

**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 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, **George Welsh**; 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**; Chief Information Officer, **Shaun Kohl**, and Attorney, **Rocco Meconi**.

C. Board Proclamation:

Unified Board Statement:

This past week our district discovered that a number of our students were involved in a sexting and photo swap exchange that has led to an investigation by the Cañon City Police Department and District Attorney's office. While these actions led to the forfeiture of our season's last football game, it should be made clear that this is not a football or athletic problem, but a problem that involves many students both male and female. Neither is it a Cañon City problem, but rather a nationwide problem and societal problem that affect every community across our country. While we would rather not have garnered national attention, we hope that this unfortunate situation will shed light on this trend amongst young people and open the conversation between schools, students, parents and their communities about the proper use of technology as well as the legal and emotional consequences of its misuse. We want students and parents to know that we love and support these students as they go through this investigation. As stated by Supt. Welsh,

"The primary message we are sharing with our kids is this: What has happened here in Cañon City Schools is truly a very bad thing. As a result we realize some could be facing serious consequences. We want everyone to know that despite the mistakes that have been made, each child will be loved, cared for, and shown respect. Additionally, the police, District Attorney, and school district will continue to do everything they can to make sure anyone caught participating in this activity is dealt with fairly and in a way in which he or she will quickly be restored to full trust, confidence, and participation in our school system."

"We also want our students to understand this: For some, any revelation that you may have personally participated in this activity in any way may

seem like the end of the world at this moment. It is not. Please don't make it so."

Cañon City Schools are rich in quality instruction and can be proud of its many successful programs. We are proud of the achievements of our athletic program, our Band who ranks 4th in the state, a Speech and Debate team that continually has students place at the state level, Choir that is currently ranked number one in the state and has placed in the top three for the past 17 years, a Drafting program that has students ranking number one in the nation for the past twenty years. These are just a few of the outstanding achievements we as a district, can be proud of. With these things in mind, we move forward as a unified school district in the education of our children.

II. General Business

A. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Welsh announced the following changes to the agenda:

- I. C. – Proclamation - addition
- II. D. 3. a. – Appointments
- II. D. 3. c. – Supplemental Contracts
- II. D. 3. d. - Substitute Lists For Licensed and Classified Positions.
- II. E. Reorganization of Board moved to II. B. with all other items shifted down

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

1. Oath of Office to New Board Members by President Mike Near
2. Seating of New Board Member, Kristyn Econome
3. Appreciation to Outgoing Board Member – Mr. Mike Near

Mr. Near has a long history of service in the school district. He taught elementary school from 1972 to 2006 at both Washington and Skyline Elementary Schools. Not a day goes by where he doesn't run into an adult in our community who he once guided as a classroom teacher.

Mike began to dabble in public service in 1995-96 when he served on the Cañon City Planning Commission. In 1996 he was then appointed to the city council, subsequently being elected to two full terms, serving from 1996 through 2006, including a short term as Mayor Pro Tem.

In November 2007 Mr. Near was elected to the RE-1 board of education and has served admirably for the past 8 years, 2 of them as board president.

Mike's proudest accomplishments on the board of education include seeing the establishment of the Gateway to College program, an increase in the number of students participating in AP and college level coursework while still in high school, and the expansion of online and alternative coursework offerings for students who learn best in these conditions.

Mr. Near served on the board of education at a time in which the steepest financial cuts in history were made to public education in Colorado. In 2010 the Cañon City Schools budget was 5 million dollars larger than it was by 2014. Despite this the Cañon City School District was able to maintain workable staffing levels in support of student learning and valued programs. This is what Mr. Near says he has been most proud of, along with a successful battle to keep our old Skyline Elementary School open in the form of Cañon Exploratory School.

Upon leaving the district Mr. Near says he would like us to remember, "real systemic change takes 3 to 5 years to take hold." He also encourages us to continue to work to secure the resources we need to meet the needs of our children, and to pursue whatever means necessary to upgrade and increase the safety of our buildings.

Mr. Near, the Cañon City School District greatly appreciates the contributions you have made to the education of its students.

Thank you!

4. Reorganization of Board

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

1. President – Larry Oddo
2. Vice President – Lloyd Harwood
3. Secretary – Mary Kay Evans
4. Treasurer – Shad Johnson
5. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Kristyn Econome

Kristyn Econome made a motion to approve the slate of offices as outlined above. 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, Larry Oddo presiding.

C. Awards and Kudos

D. 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 address the board.

E. 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 26, 2015
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:

- a. Financial Disbursement Report For the Period Ending (November 4, 2015
 - b. Quarterly financial Reports:
 - Budget Report for the Period Ending September 20, 2015
 - Quarterly Bank/Investment Account Report for July-September, 2015
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 Shad Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

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. October Student Count:

Mrs. Keri Peterson gave an update on the October Student Count.

The numbers are not as good as previously reported but are up from last year. The actual number of students went from 3602 last year to 3672. The FTE count (which is the number we are actually funded with) went from 3630 last year to 3707.5 this year. It was reported that this is the first increase the school district has had in a long time.

Mr. Buddy Lambrecht commended Keri Peterson for her time that she put in on the October count. It is a huge process and Mrs. Peterson put in very long days to learn the system and the process.

Mrs. Peterson also thanked Elizabeth Gamache for all her assistance. She commented that the amount of prep work that Elizabeth puts in behind the scenes is phenomenal and her willingness to be ready to help in a heartbeat was appreciated. She also thanked Raynette Douglas for all her help and knowledge of the CDE system and the Business Department for being right there to help.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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G. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Lloyd Harwood introduced the Boy Scout Troop #121 and welcomed them to the meeting. They were in attendance as part of their "Citizenship in the Community." Each student and leader was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Harwood also announced the Fall Pops Concert that was to take place after the Board Meeting at 7:00 at CCHS. He also congratulated the choir for being selected to sing at the CASB Convention at the Broadmoor on December 4th on the same stage as the Governor will speak.

Mrs. Mary Kay Evans congratulated the drama department and Andy Fisher on their exceptional job with the fall performance,

Mr. Shad Johnson congratulated the Tiger Pride Marching Band for their state competition in Pueblo placing 4th in 3A.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. Policy Pertaining to Grading/Assessment Systems:

Presented for First Reading, Discussion, and First Vote:

File 715 – Grading/Assessment Systems

Lloyd Harwood made a motion to approve the policy pertaining to Grading/Assessment Systems. Mary Kay Evans seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Policy Pertaining to School Wellness:

Presented for Second Reading, Discussion, and Second Vote:

File 721 – School Wellness

Shad Johnson made a motion to approve the Policy Pertaining to School Wellness. Mary Kay Evans 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

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1. Fiscal Year 2014 – 15 Audited Financial Statements:

It was recommended that the Board approve the fiscal year 2014-15 financial audit as presented.

Mary Kay Evans made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Audited Financial Statements. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Cancellation of School Board Meeting:

It was recommended that the Board approve cancellation of the School Board Meeting on the fourth Monday of November – November 23, 2015.

Lloyd Harwood made a motion to approve the cancellation of the School Board Meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015. Shad Johnson 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. Oddo called for a motion to adjourn.

Lloyd Harwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Shad Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



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



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