

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FREMONT RE-1 BOARD OF
EDUCATION HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, LOCATED MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY,
1240 MCKINLEY STREET, CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
5:30 p.m., APRIL 10, 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 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. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Falcons of the Month:

The Board and CCMS recognized Koda Matthews as Falcon of the month for January and Jace Cornwell and Ava Lambert as Falcons of the month for March.

Koda Matthews is a 6th grader at CCMS and has lived in Cañon City his whole life. Some of his favorite things about Cañon City are his friends and family, and he loves playing sports. His friends and his very nice teachers are what he likes most about school. Koda was asked what he is looking forward to in high school, and he said to continue to have good grades and friendships, play some basketball, and maybe football. He hopes to be a team roper or rancher one day and would like people to remember he was a good kid who liked sports and friends. Koda would like to give a shout out to his brother Luka because he helps him with grades and homework and is a great big brother.

Ava Lambert is a 7th grader at CCMS; she was born in Colorado Springs, spent some time in Texas, and then moved back to Cañon City when she was little. The restaurants and Pizza Madness are her favorite things about Cañon City. When asked what she likes most about school, Ava said all the activities. She loves drama the most. Ava looks forward to all the activities, such as golf, theater, softball, and Encore, when she gets to high school. One day she would like to be an actress or doctor. Ava hopes that people remember she was very involved in her school. She would like to give a shout out to her mom and dad, and Mr. Miller, who started her love of drama.

Jace is an 8th grader at CCMS. His favorite thing about Cañon City is Big Burger World. When asked what he likes most about school, he said the teachers are someone a student can talk to. Jace looks forward to sports, meeting people, and new experiences when he gets to high school. He would like to be a police officer working with the K-9 team when he gets older. When asked what he would want people to remember about him, Jace said that he is funny, athletic, and caring for other students. Jace would like to give a shout out to his mom for always pushing him to do his best and his big brother for his support and always giving him a ride to practice.

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 March 27, 2023
2. Approval of the following Financial Reports:
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 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. Student Presentations:

Kindergarten student Micah Owenby welcomed the Board and Directors for visiting McKinley. He asked everyone to write what they are grateful for on paper hearts handed out before the meeting. The hearts will be hung on the McKinley Grateful Window.

5th grade students Summer Gamache and Nicholas Sanders presented Skills and Traits. Summer shared what integrity means to her. She said to tell the truth; if you use integrity, people will learn to trust you. Nicholas said integrity means doing the right thing when no one is watching or listening.

2nd grade student Lane Taylor presented Skills and Traits. He said McKinley students use Skills and Traits to help them make good choices and do their best. Lance said tenacity is the skill he has developed the most. He is a goalie in soccer and whenever someone makes a goal against him he learns from his mistakes and does not give up. He keeps trying. Lane said sometimes his coach moves him to another position in soccer and he shows agility by moving from one position to another. Lane said Skills and Traits will help him be a better person in the future.

Upcoming at McKinley:

- New furniture this summer
- Expanding preschool – 6 total classes (Open house May 12th 2:00 - 4:00 pm)
- Securing EASI Grant – \$140,000
- Submitted for 21st Century Grant - \$180,000
- Kindness Campaign
- Kindness Chain, Gratitude Hearts
- Kids Heart Challenge, 5210
- Science Fair
- Field Trips - PTO is a great support

b. SEL Presentation:

Behavioral Health Coordinator, Jamie Murray

What is Social and Emotional Learning?

The process through which children and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to:

- Understand and manage emotions
- Set and achieve positive goals
- Feel and show empathy for others
- Establish and maintain positive relationships
- Make responsible decisions

SEL in Education – Social and Emotional Learning is:

- Bullying Prevention
- Positive Youth Development
- Character Education
- 21st Century Skills
- Soft Skills

- Essential Skills
- Self-Regulation
- Self-Monitoring
- Mindfulness
- Whole Child Approach
- Brainwise
- Restorative Practices
- Problem Solving Training
- Empathy and Perspective Training
- Growth Mindset
- Kindness Campaign
- Positive Culture and Climate

Much of what predicts our ability to engage with academics or any other work is the ability to focus our attention, to manage our emotions, to be resilient when we run into problems, to be resourceful and engage with others to get and give information. These are all social-emotional skills, and they result in stronger academic performance and are also the behaviors we need in the world of work and in life.

Done well, it can have extraordinary impact on academic performance, school climate and college/career readiness.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Todd Albrecht attended Canon City High School's musical "All Shook Up" and said it was amazing. He said Mr. Walter is a true educator. He said the kids had an opportunity to see themselves in a whole new light and Mr. Walter has taught Skills and Traits - tenacity. Mr. Albrecht said he was very proud of Mr. Walter, Mr. Fisher and is happy for the kids.

Mike Near said the first round of "Support a Senior" was last week. The second round is at the end of April. Anyone in the community can support a senior. Mr. Near said he loves being a part of the program and thanked Mr. Marushack.

Molly Merry attended the musical "All Shook Up." She said it was great role modeling for her granddaughters who are in 6th and 8th grade. The students showed energy, commitment, hard work, tenacity, and empowerment. She said it was a really good show. Ms. Merry is on the Strategic Planning Committee and appreciated seeing a cross-section of community and people from our school district working together. Ms. Merry along with Robin Reeser assigned student awards at the Fremont Center of the Arts. Ms. Merry said it's staggering to see the work that our teachers are doing with kids. Ms. Merry is also involved in Support A Senior.

Janelle Valladares gave kudos to the Pulse. Her daughter recently ran into a pole during recess. The Pulse immediately gave her daughter an exam. They recommended a CT scan. The Pulse took care of insurance, scheduling the CT scan and saved Mrs. Valladares' family several hundred dollars. She said the care was top notch and appreciates that the Pulse is available.

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.

No one present wished to address the board.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

After hearing the Board Members Reports, Mr. Hartman said he appreciates the involvement of the Board in our schools.

Mr. Hartman said Cañon City High School was a model for other districts highlighting some opportunities we're providing in our schools that aren't available at other schools. Last Wednesday, around 10-12 leaders from Aurora Public Schools traveled to CCHS to learn what we are doing with our Internship Program, Capstone Program and how the Skills and Traits live in the accountability for the Capstone, and how P-Tech is available in the community.

State assessment window - beginning tomorrow and through the end of April.

We had only one banked snow day on our calendar this the year. December 22nd was a full snow day. We will have school on Monday, May 8th.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. File GDA – Support Staff Positions – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote – Update to current policy from HR Director, Jamie Davis

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File GDA – Support Staff Positions – Presented for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. File ADC – Tobacco-Free Schools – Presented to the Board for Information – Update to current policy from Brian VanIwarden
3. File JH – Student Absences and Excuses – Presented to the Board for Information – Update to current policy from Director of Support Services, Paula Buser

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. **New Business**

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve cancellation of the School Board Meeting on the second Monday of May – May 22, 2023.

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

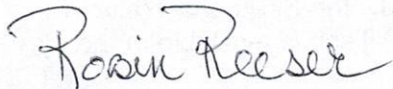
VI. **Miscellaneous Business**

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Reeser adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.



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



**PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION
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