

**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., December 9, 2013**

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:

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, **Mary Kay Evans**, called roll.

Present: **Mike Near**, President; **Larry Oddo**, Vice-President; **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
Absent: **Lloyd Harwood**, Secretary; 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. b. – Terminations and Leaves

Item II. C. 3. c. – Substitute Lists for Licensed Positions

Addition to the Information Agenda:

Item II. D. 1. b. – New CPP Program for Kindergarten Students

(Dr. Gooldy also announced that we would change the order of the information items on the agenda and move II. D. 1. Item b. ["Ad Valorem Tax Levies"] to Item c.)

Larry Oddo made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. On a 4-0 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.

Three people had signed up in advance of the meeting to address the Board.

1. Mrs. Candy Thompson – SB 1081 – Mrs. Thompson asked the question to the Board – "What does the Board know about Senate Bill 1081 dealing with Sex Education, and will our district be applying for a grant to purchase the curriculum for grades 3 – 12 or do we have our own curriculum?" - Mr. Near and Dr. Gooldy asked Mrs. Thompson to come to the Administration Office and speak with either Dr. Gooldy or Director of Student Services and Federal Programs, Mr. Dominic Carochi about this issue.

Public Comment, Continued:

2. Mr. Steven Barton – Solar Panels – Mr. Barton wanted to call to the District's attention his opinion that the placement of the solar panels on the roof at Cañon Exploratory School causes them to be inefficient. He stated that the panels are placed too close together and at the wrong angle. He said there are too many panels on too little roof, and if they were placed differently, the power output could be doubled.
3. Mrs. Anita Stapleton – Common Core – Mrs. Stapleton read a statement opposing Common Core reform, and shared an invitation to a pre-session meeting for legislators at which Common Core will be discussed, with an appeal to exempt Colorado from this legislation.

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 November 11, 2013
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
 - a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending December 5, 2013
 - b. Quarterly Financial Reports
 - Budget Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2013
 - Bank / Investment Account Report For July-September, 2013
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves
 - c. Substitute Lists For Licensed and Classified Positions

Larry Oddo moved and Shad Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a 4-0 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. FY 2012-13 Financial Audit:

Director of Business Services, Mr. Buddy Lambrecht, and Mr. Tom Sistare of Hoelting and Company presented information about the Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Mr. Sistare noted that the recent audit was completed with an "unmodified" opinion, meaning there were no concerns needing correction. It is the highest level of assurance that may be issued for an audit under generally accepted accounting and auditing standards. According to the financial statements, unrestricted assets were down by 7% and liabilities down by 5%. The Fund Balance as a percentage of expenditures is at about 6%, overall down by

\$92,000. He noted that there were no unusual swings and the large expenses in the 2011-12 school year seem to have leveled out.

The Food Services Program continues to be self-sustaining. There were no negative findings in compliance in the Title I and Title II funds, and the Business Services Staff was commended for being "a pleasure to work with". Both Mr. Near and Mr. Sistare noted that the District has again trimmed administrative staff so all remaining staff members are shouldering more responsibilities.

Mr. Lambrecht summed up by stating that there is an additional new level of accountability with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the new CDE reporting has changed the Business Services schedule. In spite of that fact, there was no need to request an extension from the auditors, and they are proud of the unmodified "clean" opinion.

b. New CPP Program for Kindergarten Students:

Mrs. Debi Blackwell, presented information about the new Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) for Kindergarten Students at Lincoln School For Science and Technology. She also introduced Mrs. Pam Walker, Early Childhood Manager, and Kindergarten Teachers, Mr. Zach McDowell and Mrs. Robin Burch.

Through the use of a Power Point presentation and two handouts, Mrs. Blackwell explained that the program, funded by the Early Childhood At-Risk Enhancement Initiative (ECARE) Grant, has allowed the addition of a kindergarten class, reducing class size. The goal is to enhance school readiness, ensuring that children are ready for school and schools are ready for all children. To that end, Lincoln School is piloting the "Teaching Strategies GOLD" program with all kindergarten students. Children are evaluated in the academic and developmental areas via this program. Eventually all kindergarten teachers in the District will be utilizing this tool.

c. Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2014:

Mr. Buddy Lambrecht presented information about the tax levies for the 2014 Calendar Year. Boards of Education are bound by the Public School Finance Act to certify to their respective county commissioners by December 15th the number of mills to be levied for property tax.

It is expected that the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2014 will be 27.055 Mills for the General Fund and 8.565 Mills for the 2003/2004/2006/2011 General Obligation Bond & Interest fund, for a total of 35.620 Mills.

As the County Assessors have until December 10th to make revisions to assessed valuations, final numbers may need to be adjusted. If this is the case, Mr. Lambrecht will present the final amounts at the January 13, 2014 Board Meeting.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

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

Revision of File 114 – Tobacco-Free Schools

Deletion of File 626 – Tobacco-Free Workplace

Deletion of File 815 – Use of Tobacco by Students

The revision to File 114 consolidates and streamlines the three policies which addressed tobacco use in the District, and expands the language to include “E-cigarettes”. With the revision language, Files 626 and 815 are redundant and will be deleted from the Board Policy Book and the Board Policy Section of the District Web Site.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the second reading of the revised File 114 – Tobacco-Free Schools, and the deletion of Files 626 and 815. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Audited Financial Statements:

It was recommended that the Board approve the fiscal year 2012-13 financial audit as presented.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 financial audit as presented. Mary Kay Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

2. 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.

Larry Oddo made a motion to 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. Shad Johnson 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. Near called for a motion to adjourn.

Shad Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Oddo seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Lloyd Herwood

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

Richard G. Spear

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