

**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., November 11, 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 Business Services, **L. F. "Buddy" Lambrecht**; Director of Special Services, **Kirsten Javernick**; and Chief Information Officer, **Shaun Kohl**.

Absent: Director of Human Resources, **Misty Manchester**; Director of Student Services, **Dominic Carochi**; 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 –

Item II. D. 3. a. – Appointments

Item II. D. 3. c. – Supplemental Contracts

Addition to Reorganization of the Board – Specific Offices – Item II. 4. a.
(1., 2., 3., 4., and 5.)

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. Awards and Kudos

1. Congratulations to the CCHS Band!

The Board and Administration of Cañon City Schools congratulated **Mrs. Stephanie Nolan** and the **CCHS Band** on their outstanding performance in competition this fall. They are the 3A Regional Champions and they recently placed 8th at the State Competition.

The Board and Administration also thanked **Mrs. Jan Cross**, owner of Cross Music Company, who has been a huge supporter of all our school bands, creatively providing instruments for many students who may not have had instruments without her generosity. Along with Mrs. Cross, **Mr. Dennis Bushman**, who works tirelessly to keep the students' band instruments in good repair, was publicly thanked.

1. Congratulations to the CCHS Band!, cont'd.:

Additionally, **Mr. and Mrs. Don (Val) Berry, Berry Trucking**, who have supported the CCHS Band for over 15 years, donating semi-trailer/trucks and fuel to transport the equipment, were recognized.

Dr. Gooldy introduced these recipients, saying that in addition to recognizing the great success of the band, we recognize that we cannot achieve this excellence without the support of the community. When people come forward to help the district of their own volition, it is admirable and very much appreciated.

Mrs. Nolan introduced several senior band students and commended the 90 members of the Marching Band whose season starts before the school year begins. She said it is a testament to their commitment that the seniors here tonight have been a part of a marching band that has made it to the State Championship every year they have been in high school. She noted that everywhere she takes the students, they are complimented on their behavior and manners, so they are wonderful ambassadors for Cañon City.

In addition, Mrs. Nolan thanked Mr. Bushman, who she said will often have an instrument repaired and ready for use within a few hours. She added her thanks to the Berrys, for transporting band instruments without compensation for high school students, including to the out-of-state competitions. They have continued to do this even though their own children graduated years ago.

- 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.

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

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 October 28, 2013
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
 - a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending November 7, 2013
 - 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

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

E. Reorganization of School District Fremont RE-1 Board of Education

1. Oath of Office to New Board Members by President Honey Moschetti:

Outgoing Board President, Mrs. Honey Moschetti, administered the Oath of Office to new board members, Mrs. Mary Kay Evans and Mr. Shad Johnson.

2. Seating of New Board Members, Mrs. Mary Kay Evans and Mr. Shad Johnson:

Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Evans were invited to join the rest of the Board in honoring Mr. Cushman and Mrs. Moschetti.

3. Appreciation to Outgoing Board Members – Mrs. Honey Moschetti and Mr. Dan Cushman:

Dr. Gooldy thanked Mrs. Moschetti and Mr. Cushman for their many years of service to the students, staff, and members of this community. He shared that it had been a privilege and pleasure to work with Honey and Dan, saying that he had witnessed them putting the interests of students ahead of personal interests and always focusing on “what’s good for kids”. He then invited the other board members to share their thoughts.

Mr. Harwood said he enjoyed working with Dan and Honey, and appreciated their insights on leadership. He will miss them. Mr. Near thanked them for putting kids above everything else as they had worked together to lead the District. Mr. Oddo echoed these sentiments, saying the past several years have been enjoyable even though difficult and challenging. Mr. Johnson thanked Honey and Dan for their service, noting that the new Board has “big shoes to fill”. Mrs. Evans thanked them for their dedication and agreed with Mr. Johnson, “hoping we can fill those shoes”.

Dr. Gooldy then presented Mrs. Moschetti and Mr. Cushman with personalized Cañon City Tiger Jerseys to commemorate their service. Mr. Cushman has served a total of 4 years and Mrs. Moschetti has served 8 years. They will be missed.

Mrs. Moschetti and Mr. Cushman then had an opportunity to share their parting sentiments. Mrs. Moschetti expressed appreciation to the excellent leadership of this district, saying it is the “best district in the country”, and totally committed to children. She defined our administrators as “leadership with a heart”, and welcomed the new board members, encouraging everyone to continue to pursue the funding necessary to improve our situation. Mr. Cushman echoed her sentiments, saying this is a good district full of hardworking people. This district and our kids deserve more funding, and he hopes we get in in the near future. He expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve.

4. Reorganization of Board:

Conducted by Mr. Mike Near:

a. It was recommended that the Board approve the following members for specific offices:

1. President – Mike Near
2. Vice President – Larry Oddo

3. Secretary – Lloyd Harwood
4. Treasurer – Shad Johnson
5. Assistant Secretary / Treasurer – Mary Kay Evans

Mr. Near asked for a motion to approve these members for these offices.

Mr. Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the slate of offices as outlined above. Mr. Lloyd Harwood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor, and the five Board members then took their seats in their new positions to continue the meeting, with President, Mike Near presiding.

Dr. Gooldy congratulated the new members and said he looked forward to trying to solve the District's challenges together.

F. 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. Graduation With Honors Recommended Changes:

Superintendent Dr. Robin Gooldy presented information about the recommendations made by the Review Committee for Graduation with Honors Requirements. The review committee looked back to changes that were implemented impacting the class of 2013, and responding to suggestions of staff, parents and last year's graduating seniors, decided to re-evaluate those changes and improve on them.

As a result, we will reinstate the practice of awarding weighted grades for "honors level" courses utilizing a 5.0 GPA scale. This practice will be retroactive to accommodate current students. Additionally, class rank will be readily available to students / parents who need the information for scholarship or college admission applications. CCHS will continue the practice of having a "student speaker" rather than a Valedictorian. Cañon City High School departments will explore opportunities to implement additional honors level classes.

The driving force for developing these recommendations was helping our students compete with other students around the state and country. A complete description of the recommendations can be found in the Action Agenda of this summary.

b. Health and Wellness Update:

District Wellness Coordinator, Mrs. Kristi Elliott, presented an update on District Health and Wellness activities including information on the "Healthy Schools Successful Students" and other grant-funded projects. Mrs. Elliott has been successful in securing a variety of grants that fund not only her position plus some part-time assistance, but also allows her to create wellness partnerships with all the districts in Fremont County – RE-1, RE-2 (Florence and Penrose) and RE-3 – Cotopaxi. The regional concept has been well-received in her applications for grant funding.

Mrs. Elliott shared the newly developed "Wellness Logo", a multi-faceted representation of her department's goals for staff and students encompassing health services, nutrition, physical and mental health, safe school environment, and community/family. She also shared a handout explaining several projects and targets utilizing these funds, including professional development opportunities, programs, and additional equipment and materials.

Dr. Gooldy expressed appreciation for Mrs. Elliott's enthusiasm in "championing" wellness for our whole region. He stressed that all her programs including her salary and that of her staff depends on her great ability to pull in grant funding.

In turn, Kristi thanked the Board and Administration as well as building level staff members for their great support.

c. Overview/Summary of the Student Count Numbers:

Director of Business Services, Mr. Buddy Lambrecht, introduced Student Count Coordinator, Mrs. Yvonne Weiser, who has returned to our District as Accounting Manager, to present an overview of the Student Count Numbers for SY 2013-14.

Mrs. Weiser shared handout that enumerated the student numbers by grade and F. T. E. (Full Time Equivalent). Preliminary numbers indicate that our district has about 38.5 more students than last year. With the averaging process, we should realize an increase of about 20 students.

Dr. Gooldy and Mr. Oddo both acknowledged what an enormous and complicated task the pupil count is, and thanked Mrs. Weiser for her diligence in coming "up to speed" in a short amount of time to learn the new system along with her other new duties.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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G. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

-**Mr. Harwood** reported parent concerns for safety of students and other pedestrians in the pick-up / drop off areas at schools in the before and after school hours. He asked people to be vigilant, drive cautiously, and obey the laws, especially in this area.

-**Mr. Near**, noting that today is Veteran's Day, expressed appreciation to all Veterans both locally and around the country, thanking them for protecting our freedoms.

III. **Review of Board Policies**

A. POLICIES:

1. Presented For First Reading, Discussion, and First Vote:

Revision of File 114 – Tobacco-Free Schools

Deletion of File 626 – Tobacco-Free Workplace

Deletion of File 815 – Use of Tobacco by Students

Dr. Gooldy noted that the revisions reflect changes in society encompassing E-Cigarettes and all tobacco products. The revised File 114 includes and consolidates details in Files 626 and 815, making them obsolete.

1. Presented For First Reading, Discussion, and First Vote, cont'd.:

Larry Oddo moved to approve the first reading of File 114, Tobacco-Free Schools, and delete Files 626 – Tobacco-Free Workplace and File 815 – Use of Tobacco by Students. 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. Review Committee Recommendations for Graduation Honors Requirements:

It was recommended that the Board approve the recommendations of the Review Committee for Graduation with Honors Requirements.

The recommendations are:

1. Reinstate the practice of awarding weighted grades for courses designated as "honors level". This will utilize a 5.0 GPA scale.
2. Implement the awarding of weighted grades retroactively; meaning current students shall receive this designation rather than waiting to start the practice with 2014-15 freshmen.
3. Class rank will be readily available to students/parents who want the information for scholarship or college admission applications. Class rank will not be used to determine a student's achievement of Graduation with Honors Requirements.
4. CCHS will continue the practice of having a "student speaker" rather than a Valedictorian. The student will be identified through a process with the following steps:
 - a. Must meet Summa Cum Laude Honors requirements.
 - b. Must apply to be student speaker.
 - c. Must interview and audition with the principal and designated staff.
 - d. Must demonstrate involvement in school activities or athletics, or community service.
 - e. In the event of a tie, cumulative GPA will determine the student speaker.
5. High school departments will explore opportunities to implement additional honors level classes.

Mr. Oddo represented the Board on this committee, and endorsed the recommendations. Mr. Near noted that he was pleased with the prompt response to the concerns that were raised.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Review Committee for Graduation with Honors Requirements as set forth in the explanation above. Lloyd Harwood seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Class of 2013 Addendum to the List of Spring Graduates:

It was recommended that the Board approve for graduation with the Class of 2013 one additional name – Jonathan Michael Colburn.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve Jonathan Michael Colburn for graduation with the Class of 2013. Mary Kay Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

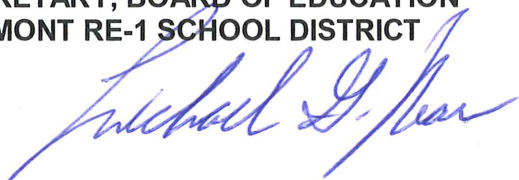
VII. Adjournment

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 6:45 p.m.



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



**PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION
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