

**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., April 13, 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 Business Services, **L. F. "Buddy" Lambrecht**; 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:

II. D. 3. b. Terminations and Leaves

II. D. 3. d. Substitute Lists for Licensed and Classified Positions

II. E. 1. Information Items – Change order – b. Update on Student Assessments before a. Delayed Starts for Professional Development

V. A. 2. Resolution Restoring the Negative Factor Before Providing TABOR Refunds as a Statewide Priority

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

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Introduction of Jeff Worley and Mike Fetterhoff:

Dr. Gooldy introduced Mike Fetterhoff who will be the School Resource Officer for McKinley Elementary School beginning August 2015. Dr. Gooldy commented on the strong relationship with the Cañon City Police Department to provide School Resource Officers. McKinley has been in a unique situation with being outside the city limits but within the county and because of that there was a gap. Sherriff Beiker has stepped up to fill that gap. Mike Fetterhoff, with Clint Wilson, will be the School Resource Officer for McKinley as well as Penrose Elementary, Headstart, Spin and area Christian Schools. Dr. Gooldy welcomed Mr. Fetterhoff to the District. Dr. Gooldy commented that School Resource Officers did more than just law enforcement. They also work to build positive relationships with the kids. He also introduced Jeff Worley who stated that he loved being involved with Cañon City Schools and was happy that the Sherriff's office would have the opportunity to work with the schools.

2. School Student Representatives:

The Board recognized the following student representatives who provided school tours to the Superintendent Candidates:

CCHS:

Henry Elliott
Elise Green
Emma Maruschack
Leslie Roberts

CCMS:

Kiley O'Rourke
Lindsey Woolsey

Cañon Exploratory School:

Clara Berger
Remington Porter

Harrison School:

Collin Canterbury
Tarian Fordyce
Sammi Holt
Nathania Smith
Kealan Trainor
Peyton Valentine

Lincoln School of Science & Technology:

Makena Nelson
Faith Wimmer

McKinley School:

Karlee Dell
Caden Richardson

Washington School:

Kaylynn Blauser
Destiny Jordan
McKenna Vidmar

Dr. Gooldy thanked the parents and students for being in attendance. He commented that when the Superintendent Candidates went on the school tours led by the students, they came back and couldn't say enough good things about the youngsters in our district. It was a real plus for Cañon City. He thanked all the students for what they did, the impressions they made, and the good things that they do. When guests come in, it does make a difference and tells them a lot of who we are on how students conduct themselves. One of the biggest assets in the community is the kids.

Mr. Near also commented that all the candidates said that they were very impressed with the students who escorted them around the schools.

Mrs. Evans added that the candidates also felt that the students were very knowledgeable about the schools and knew what was going on.

Mr. Johnson stated that he wasn't surprised at all. As he has gone around to the schools and met some of the students in the schools, he said we are truly blessed with our student population. It is great to have someone come from outside the district and see what they could do. He added his thanks for making such a great first impression on all the candidates.

- 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.

Danny Baracz addressed the Board on State Mandated Testing. He commented that the Cañon City Teacher Association is urging all Cañon City School Teachers to wear black on the next two Fridays to mourn the loss of teaching time due to the excessive state and federal mandated testing.

- 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 March 9, 2015 and March 16, 2015
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
 - a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending April 7, 2015
 - b. Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2014
 - c. Quarterly Budget Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2014
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 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. Delayed Starts for Professional Development:

Mr. Meuli, Ms. Blowers, and Mr. Trujillo presented information regarding what their staff members have been working on during the delayed starts for professional development. These are once-per-month two hour delays for staff meetings.

Dr. Gooldy opened by stating that about six years ago CCHS started having a delayed start. This year they were joined by CCMS and Harrison School.

Mr. Trujillo, along with Joann Bliss, addressed the Board regarding the activities, collaboration, and planning that has taken place at CCMS this year during the delayed start. They commented on all the positive aspects of the delayed start as well as how they overcame some of the challenges.

Mr. Meuli followed by reporting on the delayed starts at CCHS. He commented that the CCHS staff asked for more department time this year to look deeper at the curriculum. He added that it has been very valuable time and would advocate for elementary schools to have a delayed start.

Ms. Blowers, along with Dana Horne, spoke to the benefits of having a delayed start. Ms. Blowers commented on not only the melding together, but of the opportunity of all Harrison employees to hear the same thing all together.

Mrs. Horne added that elementary teachers don't usually have as much time to work together. She commented that the delayed start has been great for Harrison and gives staff the opportunity to work together as a team. Harrison too had some challenges but worked through them.

b. Update on Student Assessments:

Mr. Carochi gave an update regarding student assessments which began again April 13th. He explained that when the legislators gave the parents the option to opt out, it doesn't apply to the Science and Social Studies tests that are being assessed now. He also explained that the students who opt out of one of the rounds of testing in Math or English will invalidate both the first round and the second round of testing. To date, Cañon City Schools has 45 students who have opted out. 33 at the high school level, 6 at the middle school level, and 6 at the elementary level.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mrs. Evans thanked the students who performed at the Seussical. She commented that the music was very difficult and the kids were right on. Commenting that they even added a performance, she stated that it was "awesome."

Mr. Johnson reminded everyone of the Spring Sports. He also commented on the band students who went to Washington D.C. over Spring Break. Stating that there should be a press release in the near future, he gave kudos to the volunteers who went on the trip. He praised Mrs. Nolan and Gayle Hinrichs for doing a remarkable job.

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. Approval of Superintendent Contract:

It was recommended that the Board approve the Superintendent Contract with George Welsh, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

Larry Oddo made a motion to approve the Superintendent Contract with George Welsh, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Lloyd Harwood seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Resolution Restoring the Negative Factor Before Providing TABOR Refunds as a Statewide Priority:

It was recommended that the Board approve a resolution restoring the Negative Factor before providing TABOR refunds as a statewide priority and forward the resolution to our legislatures.

Dr. Gooldy stated that the negative factor has been in place for several years since the recession. This was the legislatures way of saying they can't pay their bill and writing an I.O.U. Those I.O.U.'s have amounted to 1 billion dollars since 2009. Last year the State made a little bit of progress paying that money back, but this year there hasn't been a step toward doing that. Our budget today is 1.4 million dollars less that it was in 2009. This is the impact on Cañon City Schools with the negative factor. This resolution, that school boards across the state of Colorado are passing, is an effort to remind legislators that there is still work to be done. The Legislators haven't started work on school finance for next year. Funding for schools, according to amendment 23 of the Colorado Constitution, is required. School Districts are just asking the Legislators to set priorities back on education.

Mr. Near added that Cañon City Schools is a floor-funded district in a floor-funded state.

Dr. Gooldy also commented that unlike other districts that have other support through bond and mill levies, we don't have that additional support.

Mary Kay Evans made a motion to approve the Resolution Restoring the Negative Factor Before Providing TABOR Refunds as a Statewide Priority. Larry Oddo seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

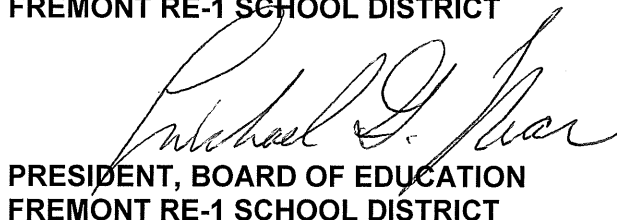
VII. Adjournment

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 6:41 p.m.



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