

**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 28, 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**; and Chief Information Officer, **Shaun Kohl**.

Absent: 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. c. – Substitute Lists For Licensed and Classified Positions

Addition to the Action Item Agenda:

Item V. A. 3. – Approval of Textbooks and Materials For Use in Chemistry Course at CCHS

**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. Awards and Kudos

1. Congratulations to ADDA Students!:

For the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, CCHS students in the ADDA (American Digital Design Association) Program won more places in the national contest than any other school in the nation. Before calling the students forward, Dr. Gooldy took a moment to recognize their teacher and coach, Mr. Mike Geesaman. He reminded the Board that two years ago, Mr. Geesaman was named "Instructor of the Year" at the national ADDA Conference, and this month, Mr. Geesaman was inducted into the PCC Fremont Foundation Hall of Fame, honored for his contribution to education here in Fremont County.

Here are the nine national winners in the 2014 American Digital Design Association Design Contest:

ADDA Mechanical Design Category

3<sup>rd</sup> place in the nation, receiving the "Presidential Award"

**Keaton Kemper**

ADDA Architectural Residential Design Category

2<sup>nd</sup> place in the nation, receiving the "Board of Directors Award"

**Steven Ortega**

ADDA Architectural Presentation Design Category

3<sup>rd</sup> place in the nation, receiving the "Presidential Award"

**Taylor Vestring**

1<sup>st</sup> place in the nation, receiving the "Board of Governors Award" and \$100

**Alexander McMillan**

ADDA Graphic Design Category

Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the nation, receiving the "Presidential Award"

**Julianna Manfredo and Erika O'Rourke**

Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the nation, receiving the "Board of Directors Award" and \$50

**Megan Bosisio and Taylor Ford**

1<sup>st</sup> place in the nation, receiving the "Board of Governors Award" and \$250

**Breanna Lancaster**

Dr. Gooldy summed up by saying that these kinds of recognition represent much hard work over a long period of time. The Board joined in expressing their gratitude to Mr. Geesaman for his many good years of leadership, and congratulations to the students.

- 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.

**Mr. Danny Baracz** introduced himself as a "proud parent, proud teacher, and a proud president of the teacher association". He addressed his remarks to the Board, saying that no matter what our differences are, he appreciates the way the Board members conduct themselves with utmost integrity and honesty. His message was one of thanks for everyone's hard work and ethical conduct.

Request for an Executive Session:

It was requested that the Board retire into an Executive Session as per *CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel matters except where the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting. This section does not apply to any member of the entity, any elected official, or the appointment of a person to fill the office of a member of the entity or to discussion of personnel policies that do not require discussions of matters personal to particular employees.*

No action will be taken.

Mr. Near called for a motion to move into the Executive Session, citing the above-named State Statute. **Lloyd Harwood made a motion to move into Executive Session as per CRS 24-6-402(4)(f). Larry Oddo seconded the motion. The vote was 5 – 0 in favor.** No action will be taken.

Request for an Executive Session, Cont'd.:

Dr. Gooldy requested that in addition to himself and the Board, Alice Stefanic, Misty Manchester, an employee and her representative be present.

The Executive Session began at 5:55 p.m. and ended at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Near reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Board. He then asked for a motion to amend the Consent Agenda, removing the name of an employee from the Terminations and Leaves Report, postponing a decision while information is gathered.

**Larry Oddo made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda, removing the name of an employee from the nonrenewal designation on the Terminations and Leaves Report and tabling a decision till the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Shad Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0 in favor.**

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 4/14/14
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
  - a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending April 24, 2014
  - b.
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
  - a. Appointments
  - b. Terminations and Leaves
  - c. Substitute Lists For Licensed and Classified Positions

Mr. Near then called for a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda. **Larry Oddo moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 – 0** and the motion was passed.

E. 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. Proposal to add 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Cañon Exploratory School:

Dr. Gooldy began by saying the idea was first presented to the Board many months ago, and it is time to get the discussion started about whether or not to move forward. He then turned the floor over to **Mrs. Beth Gaffney**, Principal of Cañon Exploratory School, who, along with two teachers, two parents, and a student presented their ideas about the advantages of adding the opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to continue their education at CES. The proposal that Mrs. Gaffney shared calls for a rigorous curriculum along with exploration of career paths and preparation necessary to pursue

individual careers. If approved, the proposal would be phased in over two years, starting with 7<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2014-15 school year.

To begin the discussion, Mrs. Gaffney shared that the intention is to offer students some choices about their education between elementary and high school, namely by providing an extenuation of the Choice Theory culture students have experienced in elementary grades, plus regular curriculum and community projects that would allow them to gain “real world” experience, researching their future career interest areas.

She then introduced **Mr. Adam Hartman**, District GATE Coordinator, who shared information about the curriculum that would be utilized if middle school grades are added. He had high praise for the “Springboard” Curriculum for English/Language Arts and Math, noting that it has consistently high expectations – a “hands-on, minds-on” approach to learning. The Springboard Curriculum is a rigorous Pre-AP curriculum which prepares students for future learning challenges.

**Mr. Justin Kurth**, a parent of a CES student, shared his thoughts, outlining the many advantages he sees in allowing students to continue two more years of familiarity in student/teacher/parent expectations and relationships before they have to transition to high school. He said he has witnessed much personal growth in his own daughter, and that he and his family would appreciate the options middle school grades would afford.

Another CES parent, **Mr. Adam Lancaster**, and his daughter, **Allison**, a sixth grader at CES, then shared their enthusiasm for the idea of adding two more grades to the school. Mr. Lancaster believes that providing additional choices to students who may have different learning styles is a big advantage. He also commended the multiage concept, saying that he sees benefits to all ages of students interacting. His daughter, Allison, said she was excited at the idea of being able to continue the Exploratory Model for two more years as this is her first year at CES. She enjoys getting out into the community during the field trips her class has taken, and feels more independent and challenged in her learning.

CES 5/6 Grade Teacher, **Mrs. Kelly Albrecht**, then shared her experience of researching the beginning of a CES Newspaper project by visiting with Mr. Karl Wurtzbach, General Manager of the Cañon City Daily Record. She read a letter of support from Mr. Wurtzbach, in which he expressed interest in the newspaper project Mrs. Albrecht is working on with her students and a desire to foster collaboration between the local newspaper and the CES Newspaper.

Mrs. Gaffney summed up by sharing a flier and a handout outlining the scope and goals of adding 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades to Cañon Exploratory School, and shared that her hope is to be able to implement slowly by adding just 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year, needing only one additional teacher, and utilizing an online program for some subjects.

- b.
- 2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - a.

F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

-Mr. Harwood shared that he and Mr. Oddo had both assisted at the Harrison School Book Fair recently.

-Mr. Harwood also reported visiting a Statistics Class at the high school. He had high praise for the quality of instruction. Additionally, he took the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade CMAS Social Studies Test online, and noted that the test is very challenging.

-Mrs. Evans commended the CCHS Band students for their recent concert and their excellent job at the CHSAA Competition. She also encouraged local support of the upcoming Senior Fun Fest, a community-sponsored party activity for graduating seniors aimed at providing fun safe festivities for students as they end their high school careers.

-Mr. Johnson emphasized that the CCHS band students will be featured with the local band '*Flash Cadillac*' at Blossom Festival activities this weekend. The Girls Tennis Team will compete in Pueblo this weekend as well.

-Mr. Near shared that Prom was a safe and good night last weekend. He, along with Mr. Carochi, Dr. Gooldy, Mrs. Evans, and Mr. Johnson attended the "Leader in Me" Program at Washington Elementary and thoroughly enjoyed it.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

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IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Proposed Additions to the CCHS Course Offerings for SY 2014-15:

It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed additions of the following math courses for Cañon City High School for the 2014-15 School Year:

Career and Tech Ed Math  
Foundations of Math  
Applied Geometry  
Quantitative Literacy  
Math for Liberal Arts

Dr. Gooldy reminded the Board that CCHS Principal, Mr. Bret Meuli, had introduced these classes at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**Mary Kay Evans made a motion to approve the proposed addition of Career and Tech Ed Math, Foundations of Math, Applied Geometry, Quantitative Literacy, and Math for Liberal Arts to the math offerings at CCHS for the 2014-15 School Year. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. Proposed Change to May 2014 Meeting Schedule:

It was recommended that the Board approve cancellation of the May 28, 2014 Board Meeting.

The meeting would be on the Memorial Day holiday, and has traditionally been cancelled.

**Lloyd Harwood made a motion to approve cancelling the May 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Larry Oddo seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

3. Approval of Textbooks and Materials for Use in Chemistry Course at CCHS:

It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Chemistry 2012 and associated instructional materials for use at Cañon City High School. The expected cost for 75 textbooks and associated instructional materials, based on a quote from Pearson, is \$7,409.07.

Dr. Goody shared that this purchase will allow the District to replace the infamous 17-year-old chemistry texts. The text and associated materials have been reviewed through the textbook approval process and will be available for next school year.

**Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the purchase of Chemistry 2012 and associated instructional materials for use at Cañon City High School. The expected cost for 75 textbooks and associated instructional materials, based on a quote from Pearson, is \$7,409. Mary Kay Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

**VI. Miscellaneous Business**

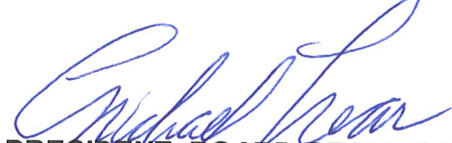
**VII. Adjournment**

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

**Larry Oddo moved to adjourn the meeting. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**



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