

**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., April 11, 2011**

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Vice-President, **John Evans**, 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: **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**; Director of Special Services/Federal Programs, **Rebecca Odegard-Siegele**; Chief Information Officer, **Shaun Kohl**,

Absent: **Charlene Seaney**, President; and Attorney, **Rocco Meconi**.

II. General Business

A. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Gooldy announced that there was one addition to the agenda:

Information Item II. E. 1. d. – Parental Involvement Board Policy (File 401 A) and SOP 401 A will be introduced by Director of Special Services and Federal Programs, Mrs. Rebecca Odegard-Siegele.

Honey Moschetti 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. Congratulations to Judy Near!

The Board and Administration of Cañon City Schools would like to congratulate Skyline Health Tech, **Mrs. Judy Near**, on her selection as the CEA Education Support Professional of the Year. The award recognizes an Education Support Professional whose activities reflect the contributions of Education Support Professionals to public education. Mrs. Near will be honored at an awards ceremony in Denver on April 29th, and her name will be submitted for consideration at the national level next year.

Dr. Gooldy introduced Mrs. Near and thanked her for her dedication and service. He acknowledged that in the course of her daily duties as Health Tech at Skyline, Mrs. Near has saved the life of a student by administering CPR and of a parent by recognizing that the parent was in insulin shock. Mrs. Near was instrumental in helping establish the Classified Employees bargaining group, CCESPA, and she currently serves on the NEA Board of Directors.

Mrs. Near also expressed her appreciation of working alongside the pro-

professionals in our district, taking care of our students, and representing RE-1 at the state and national levels.

2. Cañon City Students Excel!:

Congratulations to the following Cañon City students for excellence in academic competitions:

Jewel Ray – CCMS 6th Grader – State Spelling Bee Representative

Will Rodgers – Harrison School 8th Grader – State Geography Bee Representative

Brendan Rea – CCMS 8th Grader – State Qualifier for Math Counts

Dr. Gooldy thanked the students for their hard work and dedication, and acknowledged the support of their parents as well.

- C. 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.

Mr. Matthew Miller addressed the Board on the subject of “Project Respect”, a Truancy Reduction Program with which he is involved in Pueblo City Schools, District 60. The program addresses the needs of expelled or at-risk students by providing community advocates, meeting the students at school and mentoring them to provide support and encouragement to stay in school and learn to be productive citizens.

He asked the Board and Administration to consider revamping our district’s truancy program to implement “Project Respect”, citing the number of Cañon City students who are currently in the court system due to their truancy and other juvenile delinquency issues.

The Board thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation and agreed to take the matter under advisement. Dr. Gooldy stated that our district’s current efforts to deal with truancy are grant-funded, and include the services of Kristina Carstenson, a DHS employee who follows up on truant students and conducts the Truancy Review Board for RE-1, as well as a mentoring program headed by Mike Gunkel, who connects at-risk students with mentors who support and encourage them. No General Fund money is available to support these programs at the present time.

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 March 28, 2011
2. Approval of the Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending April 7, 2011
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Terminations and Leaves
 - b. Supplemental Contracts
 - c. Substitute Lists For Certificated Positions

Dan Cushman moved and Honey Moschetti 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. Update to S.O.P 13 – Purchasing Cards:

Director of Business Services, Mr. Buddy Lambrecht, informed the Board of updates to S. O. P. 13 – Purchasing Cards. As a result of suggestions provided in the last Audit Report, the district will change the method of using Purchasing Cards for purchases made for Special Services and Federal Programs including Title I, Title II, and Special Education. There will be designated purchasing cards and budget codes for these areas.

b. Revisions to File 407 – Use of School District Real Property:

Superintendent Robin Gooldy presented revisions to File 407 – Use of School District Real Property. The purpose of the revisions is to further clarify what are appropriate uses of district facilities, making sure that facilities will not be used for any purpose that is in conflict with our district mission statement.

The revised File 407 will be on the agenda for its first reading, discussion, and first vote at the next Board Meeting, April 25, 2011.

c. Discussion of Recommendation to Extend Transportation Walk-Zones:

Superintendent Robin Gooldy and Director of Transportation Brad Kemper discussed a recommendation to increase the walk zones from 1 mile to 1.5 miles for elementary students and 1.5 miles to 2 miles for middle and high school students. This is being recommended as one of the cost saving actions necessary to deal with state funding cuts.

Dr. Gooldy began the presentation by reviewing the ten areas that have been previously suggested for consideration for budget cuts as the District works to find ways to cope with the projected loss of revenues from the State. He noted that over the past three years our district has had a reduction of 15% of our income (approximately a 3.8 million dollar loss). We have already taken all we can from areas that least affect students and staff, so now will need to consider reductions and/or changes in the areas of professional development, extracurricular activities, hiring practices, increased class size, curricular offerings, and transportation.

He noted that the suggestion was made by a citizen two years ago to increase the walk zones by a half-mile to save on transportation costs, and now it is time to act on that recommendation. Only about a fourth of our students currently ride the bus. Increasing the walk zone as outlined above will eliminate two routes and save about \$50,000.

The district will still provide bus rides to students who live in areas where there is not a safe route to walk to school (i.e. crossing a state highway, etc.), and “conditional rides” will still be available to students who qualify.

d. Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy and S. O. P.:

Director of Special Services and Federal Programs, Mrs. Rebecca Odegard-Siegele, reviewed the changes in the parent involvement policy that need to be implemented in order to comply with state and federal law. The changes to File 401A, Parent Involvement, are quite extensive. The policy will be brought to the April 25th meeting for first reading, discussion, and first vote. The accompanying S. O. P. – SOP 401A, will provide detailed information on the activities, schools participating, and contact person(s) for the required parent involvement components.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a.

F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

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. School-to-Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Continuing Contract:

It was recommended the Board approve the School-to-Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Contract for continuation July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Honey Moschetti made a motion to approve the School-to-Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Contract for continuation July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. 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, Mr. Evans called for a motion to adjourn.

Mike Near moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cushman 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**