

**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., January 13, 2014**

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

President, **Mike Near**, 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, **Lloyd Harwood**, called roll.

Present: **Mike Near**, President; **Larry Oddo**, Vice-President; **Lloyd Harwood**, Secretary; **Shad Johnson**, Treasurer; and **Mary Kay Evans**, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Also present: Superintendent, **Robin Gooldy**; Director of Human Resources, **Misty Manchester**; 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 as follows:

Item II. C. 3. a. – Appointments

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

Lloyd Harwood made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Larry Oddo 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.

Mrs. Barbara Penezic addressed the Board with questions about where the board members stand on the issue of Common Core. She expressed concern about federal involvement in our schools and our curriculum. She is especially concerned about certain titles on recommended reading lists for students. Mr. Near noted that the District is required to follow the state standards and suggested that Mrs. Penezic schedule a time to talk to Dr. Gooldy about her specific concerns. Mr. Johnson asked her if she had visited any local classrooms, and she noted that she had visited several classrooms and found them to be well-controlled, but said her main objection was to the federal involvement in our schools and certain recommended book titles.

Dr. Gooldy clarified that this part of the agenda is not for the purpose of having a dialogue with the Board, but it is intended to be an opportunity for citizens to express concerns or opinions. He also responded to the concerns about federal involvement, saying that certain things are mandated by federal law, and yet local districts have flexibility for local control in many areas. He explained that textbook selection is one of those areas, noting that when we adopt textbooks, a panel of teachers, parents, and administrators reviews materials and makes recommendations for adoption to the School Board. He also invited Mrs. Penezic to come in to visit about her concerns individually, which she agreed to do.

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 December 9, 2013
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
 - a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending January 9, 2014
 - b.
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves
 - c. Supplemental Contracts
 - d. Substitute Lists For Licensed and Classified Positions

Larry Oddo moved and Mary Kay 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. Pre-school Special Education Services

Director of Special Education Services, Mrs. Kirsten Javernick and Early Childhood Coordinator, Mrs. Pam Walker, presented information about pre-school special education services provided by the school district. They explained the changes in the delivery of services that have taken place this year.

Mrs. Javernick noted that historically the District has contracted with Starpoint to provide special education services for preschool children, but this year that work relationship has changed. Now, funding that was previously used to pay Starpoint for the contract is targeted to pay our own employees to provide services. From the viewpoint of parents and children, nothing has changed as the students are provided the same services they were in the past.

Mrs. Walker described how children are screened (via the "ECHO Screenings") to determine what services may be needed to prepare them to enter kindergarten ready to succeed. She also pointed out that the District's ECHO screenings are available to children in the Florence-Penrose area, as are the special education services provided at nine Fremont County preschools.

After reviewing the numbers of children screened between July and September, 2013, Mrs. Walker summed up by saying the preschool special education program is currently working with 393 children in the nine area preschool centers. She noted that special education service providers go to the various preschools to work with the children in their own settings.

b. FY 2014-2015 Enrollment Projection:

Director of Business Services, Mr. Buddy Lambrecht, presented information about the projected enrollment for FY 2014-15. He reviewed the process for projecting enrollment based on current numbers, noting that after a steady decline in enrollment over the past ten years, we seem to be leveling out with a slight increase in numbers this year. The projected enrollment figures will drive the creation of the budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

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. Certification of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2014:

It was recommended that the Board approve a resolution certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2014 for the General Fund and the 2003/2004/2006/2011 General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund.

Mr. Lambrecht explained that the assessed values for December 2013 received from the assessor and certified at the December 9th Board Meeting had changed slightly, requiring him to bring the recalculated mill levy back to the board for review and approval. The total mills changed from 35.620 to 35.672.

1. Certification of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2014, cont'd.:

Lloyd Harwood made a motion to approve certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2014 for the General Fund and the 2003/2004/2006/2011 General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Payment of District Share of Election Costs:

It was recommended that the Board approve payment of \$11,250.47 to the Fremont County Clerk and Recorder as the District's share of the November 5, 2013 election.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve payment of \$11,250.47 to the Fremont County Clerk and Recorder as the District's share of the November 5, 2013 election. Mary Kay Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

3. Posting of Meeting Agendas for District Meetings:

It was recommended that the Board designate the front window of the Administration Office at 101 N. 14th Street as the official place to post agendas of School District RE-1 meetings.

Although routine, this action is an annual legal requirement.

Larry Oddo moved to approve designation the front window of the Administration Office at 101 N. 14th St. as the official place to post agendas of School District RE-1 meetings. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

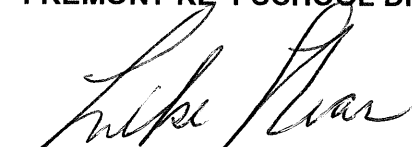
VII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Near called for a motion to adjourn.

Lloyd Harwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Oddo seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



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



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