

**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., February 27, 2023**

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, **Molly Merry**, called roll.

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

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 that there were no changes to the agenda.

Mike Near made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Molly Merry seconded the motion. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

1. School Board Recognition:

The Board of Education recognized Operations Manager, Dave Stiefel. Each year the Colorado Department of Education School Transportation Unit conducts an audit of our vehicle maintenance inspections and bus driver training logs. This very comprehensive investigation ensures that school districts across the state have adequate vehicles and employees to safely transport our students to and from school or activities. On February 7, 2023, Dave Stiefel, participated in the lengthy audit process with two representatives from CDE. He did an amazing job representing Cañon City Schools and was commended by the audit team for a fully compliant report. It is evident that Mr. Stiefel is doing great things in his new role and is an asset to our school district.

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 February 13, 2023
2. Approval of the following Financial Reports:
 - a. Quarterly Budget Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2022
 - b. Quarterly Bank/Investment Account for the Period of October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves
 - c. Supplementals
 - 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.

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.

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2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Capstone Presentation:

Emily Meuli presented her Capstone Presentation on Mental Health First Aid at CCHS. Emily's Capstone Presentation aims to bring mental health first aid into CCHS, educate staff on the signs of mental health issues, and aid teens struggling with mental health. The cost of the course was \$40.00 per person. Emily was able to use a grant from Youth Mental Health First Aid to cover the costs of the course. Emily's goal was to get eight CCHS staff members Mental Health First Aid certified, and she was successful and getting nine.

Great job, Emily!

b. Scott Morton – Director Reports:

Mr. Scott Morton presented information updating the Board on the Operations Department.

The Operations Department consists of maintenance, grounds, transportation, warehouse/purchasing, and custodial.

Their goals:

- Maintain a high-quality appearance of each building
- Maintain high levels of safety at each building
- Maintain facilities and equipment to prevent costly repairs.

Mr. Morton presented many projects the Operations Department is working at each building and some of those are:

- routine maintenance
- update push & turn locks
- gym floor coating
- playground equipment repair
- window replacements
- floor refinishing

Mr. Morton said the Operations Department finds success in constant communication, organization, collaboration, and strategic planning.

Molly Merry thanked Scott Morton for his behind-the-scenes work that we often take for granted because everything falls into place. She said the Operations Department keeps our buildings in good shape for kids.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Todd Albrecht participated in the Cañon City High School Instructional Review and said he is very proud of CCHS and amazed at all the things taking place. He also attended the Vocal Music 'Diner' Theater and said it was a big hit, and SRO St. Louis made an appearance. Mr. Albrecht said it was a very proud couple of weeks.

Janelle Valladares also participated in the Cañon City High School Instructional Review. She walked away feeling so excited and talked to her family and son about all the opportunities going into the high school. She said there is so much support for different types of learning within the school and preparing kids for many different facets of society when they leave high school. She left really excited.

Molly Merry attended the Cañon City High School 'Diner' Theater. She said the Tiger Dome was packed, and she was struck by the energy and enthusiasm, and confidence the students have while performing. Along with Mrs. Reeser, Ms. Merry is helping judge 16 Capstone presentations for scholarships. She said the poise, confidence, depth of knowledge, and skills that will take these kids into life will give these kids confidence in speaking to adults is just staggering.

Mr. Near spoke about the swatting call and said the response was amazing. He was a part of the CCHS Instructional Review and said amazing things are going on at the high school that are too numerous to mention. They are preparing kids for all kinds of possibilities after graduation, such as culinary, woodworking, and metal.

Mr. Near received an email from Kevin Marushack; they are still looking for sponsors for Support a Senior. If you are interested, please contact Kevin. Mr. Near received an email from Geneva Williams at CCMS. She said Orkin Pest Control was conducting their monthly service and said they have the cleanest kitchen he has ever seen. Orkin was impressed by the wonderful job the kitchen staff does with the organization, spotless food areas, and keeping the areas safe and free of pests.

Robin Reeser said the Capstone presentations have been great, and the depth the kids are going to with their research and confidence in writing and math is amazing.

Mrs. Reeser spent a great deal of time accumulating the data for the Superintendent's evaluation and working on affordable housing for our employees.

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.

Gary Ashby – Communication with the Board about SEL
Shannon Tor – Clarification of SEL
Tom Wenzl – CASB and Policies
Graceann Pittner – Communication with the Board

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Hartman said three of the Instructional Program Reviews are completed and two more will take place this week. Instructional Reviews are a lot of work and are done for accountability and continuous improvement around how do we get better as a school district. He is happy to see community and student involvement.

Great value and great effort go into preparation of state testing and it's right around the corner.

Mr. Hartman attended the Colorado Association of School Executives Winter Conference in Denver. He talked to other school leaders and superintendents about what they were experiencing. The conversation was around workforce, and it continues to be a significant implication and struggle among school districts and how that is connected to school finance. A lot of work has to happen through competitive grants.

Last Wednesday, Cañon City High School was on the receiving end of a hoax sending people into a state of terror. The police force was inside the CCHS building within two minutes. Mr. Hartman said he is proud of the coordination, preparation, and connections between law enforcement and the school district. Mr. Hartman commended Director of Support Services, Paula Buser, the Admin team, Operations Director, Scott Morton, former Operations Director Jeff Peterson, and local law enforcement.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:
1.

File IKE – Ensuring All Students Meet Standards (Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students) – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading

and 1st Vote – Update to current policy from CCHS Principal, Bill Summers

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File – IKE – Ensuring All Student Meet Standards (Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students) – Presented for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2.

File DJ/DJA – Purchasing Authority – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote – Update to current policy from Director of IT, Shaun Kohl

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File DJ/DJA– Purchasing Authority – Presented for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

3.

File DJE – Bidding Procedures – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote – Update to current policy from Director of IT, Shaun Kohl

Mike Near made a motion to approve File – DJE – Bidding Procedures – Presented for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Molly Merry 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

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Superintendent's Contract:

After conducting its annual evaluation of the superintendent of schools, establishing areas of focus for the coming school year, and deeming his performance to be adequate, it is recommended the Board approve a new contract for Mr. Hartman.

Molly Merry made a motion to approve. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Amplify CKLA: K-5, ELA Resource Adoption:

It is recommended the Board approve Amplify CKLA to be implemented as the new district ELA curriculum for K-5 classrooms.

Janelle Valladares made a motion to approve. Todd Albrecht 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, Mrs. Reeser called for a motion to adjourn at time 6:49 p.m.



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



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