molly Keller** for winning the State Championship in 4A Division at CO High School Press Association's annual conference. It was the 9<sup>th</sup> state championship since 1996, and the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row that students have placed in the top three brackets at State.

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

Mr. Eddy Lewis, parent of a CCHS student, spoke on behalf of his daughter who wishes to be allowed to sit quietly during the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance rather than participate in saying the pledge during her first period class. He thanked the superintendent and high school staff for trying to accommodate her by switching her 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period classes (Am. Studies and Study Hall), thereby removing her from being present during the recitation of the pledge, but stated that his daughter views this as punishment and wants to have her schedule returned to the way it was. He asked the Board and Board Attorney to review district policies and make sure they are in compliance with state law.

Mrs. Seaney told Mr. Lewis the Board would take the matter into consideration.

- 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 12, 2009
2. Approval of the Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending October 21, 2009
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
  - a. Appointments
  - b. Terminations and Leaves
  - c. Supplemental Contracts
  - d. Substitute Lists For Certificated and Classified Positions

**John Evans moved and Mike Near seconded the motion to approve 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.
- b.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a.
- b.

- F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- Mr. Cline reported that the successful Volleyball Season is coming to a close and he wanted to thank the district staff who contributed to the team's success by supporting the students and coaches. He thanked the parents, athletic office staff, and Boosters, as well as the custodial staff who made sure the equipment was set up each day ready for practice and meets, and then took it down so the facility could be used by other groups. He said the support was outstanding and he appreciated everyone's contribution.

Mrs. Seaney thanked him for the time and energy he devotes to coaching each year.

- Mr. Evans reported on attending the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Fall Conference in Denver October 16 – 18, 2009. He reported that school board members from across the state were told of the serious economic challenges the state is facing. Attendees were encouraged to take a message back to their districts that includes developing a budget reduction plan and making district staff aware of current and impending state budgetary constraints that will impact each school district statewide. Board members were told to inform staff now about the seriousness of the state economy so that staff expectations could be realistic.

Impending changes in the PERA retirement program were also presented at the conference. These include the district employee and employer contribution each being increased by 2% as well as the existing retirees' COLA (cost of living allowance) decreased from 3.5% to 2%.

### III. Review of Board Policies

#### A. POLICIES:

##### 1. Presented For Second Reading, Discussion and Second Vote:

File 607 – Annual Leave. The revision implements changes agreed to in bargaining. Of note is that Classified Annual Leave will now be in conjunction with the school year/contract year, not the calendar year, and it will not be related to an employee's sick leave.

**Mike Near made a motion to approve Ken Cline seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

### IV. Old Business

#### A. ACTION ITEMS:

1.

### V. Miscellaneous Business

*A request was made for an Executive Session to convene before the New Business Action Agenda as per **CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel matters except where the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting. This section does not apply to any member of the entity, any elected official, or the appointment of a person to fill the office of a member of the entity or to discussion of personnel policies that do not require discussions of matters personal to particular employees.** – No action is to be taken.*

**Mike Near made a motion for the Board to retire into Executive Session as per **CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel matters as stated above. No action will be taken. Ken Cline seconded the motion. On a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.****

Dr. Gooldy asked that in addition to the board and himself, Alice Stefanic, Rocco Meconi, and Ty Valentine be present. The Executive Session began at 6:10 p.m.

At 6:40 p.m., Mrs. Seaney reconvened the regular Board Meeting.

### VI. New Business

#### A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Purchased Services For Truancy Coordinator:

It was recommended that the Board approve a collaborative agreement between the RE-1 School District and the Fremont County Department of Human Services for the provision of Truancy Coordinator services.

Dr. Gooldy told the Board that the District will contract with DHS for a DHS employee to work as a Truancy Officer for 24 hours a week handling referrals from the schools, working with parents and students, conducting Truancy Board Hearings, and when necessary, working with the court system. Total expenditures will be paid through a grant and will not exceed \$27,000.

**John Evans made a motion to approve a collaborative agreement between the RE-1 School District and the Fremont County Department of Human Services for the provision of Truancy Coordinator services with expenditures not to exceed \$27,000. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. Mutual Settlement Agreement:

It was recommended that the Board approve a Mutual Settlement Agreement between Michael Fox, Fremont RE-1, and Dr. Robin Gooldy.

**Mike Near made a motion to approve the Mutual Settlement Agreement between Michael Fox, Fremont RE-1, and Dr. Robin Gooldy. John Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

**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**