

**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., April 8, 2013**

**I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

President, **Honey Moschetti** , 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, **Dan Cushman**, called roll.

Present: **Honey Moschetti**, President; **Mike Near**, Vice-President; **Dan Cushman**, Secretary; **Larry Oddo**, Treasurer; and **Lloyd Harwood**, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Also present: Superintendent, **Robin Gooldy**; Director of Human Resources, **Ty Valentine**; Director of Business Services, **L. F. “Buddy” Lambrecht**; Director of Student Services, **Dominic Carochi**; and Director of Special Services, **Kirsten Javernick**.

Absent: Chief Information Officer, **Shaun Kohl**, and Attorney, **Rocco Meconi**.

**II. General Business**

A. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Gooldy announced the following changes to the agenda:

Additions to the Consent Agenda – Personnel Reports:

Item II. C. 3. a. – Appointments

Item II. C. 3. b. – Terminations and Leaves

Item II. C. 3. d. – Supplemental Contracts

Addition to the Action Items –

Item V. A. 2. – Purchase Offer for Madison School

**Lloyd Harwood made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Dan Cushman 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.

No one present wished to speak on any item not on the agenda.

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 March 11, 2013

2. Approval of the Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending April 4, 2013

3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
  - a. Appointments
  - b. Terminations and Leaves
  - c. Substitute Lists For Licensed and Classified Positions
  - d. Supplemental Contracts

**Mike Near moved and Larry Oddo seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the aforementioned changes. 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. Move to Colorado Springs Metro League:

Mr. Bob Trahern, Director of Athletics/Activities at Cañon City High School, discussed a proposed change from the current South Central League (SCL) to the Colorado Springs Metro League. With a vacancy in the CSML, this is a good opportunity for Cañon City to join a different league.

Mr. Trahern explained that he had started investigating the possibility of this move years ago when Alamosa left the South Central League, creating an uneven number of teams in the League. Having an uneven number of teams makes scheduling difficult. Our school district has been in the SCL for many years, and it may be time for a change affording us the opportunity to play new opponents.

The process includes the District being “released” from the SCL and “accepted into the CSML” through a voting process. If the application is accepted, the change would take place in the 2014-15 school year.

b. Mill Levy Override and Bond Issue:

Dr. Robin Gooldy presented information about the District’s consideration of a Mill Levy Override and Bond Issue to be placed on the November ballot. Discussion included the rationale of need, along with needs to be supported by the revenue.

Dr. Gooldy began by providing a history of where the District has been over the last several years of austerity, saying that we can continue to “just get by” or we can “catch up and move ahead with additional revenues”. We are providing students with a quality education, but if we had more money, we could offer more programs. As a “floor-funded” district, we currently receive less money from the State than most other districts in the state. We have closed schools, consolidated programs, increased fees, refrained from purchasing textbooks and technology upgrades, refrained from providing any salary increases to staff for the past three years, and refrained from filling recently vacated administrative positions.

In the past three years, several committees made up of staff, parents, and community members, have studied our situation and made recommendations to the Board as it pursues fiscal responsibility and quality education for students. It is clear that to

implement many of the recommendations, the District cannot rely on the per-pupil funding from the State to be able to afford to provide additional opportunities for students. The Board and Administration are prepared to go to the voters in the Fall of 2013 to ask for additional funding through a Mill Levy Override and a Bond Issue.

The specific areas that would benefit from additional revenues are as follows:

School Safety – Through a Mill Levy Override (MLO), we would be able to hire (cooperatively with the City) an additional School Resource Officer. Bond Issue money would be utilized for facility safety upgrades such as keyless entries and panic buttons. Dr. Gooldy has been working closely with CCPD Chief Schultz to research what is feasible.

Technology – MLO funds would be utilized to update and replace technology.

Curriculum – MLO funds would enable us to update and upgrade textbooks including license fees for computer textbooks.

- Advanced offerings for college-bound students and additional Career / Tech. Ed. Offerings for non-college-bound students would enable our graduates to be better-prepared for life after high school.

As the members of the Cañon 2020 Committee have found in touring neighboring district schools, their students have these opportunities that our students also deserve.

Recruiting and Retaining Quality Staff – We do a good job of recruiting quality staff, but without sufficient funds to keep them interested in working here, we lose them to areas that can afford to pay them more.

Maintaining our Buildings – The recent Facilities Study revealed several areas (especially roofs and plumbing) which we need to repair / replace in order to keep our buildings safe and functioning. Just as home owners must make repairs to keep up their homes, the District has an obligation to maintain our facilities to keep them safe for students and staff.

We must ask our voters to help us help our students. The cost to the average household of a Mill Levy Override would be about \$5 per month. All of the revenue generated would stay in the community.

Board Members voiced their support as follows:

Mike Near stated that kids in our community should not be penalized because we cannot give them the same opportunities students in neighboring communities have. He looks forward to working with the community to help kids have a “free and equal” education, noting that this community has never been asked for a Mill Levy Override.

Larry Oddo explained that asking the voters for the MLO and Bond Issue would be asking the local community to bridge the gap that will essentially bring our district up to “average” funding levels when compared with other districts in our state.

Lloyd Harwood said it would be investing in our kids. Adding more AP classes or great vocational offerings will give them the best opportunities to succeed.

Dan Cushman said we have cut and cut, and tried to spend our dollars as wisely as possible. We have done our “due diligence” with managing money, and we cannot cut any more. We need to seek to increase our revenues through the ballot issues.

Honey Moschetti summed up by saying we have been forced to make hard decisions, closing schools, etc. because of being a “floor-funded” community. Now we have a great opportunity to be in this community and make a positive impact for our schools by doing this together – working to bring in additional funding.

Dr. Gooldy said the next steps will include conducting mail and telephone surveys to determine the feasibility of going forward with ballot questions for a Bond Issue and a Mill Levy Override.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a.

F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

**III. Review of Board Policies**

A. POLICIES:

1.

**IV. Old Business**

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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**V. New Business**

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Seeking Admission into the Colorado Springs Metro League:

It was recommended that the Board approve a recommendation from Cañon City High School to apply for membership in the Colorado Springs Metro League for athletics.

**Lloyd Harwood made a motion to approve a recommendation from Cañon City High School to apply for membership in the Colorado Springs Metro League for athletics. Dan Cushman seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. Purchase Offer for Madison School:

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase offer from David and Kimberly Schouweiler in the amount of \$175,000.00 for purchase of the Madison School land and improvements and authorize Director of Business Services, Leslie F. Lambrecht, to execute the real estate sales contract and other required contract and sales documents to close the sale of the subject property.

Mr. Lambrecht reminded the attendees that last year we had to close two schools, and we also put those properties up for sale. We have had several offers on the Madison property. The current offer is contingent upon approval of the buyer's financing. We hope to close before the end of this fiscal year.

2. Purchase Offer for Madison School, cont'd:

**Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the purchase offer from David and Kimberly Schouweiler in the amount of \$175,000.00 for purchase of the Madison School land and improvements and authorize Director of Business Services, Leslie F. Lambrecht, to execute the real estate sales contract and other required contract and sales documents to close the sale of the subject property. Mike Near 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. Moschetti called for a motion to adjourn.

**Lloyd Harwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cushman seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.**

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