

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FREMONT RE-1 BOARD OF
EDUCATION HELD at Harrison K-8 School, 101 N. 14TH STREET, CAÑON CITY,
COLORADO
5:30 p.m., December 13, 2021**

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

President, **Robin Reeser**, 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, **Beth Gaffney**, called roll.

Present: **Robin Reeser**, President; **Mike Near**, Vice-President, **Beth Gaffney**, Secretary; **Todd Albrecht**, Treasurer; and **Molly Merry**, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Also present: Superintendent, **George Welsh**; Assistant Superintendent, **Adam Hartman**.

Director of Human Resources, **Jamie Davis**; Director of Special Services, **Tim Renn**; Assistant Director of Business Services, **Keri Peterson**; Director of Technology, **Shaun Kohl**; Director of Curriculum and Assessment, **Brian Zamarripa**; Director of Operations, **Jeff Peterson**.

II. General Business

A. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hartman announced there were no changes to the agenda.

Mike Near made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Sam Wyss:

The Board and Cañon City Schools recognized CES Teacher, Sam Wyss, for going above and beyond as a classroom teacher.

Kim Abels, a parent of a student at Cañon Exploratory School, addressed the board and spoke about Teacher Sam Wyss and how he is going above and beyond to reach and help her child in school. Kim mentioned a hat given to her son by Wyss, and her son now drinks bone broth. She also said her son now enjoys school. Kim said, Sam has made such a positive impact and has been an excellent role model to her son.

Thank you, Sam Wyss, for going above and beyond as a classroom teacher.

2. Michelle Johnson:

The Board and Cañon City Schools recognized CCHS Assistant Principal, Michelle Johnson for being named Assistant Principal of the Year for Colorado.

Colorado Association of School Executives selected Michelle as All Around Best of Show. She is in her 5th year of teaching at Cañon City High School. Daily Record is working on publishing an article.

3. Homer Galloway:

The Board and Cañon City Schools recognized Harrison Crossing Guard, Homer Galloway for greeting the students and parents daily.

Homer has made a big impact greeting parents and students as crossing guard for Harrison K-8 School. Some days he surprises them by dressing in costume. Parents will stop to get a picture with Homer and deliver coffee and bake goods.

4. Falcons of the Month:

The Board and CCMS recognized Finley Luman, Macy Beck, Rowan Cooper, and Adelaide Thomas for being Falcons of the Month.

Finley Luman is a 7th grade student with Cañon City Middle School. He has lived in Cañon City his whole life. His parents are Michael and Barbara Luman. Finley hopes to be a mechanic when he gets older. His favorite class is Woodshop and he would like to give a shout out to Mr. Daly. Mr. Daly has been very supporting and helpful when he needed to figure something out. Finley is looking forward to the Vocational Programs – TOP and Auto Shop.

Macy Beck is a 6th Grade student with Cañon City Middle School. Macy is from Alamosa and then transferred to Pueblo and landed in Cañon City. Her favorite thing about Cañon City is it's a smaller town than Pueblo and she can walk to school with her friends in the morning. What she likes most about school is the sports. Her favorite sports are volleyball, basketball, and softball. Macy is looking forward to high school. She wants to continue playing volleyball and making new friends. When she gets older, she wants to be a lawyer to help families who need help when they are in a tough time. She hopes she is remembered by her good grades and that she is nice to her classmates. Macy would like to give a shout out to her mom because she always encourages her to do what she wants and be who she wants to be.

Rowan Cooper is a 6th grade student with Cañon City Middle School. His parents are Ben and Holli Cooper. Rowan moved here from Fairplay 4 years ago. His favorite thing about Cañon City are the people, schools and we have a better educational system than they do in other areas. He has more friends, people around town. What he likes best about schools is he likes everyone and his favorite 6th grade team of teachers, and his life skills teachers. Math is his favorite class. What he is looking forward to high school is the increased vocational opportunities for students, meeting some new and meeting some new and different people. He would like to be a professional football player and if that doesn't work he wants to be a math teacher. He hopes he is remembered by his work ethic, how he carried a positive mindset, and how he was always kind to

others. He would like to give a “shout out” to his friend Asher because he was the one who convinced him to come to CCMS, and a “shout out” to his mom and dad who he loves very much.

Adelaide Thomas is an 8th grader at Cañon City Middle School. Her parents are James and Melissa Thomas. Adelaide has always lived in Cañon City except for a short time when she was young. Her favorite thing about Cañon City is the city parks, main street and she thinks they are both very pretty. What she likes most about the schools is the teachers and the new building. Adelaide is looking forward to high school and learning a trade she can use for her whole life. She would like to be veterinarian or a mechanic. She hopes people remember that she is sassy, loud, great grades, she didn't judge people, and she took care of her classmates. Adelaide would like to give a “shout out” to Kadence Dickens, she was the first person to let her sit with her at lunch and they have become close friends.

- C. Any person who has submitted a written request prior to the meeting may express views concerning school district programs and policies as concern them, but are encouraged to exercise their speech rights responsibly. The Board encourages the discussion of all personnel matters to be conducted in executive session.

No one present wished to address the board.

- 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 November 8, 2021
- 2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
 - a. Disbursement Report for the Period Ending December 8, 2021
- 3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves
 - c. Supplemental Contracts
 - d. Substitute Lists for Licensed and Classified Positions

Todd Albrecht moved and Mike Near 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.

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- 2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Harrison Presentation:

The following Harrison students met the board and gave them a school tour before the board meeting started:

Isabel Orellana – 8th Grade
Olivia McGinnis – 5th Grade
Lyra Trimble – 5th Grade
Gage Dennis – 7th Grade
Addison Quakenbush – 8th Grade
Ragan Burkdoll – 8th Grade
Brooklyn DeSalvo – 5th Grade

The following students did a presentation on what is happening and how they feel at Harrison K-8 School:

Oliva McGinnis
Brooklyn DeSalvo

The kids spoke to the board about how they enjoy Harrison School and explained what an “upstander” is. An “upstander” is someone the students can speak to and who stand against bullying. Harrison staff also have “treasure hunters” seeking to identify upstanders when they see them.

b. FY 2020-21 Audit Overview:

Mr. Tom Sistare presented an overview of the FY 2020-21 Audit. Tom shared that liability and debt is paid down. They saw improvement in the general fund. They will continue to look at ESSER and will also look at 3 big grants. Tom mentioned what an asset Keri is to Cañon City Schools and her phenomenal work during the audit.

c. Amelia Berg and Hailey Martinez - Capstone Presentation:

Amelia Berg presented their Capstone Project, Why Marching Band should be a PE Credit. They presented facts and demonstrated the importance of drinking water during band camp, the exercise they receive while in marching band.

F. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. File: BBBA – Board Member Qualifications – Presented for Information Only

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Cancellation of Board Meeting:

It was recommended that the Board approve cancellation of the School Board Meeting on the fourth Monday of December – December 27, 2021.

Mike Near made a motion to approve cancellation of the School Board Meeting on the fourth Monday of December – December 27, 2021. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements:

It was recommended that the Board approve the fiscal year 2020-2021 financial audit as presented.

Beth Gaffney made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2020-2021 financial audit as presented. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

3. Certification of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2022:

It was recommended that the Board approve a resolution certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2022 for the General Fund, the General Fund Mill Levy Override, The General Obligation Bond and Interfund for the 2011 Refunded Bonds, the 2014 Refunded Bonds, the 2017 BEST local match Bonds, the 2018A BEST local match Bonds and the 2018N local match Bonds.

Mike Near made a motion to approve a resolution certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2022 for the General Fund, the General Fund Mill Levy Override, The General Obligation Bond and Interfund for the 2011 Refunded Bonds, the 2014 Refunded Bonds, the 2017 BEST local match Bonds, the 2018A BEST local match Bonds and the 2018N local match Bonds.

Beth Gaffney 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. Johnson called for a motion to adjourn.

Molly Merry moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



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