

**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., March 9, 2015**

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 Student Services, **Dominic Carochi**; Director of Special Services, **Kirsten Javernick**; Director of Support Services, **Paula Buser**, and Chief Information Officer, **Shaun Kohl**.

II. General Business

A. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Gooldy announced the following changes to the agenda:

V. A. 3. Scheduling of Special Board Meeting - correction

Larry Oddo made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Lloyd Harwood seconded the motion. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Recognition of CCHS Tiger Booster Club Members Sue Day, Raynette Douglas, Mary Kay Evans, Francie Mattson, and Chris Solis:

Dr. Robin Gooldy recognized five of the many booster club members that tirelessly work with the CCHS Tiger Booster Club. Chris Solis was not in attendance.

Dr. Gooldy thanked them for all the volunteer hours that they put in and for doing it for the kids. This group supports not only athletics but all activities.

Shad Johnson added that Fun Fest could not happen without the Booster Club. Thanking them for the thousands of dollars that have been donated over the years, Mr. Johnson added that Fun Fest is but one of the programs they support. "There are so many avenues that they touch."

Sue Day commented that she does it for the kids and that is her passion. She has been on the board for 23 years.

Raynette Douglas commented that they are just four of the board of 15 that work very hard. As Board President, she added that she is lucky to have the group she works with. "The last two weekends have been a good sign of what they have. A lot of people have stepped up to support athletics and activities."

2. Kelly Albrecht – CES Middle School Edible Garden Grant:

CES Middle School (led by Kelly Albrecht) has applied for and received a \$2000 grant from Whole Foods to install an edible community garden. The funds should be received at the end of the month with hopes to begin the installation in April.

Dr. Gooldy recognized Kelly Albrecht for the grant she applied for and received. She took the initiative to go after this grant and was successful.

Mrs. Albrecht said that students will be doing research about community gardens, raised bed gardening, edibles, garden planning, etc. Then they will help draw up the plans. They hope to begin installation by the end of April or early May. They would like to find other donors to donate supplies so they can install fencing around the garden for protection and also a small shed to keep garden tools.

Once the garden is installed, CES hopes to find community members and classrooms to adopt a plot that they would be able to maintain and harvest. They also plan to use the space as an outdoor classroom with hopes of expanding it to include a butterfly garden.

3. Recognition of Alco for their work with 18-21 year old Bridges Transition Students:

The board recognized Chadd Michaelis (Store Manager) and Nate Arneson for providing supported work experiences to several students within the Bridges Transition program. The Bridges Transition Program is a program for post-secondary students who are 18-21 years of age, and are identified as needing assistance with various life skills, including vocational training or work experience. Bridges assists them with job searches, creating personal portfolios, applications, interviewing, training and job retention. Community training sites provide a realistic setting for learning, much better than trying to simulate work situations in a classroom. The Bridges Program invites businesses to "partner" with them to help provide the participants a much needed, practical, work experience environment

Over the last two years, Alco has provided 2 students with invaluable work experience in a supported work environment. Chadd Michaelis, along with the late Joni Bethune, didn't hesitate to welcome us (Bridges) into their business when we approached them last year (early fall of 2013). They were actually excited to have us aboard, even giving the participants Alco work shirts and official name tags! Nate Arneson, took Participants "under his wing" when working there---providing them with instructions and directions on various job tasks. The whole ALCO community went the extra mile to make our students feel welcome, and part of the ALCO team.

Mrs. Erin Hoffman, Mrs. Dana Kalipolites, Mr. Grant Brown, and Mr. Justice Cannon, acknowledged Chadd Michaelis and Nate Arneson for their efforts on behalf of Bridges. Sue Michaelis was in attendance representing her husband.

- 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.

Barbara Penezic addressed the Board with concerns about bullying and PARCC testing.

Dr. Gooldy commented that bullying is not always just a school issue. He noted that we need to take all steps that we can to stop bullying. He added that when principals work on this, they have to work through a lot of issues to find out who is doing the bullying. Bullying is a challenging issue and isn't a one school, one district, or one community issue.

Dr. Gooldy also commented on the PARCC testing stating that it is a very controversial issue. He continued by asking parents and community members to contact their representatives and let them know that we need to have fewer assessments.

Mr. Harwood added that the State Legislature has the power to make the changes that are needed.

Mr. Near agreed and asked that the schools not be given any more mandates that are unfunded and no more assessments.

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 February 25, 2015
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
 - a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending March 4, 2015
 - b.
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Terminations and Leaves

Mary Kay Evans moved and Shad Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

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. Update on State Assessments:

Mr. Dominic Carochi gave an update on state assessments and noted that fourteen parents have opted out of testing. Students in Grades 3-8 are currently working on the Performance Based Assessment in Math and ELA finishing by April 3rd. This testing will be followed by the Science (grades 5 & 8) and Social Studies (grades 4 & 7) testing in April through May 1st. The End of Year Assessment in Math and ELA will run from April 20th through May 15th.

Mr. Carochi commented that this is huge and we have our own district tests to do as well.

Mr. Oddo and Mr. Harwood questioned how much interference this causes and how much instruction time is lost. Mr. Carochi said that it is consuming principals. Putting the schedules together is huge and does impact the instructional time.

Mr. Carochi believes in the "right assessment for the right purpose." The professionals believe that this decision has been taken from them.

McKinley and Cañon City Middle School both reported that testing had been going well at each site. There have been a few glitches but things are now running smoothly.

Mr. Carochi thanked Mr. Kohl and his team for all the work that they have done to make the assessments go smoothly.

b. Update Report on Improvement Efforts at McKinley Elementary, Cañon City Middle School, and Harrison K-8:

Drenda Manning, Marty Blowers, and Ken Trujillo gave an update on actions underway at their schools to positively impact academic achievement.

Mr. Trujillo opened by explaining that CCMS math scores were low. This year they are doing interventions within the building before school, during lunch, and after school with a homework club. The Homework Club is Monday – Thursday from 2:45 – 4:00 and is an open invitation to any child who wants help with math. CCMS had asked the School Board for a Math Interventionist for an additional resource to work with kids in math. The Math Interventionist has done a phenomenal job. Math scores have improved by an average of 1.5 grade level.

Mrs. Manning followed by explaining that McKinley has 25 minute Math focus groups and 25 minute Reading focus groups. Students are placed into a focus group based on data obtained from benchmark testing. Every 6 weeks the staff meets with collaborations to determine if students need to be moved to another group to obtain a more intense intervention or remain in the same group. They also progress monitor students weekly. Overall, from fall to winter, the median growth for students in 2nd through 5th grade was 74% for Reading. For Math, fall to winter data shows students demonstrating 63% median growth.

Ms. Blowers explained that Harrison Middle School has begun doing interventions for ELA and Math with the core teachers. Instead of hiring an Interventionist, these teachers are being trained to do their own interventions. Interventions are 53 minutes in length. If students aren't participating in interventions, they are participating in Enrichment. Students who are testing below the 30th percentile are targeted for interventions. Group size is limited to a maximum of 10 students with most groups having less than 10. Progress monitoring is done and the movement is fluid. Some students move out, and others move in to the interventions. Harrison is also utilizing a Math Coach to help support the Tier 3 RTI students and special needs students.

c. Proposed District Calendar For 2015-2016 School Year:

Dr. Robin Gooldy presented the proposed District Calendar for the 2015-16 School Year.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Shad Johnson commented on the CCHS wrestling team and the CCHS Girls Basketball teams and coaches. The games were "remarkable." The games brought the school and community together.

Mrs. Mary Kay Evans commented on the jazz band and how much it has improved. The band "sounds like a college level." She also commented on the bands going to the games and Springfest. She said it is phenomenal what the band kids do and Mrs. Nolan.

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 District Calendar For 2015-2016 School Year:

It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed Cañon City Schools calendar for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Mary Kay Evans made a motion to approve the proposed District Calendar for 2015-2016 School Year. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Proposed Change to Meeting Schedule:

It was recommended that the board cancel its March 23, 2015 meeting.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the proposed change to the meeting schedule. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

3. Scheduling of Special Board Meeting:

It was recommended that the Board approve the scheduling of a Special Board Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015. Further, it is recommended that the meeting be held in the Board Room at the Cañon City Schools Administration Office, and begin at 4:00 p.m.

Lloyd Harwood made a motion to approve the scheduling of Special Board Meeting. Larry Oddo seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

4. Approval of Award for Bid #2015-001 – Network Switch Purchase:

It was recommended that the Board approve the bid #2015-001 for the purchase of network switches be awarded to GovConnection in the amount of \$362,813.78 contingent upon adequate funding commitment from the Universal Service Administration Company for reimbursements under the E-Rate program.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the award for Bid #2015-001 for the purchase of network switches be awarded to GovConnections in the amount of \$362,813.78 contingent upon adequate funding commitment from the Universal Service Administration Company for reimbursements under the E-Rate program and which will be subject to further board approval before funds are actually expended. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

Approval of Award for Bid #2015-002 – Firewall and Wireless System Purchase:

It was recommended that the Board approve the bid #2015-002 for the purchase of a new firewall and wireless system be awarded to GovConnection in the amount of \$59,936.00 contingent upon adequate funding commitment from the Universal Service Administration Company for reimbursements under the E-Rate program.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the approval of Award for Bid #2015-002 for the purchase of a new firewall and wireless system be awarded to GovConnection in the amount of \$59,936.00 contingent upon adequate funding commitment from the Universal Service Administration Company for reimbursements under the E-Rate program and which will be subject to further board approval before funds are actually expended. 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. Mary Kay Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



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