

**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 24, 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**; Director of Special Services, **Kirsten Javernick**; 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. d. – Substitute Lists For Licensed and Classified Positions

Addition to the Action Item Agenda:

Item V. A. 3. – BOE Resolution Regarding State Education Funding

Lloyd Harwood made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Shad Johnson 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.

Barbara Penezic and Gloria Decker shared their concerns about "Common Core" – the controversial and federally supported standards and curriculum, and about what is done with student information collected by the school district. Both Dr. Gooldy and Mr. Carochi addressed their concerns, saying that the perception that we can "opt out" is not true, and that our district is complying with state and federal law in implementing standards, but is still retaining local control over our curriculum.

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 10, 2014
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
 - a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending February 20, 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 Shad Johnson 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. Update on CES Progress – Beth Gaffney

Cañon Exploratory School Principal, Mrs. Beth Gaffney, updated the Board about progress and programs at CES. She presented a Power Point Presentation, in which she addressed the subject through an acronym which is a motto for CES – C. A. R. E. – “Community”, “Achievement”, Respect / Responsibility”, and “Exploration”. As she explained these four areas, she addressed the concept of multiage classrooms in which students are encouraged to be independent lifelong learners producing quality work, taking personal responsibility for their actions and for their learning, and exploring areas of personal interest through field trips, projects and presentations. She reassured the audience that in spite of concerns about federal involvement in our schools and curriculum, our district maintains local control and “our kids are truly ‘our’ kids”. And she shared a handout containing the “Explorer Pledge”, CES’s Conflict Resolution practices, results of a schoolwide survey which gathered information on parent satisfaction with the school, achievement results, and goals for the future.

Mrs. Gaffney also introduced 1 / 2 Grade Teacher, **Mr. Scott Elliott**, PTO Co-President, **Mrs. Wanda O’Dell**, and 5th Grade Student, **Tristan Rowe**. Mr. Elliott enthusiastically invited people to visit the school especially on Fridays to witness first-hand students helping students as they present projects to their peers. Mrs. O’Dell explained how excited her son is to attend and participate in school again this year, saying that CES is truly a “second family” to her family. Among her favorite things about the school, she mentioned the “organized chaos” on Fridays and being present at the beginning of each day to recite not only the Pledge of Allegiance, but also the “Explorer Pledge”, which, she said, sets the tone for successful days for herself as well as for the students. Tristan Rowe, who has spoken to the Board previously, again emphasized his enthusiasm

for learning via the exploratory model. He especially enjoys researching through field trips and other 'hands on' methods for his projects, and he hopes to be able to continue schooling at CES throughout his middle school grades.

Dr. Gooldy summed up by complimenting the staff, parents, and students of Cañon Exploratory, saying he is impressed with what everyone does to make everything work. Mr. Near agreed, saying that in substitute teaching at the school he has appreciated seeing older students helping younger students in the course of their days.

b. Information on Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS):

Director of Special Education Services, Mrs. Kirsten Javernick, and Harrison Title I Teacher, Mrs. Kelli Jones, presented information about Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) – its purpose and district expectations for staff. Through the use of a Power Point Presentation and a handout, Mrs. Javernick and Mrs. Jones explained that MTSS has been grant-funded and in use at Harrison School this year. Basically, it is a way of “doing business”, putting a layered continuum of support based on data for all students, staff, and schools in all areas including academics, behavior, health and wellness.

Six essential components are necessary to make it work. They are:

Shared Leadership – made up of principals, teachers, interventionists and parents to make decisions collaboratively
Data-based problem solving and decision making – identifying and analyzing problems, implementing plans, and evaluating the plans to see if they are effective – (works for behavior and academics)
Layered Continuum of Support – all students receive some support, some students also receive targeted support, and a few students receive intensive support in addition to the other two layers
Evidence-based instruction, intervention, and assessment practices – these are scientifically research-based, explicit and specific
Universal screening and progress monitoring – determining if what we are doing is working for kids behaviorally and academically
Family, School, and Community Partnering – ideas shared to get families involved.

It is expected that district staff will become involved in implementing MTSS districtwide over the next 3 – 5 years. Harrison School Principal, Ms. Marty Blowers, acknowledged her support for how the program has been working at Harrison this year. Other discussion centered around questions about overcoming the challenges of poverty or non-supportive home life for students. The consensus was that it is necessary to identify small steps and capitalize on the MTSS process to overcome the challenges.

c. Proposed District Calendar For 2014-2015 School Year:

Dr. Robin Gooldy presented the proposed District Calendar for the 2014-15 School Year. He reviewed the process for the development of the calendar, saying that parts of it are set because of requirements of the employee Master Agreements, parts are determined by things we want to do and some by things we have to do.

Each year, a committee works with Dr. Gooldy to develop a calendar

for the coming school year. The proposed calendar for 2014-15 is very similar to the present school year calendar, with the first day of school being August 21, 2014, Fall Break – October 13-14, a full week off at Thanksgiving (11/24 – 11/28), two full weeks at Christmas (12/22/14 - 1/2/15), Spring Break March 23-27, 2015, and the last day of school being May 28, 2015.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mrs. Evans gave kudos to the recent CCHS Tiger "Dinner Theater" fundraiser/production. She also had high praise for the weekly high school activities presenters at the Booster Club Luncheons. The Environmental Club shared information about their various activities last week. Mrs. Evans extended an open invitation to anyone who would like to learn more about what our students are doing in addition to their academics. The Booster Club meets on Thursdays at noon, weekly at DiRito's.

Mr. Johnson reminded everyone about the Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. February 24th.

Mr. Near expressed his appreciation for being able to attend the ESP (Educational Support Personnel) Conference in Denver last weekend.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. Policies Pertaining to Curriculum:

Presented For First Reading, Discussion, and First Vote:

File 704 – Curriculum Development – (revision) - the addition of a word and the striking of a phrase

File 705 – Curriculum Adoption – (revision) - changing the term "experimental" to "pilot" when referring to new programs being introduced

File 706 – Pilot Projects – (revision) - changing the term "experimental" to "pilot" to keep language consistent with the language in File 705

File 707B – Selection or Challenge of Instructional Materials and Textbooks – (revision) - updating the explanation of our process of selecting and/or challenging instructional materials

File 719 – Student Promotion – (revision) – adding language to speak to promotion of elementary students as well as outlining credits earned by middle school students.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the first reading of the revisions to Files 704, 705, 706, 707B, and 719. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Policies Pertaining to Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity:

Presented For First Reading, Discussion, and First Vote:

File 104 – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – (revision)

File 104R – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – Complaint and Compliance Process

File 104E-1 – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – Notice to Public File

104E-2 – Nondiscrimination/ Equal Opportunity (Complaint Form)

File 805 – Intra-District Choice/Student Transfers – (revision)

2. Policies Pertaining to Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity, cont'd:

File 105 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex – (deletion)

File 119 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability – (deletion)

Dr. Gooldy explained that the above policies were revised as a result of suggestions during an Onsite Review by the Office for Civil Rights. The revisions include combining 3 policies (Files 104, 105, and 119) into one (File 104), and eliminating Files 105 and 119.

New policies, File 104R and Files 104E-1 and 104E-2, define the complaint and compliance process, identify who to contact to register a complaint, and provide a complaint form to fill out.

Revision to File 805 deletes one obsolete sentence.

Mary Kay Evans made a motion to approve the first reading of Files 104, 104R, 104E-1, 104E-2 and 805 and deletion of Files 105 and 119. Lloyd Harwood seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Colorado School Districts Self-Insurance Pool:

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool – Pool Agreement and authorize Director of Business Services, Leslie F. “Buddy” Lambrecht, to execute the agreement and related documents required for the District’s participation in the Pool.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the Board approve writing its property, liability and related insurance coverage through the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool.

Mr. Lambrecht explained that the previous insurer had backed out of covering insurance for our fleet, so alternative coverage must be found. Entering into an agreement with this company would put our district in a pool of over 170 school districts and BOCES. Our legal counsel has reviewed and approved the Pool Agreement language.

Lloyd Harwood made a motion to approve the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool – Pool Agreement and authorize Director of Business Services, Leslie F. “Buddy” Lambrecht, to execute the agreement and related documents required for the District’s participation in the Pool, and to approve writing the District’s property, liability and related insurance coverage through the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool. Larry Oddo seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Proposed District Calendar For 2014-2015 School Year:

It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed Cañon City Schools calendar for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Mary Kay Evans made a motion to approve the proposed Cañon City Schools Calendar for the 2014-2015 academic year. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

3. BOE Resolution Regarding State Education Funding:

It was recommended that the Board approve a resolution indicating support for and joining the position of numerous superintendents in Colorado who have stated that any new resources for K-12 education funding should be directed first at reducing and ultimately eliminating the negative factor before designating funding toward specific programs.

Dr. Gooldy explained that over the past five years over a billion dollars has been cut from K-12 Education in Colorado. Districts are currently lobbying the Legislature to restore funding and let districts decide locally how to apply the restored monies rather than have the Legislators put earmarks on the funding. The resolution encourages the Legislature to act on this as quickly as possible to restore funds before the State mandates any more new programs.

Mary Kay Evans made a motion to approve a resolution indicating support for and joining the position of numerous superintendents in CO who have stated that any new resources for K-12 education funding should be directed first at reducing and ultimately eliminating the negative factor before designating funding toward specific programs. Lloyd Harwood seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

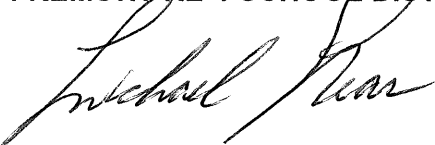
VII. Adjournment

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

Shad Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lloyd Harwood seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



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