

**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. 14TH STREET, CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
5:30 p.m., February 28, 2011**

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Roll Call:

Secretary, **Honey Moschetti**, called roll.

Present: **Charlene Seaney**, President; **John Evans**, Vice-President; **Honey Moschetti**, Secretary; **Mike Near**, Treasurer; and **Dan Cushman**, 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**; Chief Information Officer, **Shaun Kohl**, and Attorney, **Rocco Meconi**.

Absent: Director of Special Services/Federal Programs, **Rebecca Odegard-Siegele**

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 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Any person who has submitted a written request prior to the meeting may express views concerning school district programs and policies. Comments of a critical or negative nature regarding any employee are not allowed.

Ron Clafin addressed the Board on behalf of the 4-Mile Community Club. He voiced the club's concern about retaining a "right-of-way" and parking around the community building if the school district should sell the schoolhouse. Since the property boundaries of the two entities are intertwined, he stated the club's interest in a cooperative "land swap" that would result in the schoolhouse property being more salable with no right-of-way interferences, and the community building securing a driveway and parking area.

C. 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 February 14, 2011

2. Approval of the Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending February 24, 2011

3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:

- a. Terminations and Leaves
- b. Supplemental Contracts
- c. Substitute Lists for Classified Employees

Mike Near moved and John Evans seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

D. 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. Financial Challenges for the School District:

Dr. Gooldy discussed recent funding projections based upon the state budget announced by Gov. Hickenlooper. Upcoming funding cuts will have an impact on most areas of the school district budget. The reductions over the two-year period of 2010 – 2012 school years will amount to about a 14% reduction (almost \$4 million totally). It takes the District back to the 2002 funding levels while the expenditures remain at the 2011 levels.

b. Individual and Career Academic Plan (ICAP):

Ms. Carole Brown gave a status report on the development and implementation of the ICAP, which will be available next school year for students in grades 6 through 12. A committee has been working to implement a program which will be transportable for students moving from our district to any other district in CO during their 6th - 12th grade years, and will help students set and pursue goals for their futures in the areas of academics and careers.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

- 1.

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1.

V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. DAC List of Budget Priorities:

It was recommended that the Board accept the list of budget priorities submitted for consideration by the District Accountability Committee.

Dr. Gooldy shared that the DAC had been working for the past several months, using input from a broad group including staff, parents, students, and the business community, to identify ten areas where financial resources are allocated and play a role in helping students' achievement and success. It is worth noting that the DAC considers each of these 10 areas to be important. These ten areas have been prioritized for the purpose of guiding the use of financial resources.

Items toward the top of the list represent those areas considered most important in providing a quality education for students. Those items toward the lower end of the list represent those things considered important, but less critical if resources will not support all areas. If the district is faced with making a reduction of the budget, the recommendation would be to look for ways to reduce spending starting with the lowest priority before moving to the next priority.

"The DAC recognizes that decisions regarding reductions to the budget are very difficult. We also recognize that many things contribute to a quality education for students. We urge the Board of Education and the Administration to work toward solutions that reflect our prioritization of these 10 functions that contribute to student's success."

1. *Broad, well-rounded curriculum and course offerings (arts, vocational courses, advanced offerings, etc.)*
2. *Class size (maintain current or better student per teacher ratio)*
3. *Safe facilities and positive learning environments*
4. *Programs and services for all students (special education, gifted and talented, alternative schools, Title 1, counselors, etc.)*
5. *Up-to-date resources and tools (textbooks, technology, classroom supplies, etc.)*
6. *Competitive salaries and benefits*
7. *Support services (breakfast/lunch program, transportation, health, clerical, etc.)*
8. *Hiring practices (hire the best and most qualified applicant)*
9. *Extracurricular activities (athletics, clubs, after school programs)*
10. *Professional development (staff training to keep teaching skills and knowledge current)*

The Board Members stated their appreciation of the hard work and consideration that the District Accountability Committee had invested in identifying and recommending this list of priorities. They recognized that the District must consider cuts in every area of the budget, as we plan how we will cope with the funding reductions.

John Evans made a motion for the Board to accept the list of budget priorities from the District Accountability Committee, and to the extent possible utilize these recommendations to guide budget decisions. Honey Moschetti seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, 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. John Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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