

**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., October 24, 2022**

**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/Treasurer, Molly Merry, called roll.

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

Excused: **Beth Gaffney**, Secretary

Also present: Superintendent, **Adam Hartman**.

Director of Human Resources, **Jamie Davis**; Director of Support Services, **Paula Buser**; Director of Special Services, **Tim Renn**; Chief Financial Officer, **Heidi Anderson**; Director of Technology, **Shaun Kohl**; Director of Curriculum and Assessment, **Brian Zamarripa**; Director of Operations, **Scott Morton**.

**II. General Business**

A. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hartman announced the following changes to the agenda:

III. A. Review of Board Policies – Remove

Remove policy File JIH – Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests – Presented to the Board for Information

**Mike Near made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. On a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.**

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Royal Gorge Artists Association:

The Board thanked the Royal Gorge Artists Association for their donation to the art departments of several schools, Cañon Exploratory, Harrison, Lincoln School of Science & Technology, McKinley, Mountain View Core Knowledge, and Washington Elementary each received a \$500 donation.

The Royal Gorge Artists Association is a non-profit organization, organized over 60 years ago. Their goal is to promote, encourage and support the arts at all levels. Feeling strongly that art education is an important part of a student's rounded education, the donations are to be used for purchasing art supplies to enrich the art programs for the students at each of the schools.

Thank you, Royal Gorge Artists Association, for the generous donation for our students.

2. Falcons of the Month:

The Board and CCMS recognized Mayson Lacy and Emily Davis for being Falcons of the Month.

Mayson Lacy is an 8th-grade student and was born in Denver. He has lived in Colorado Springs and Buena Vista. When asked what he likes about Canon City, Mason likes the size of the town, knows everyone, and is comfortable. Mayson enjoys completing work and getting something out of it, and his ability to be proud of what he does daily is what he likes most about school. When asked what Mayson is looking forward to in high school – he says, “no idea.” He thinks things will be tougher but is excited for a little more competition and a few more challenges. One day Mayson would like to produce music and make the background beats and melody. Mayson would like to be remembered for being a good student with a good work ethic.

Mayson would like to give a shout to Mr. Wyss from Cañon Exploratory School for all the extra work he did to help Mason last year.

Emily Davis has lived in Fremont County her whole life. Her favorite things about Cañon City are there are good people, a good school system for students, and there are no natural disasters. When asked what her favorite thing about school is – she said, Math and she did not like ELA until she met Ms. Davidson this year. Ms. Davidson made ELA fun for her. Emily is looking forward to Vet classes or internship opportunities in high school. One day Emily would like to be a veterinarian for large animals. Emily would like to be remembered as she really enjoyed school and was a great student who kept up with her work and treated others kindly.

Congratulations Mayson and Emily!

C. 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 10, 2022
2. Approval of the Following Financial Reports:
  - a. Disbursement Report for the Period Ending October 19, 2022
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
  - a. Appointments
  - b. Terminations and Leaves
  - c. Supplementals
  - d. Substitute Lists for Licensed and Classified Positions

**Molly Merry moved and Mike Near seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.**

D. 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.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Gate Department Update:

Mrs. Shyla Christiansen presented an update on the GATE Department.

Mrs. Christiansen reported there are currently 234 students, which is 7.6 % districtwide. The population is separated by area of giftedness as follows:

Gifted General – 20%  
Gifted Reading – 33%  
Gifted Writing – 1%  
Gifted Math – 56%  
Gifted Visual Arts – 1%  
Gifted Musical .05%  
Gifted in Multiple Areas 15%

Many milestones were accomplished in the 2021-2022 school year and some of those were:

- Hosted kick-off event for LARA CAGT (Lower Arkansas River Affiliate for Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented) for the region with guest speaker
- Held a fabulous Celebrate GATE Night with guest speaker Aaron Henderson along with a celebration of gifts and talents of students in the district
- Held 8 sessions of G.E.T. (Gifted Education Tuesdays) for families along with gifted parenting tips shared on an ongoing basis through GATE Quarterly
- Provided ELL and Twice Exceptional course opportunities to all district staff
- 10th-12th grade students had the opportunity to put “boots on the ground” at Western State Colorado University AND attend an overnight college field trip to University of Colorado - Boulder, Colorado State University - Ft. Collins, and Colorado School of Mines - Golden
- Gifted specialists continue to collaborate with general education staff on a regular basis
- Held successful Live Art Jury and Live Music Jury adjudications
- Provided district gifted teaching tips on differentiation shared on an ongoing basis through professional development emails to all staff members
- A robust SPLASH! program was held at Harrison K-8 School

- All students kindergarten through 12th grade attended at least one field trip because of the funds raised during our android fundraiser.

b. Paula Buser – Director Reports:

Mrs. Paula Buser presented information updating the Board on the Support Services Department, which is responsible for Safety/Security, Policies, and Special Projects. Mrs. Buser reported the Support Services consists of four departments. Those departments include, Jamie Murray, Behavioral Health Coordinator; Janelle Grooms, Nutrition Services Manager; Wendy Willett, Truancy/Expulsion Outreach Specialist; Brian Vanlwarden, Wellness Coordinator.

Mrs. Buser expressed gratitude to the partnerships in the community to include, SROs, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Fremont County Emergency Management, and St. Thomas More Hospital. She also reported the School District was awarded a grant for \$319,000 and \$107,000 matched by the district for a total of \$426,000 to improve security at schools and on the school grounds.

c. Wold Architects - Josh Grenier and Michael Clough

Next Generation Facilities Master Plan – Central Committee Recommendation

Mr. Grenier and Mr. Clough presented an overview of the facility needs in four buildings, Lincoln School of Science & Technology, Cañon City High School, Cañon Exploratory School and McKinley Elementary; the input and recommendation that came from that process.

Mr. Grenier reviewed the steps of the Master Planning Process.

- Complete assessments of facilities (architects and engineers)
- Analyze education needs of students, staff and community
- Listen to staff and community in the development of priorities and criteria to help identify the path forward
- Consider multiple options based on identified criteria
- Planning team will recommend a plan to the BOE

Site Advisory Teams (SAT) for each of the four schools was assembled. Representatives from SAT came together to build a Central Planning Team.

The Central Planning Team:

- Reviewed all input from SAT teams
- Reviewed District financial context
- Defined "Facilities Guiding Principles" for the District
- Developed multiple potential project packages
- Gathered input from the community on the guiding principles and draft pages
- Developed a recommendation to be presented to the Board

Four draft packages were developed that support CPT and SAT guiding principles and can leverage BEST funding possible

Final Recommendation:

- Package four

- Pursue BEST grant to support HS
- Pursue BEST grant to support deferred maintenance improvements

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

F. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Under General Business on the Board of Education agenda, the public is able to address the Board regarding any policy or program of the school district. Your voice matters and is heard. However, please know you may not receive an immediate response during this meeting. ***Comments of a negative or critical nature regarding any employee are not allowed in the Regular Board Session. Such discussions will take place in Executive Session.*** Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Discussion of a specific topic will normally be limited to no more than four speakers, or 20 minutes total. Additionally, requests to address the Board must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board prior to the start of the meeting. Please also know you are able to submit a written overview of your thoughts if you so wish.

Doug Koehn – Board Activities  
 Cindy Nordell – Parental Concern  
 Rosa Soileau – Detrans United: Detransitioner Support Network

III. **Review of Board Policies**

A. POLICIES:

- 1.

IV. **Old Business**

A. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1.

V. **New Business**

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve out-of-state travel for the Cañon City High School Girls' Basketball Team to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada to compete in the Tarkanian Classic, December 18<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. It is recommended that the Board approve out-of-state travel for the Cañon City High School Speech and Debate Team to travel to Cheyenne East High in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to compete in the Holiday Classic, December 16<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Mike Near made a motion to approve. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

VI. **Miscellaneous Business**

**VII. Adjournment**

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

**Todd Albrecht moved to adjourn the meeting. Molly Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**



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



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