

**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., May 8, 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:

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, **Janelle Valladares**, called roll.

Present: **Robin Reeser**, President; **Mike Near**, Vice-President; **Todd Albrecht**, Treasurer; and **Janelle Valladares**, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Excused: **Molly Merry**, 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 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 4-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Falcons of the Month:

The Board and CCMS recognized Angel Scarlata and Alex Fernandez as Falcons of the month for April.

Angel Scarlata is a 6th grader with CCMS and she was born in Colorado Springs and has lived in Canon City her whole life. Her favorite thing about Cañon City is that she can ride her bike on the Riverwalk. She enjoys proving her talents and skills through projects and presentations in school. In high school, she looks forward to seeing what she can accomplish and completing her goals. Angel hopes to one day teach ballet or become a dance instructor. She hopes to be remembered as someone who always tried her hardest and always had a smile on her face. Angel would like to give a shoutout to Mr. Miller, who is always in a good mood, and her brother, who cooks with her and helps her with her homework.

Alex Fernandez is a 7th grader with CCMS and he was born and raised in Cañon City. His favorite things about Cañon City are the river, mountains, and outdoor activities. At school, Alex enjoys meeting new people, learning new things, and hanging out with friends. He wants to be a professional soccer player or work in law enforcement when he grows up. In high school, he's looking forward to playing soccer. Alex wants to be remembered as a hardworking and a loyal friend who made people laugh. He would like to give a shoutout to his mom and dad, who have always helped him, reminded him to do his work, and pushed him to be better.

2. District Science Fair:

The Board recognized the District Science Fair winners and coordinator, Makenzie Konty. The District Science Fair is sponsored by GATE and for any students who had a qualifying score from their school fair to move on and compete with other students within the district. Students were entered into scientific categories and grouped by 1st and 2nd, and 3rd – 5th grade. Out of 151 projects these students impressed the judges and were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place within their category.

Shyla Christiansen appreciated Makenzie Konty's incredible work ethic and devotion to the school district. Shyla said Makenzie organized the event to include over 50 judges, four tabulators, and many behind-the-scenes helpers.

Chemistry/Biochemistry

1st/2nd Grade Category

1st Place – Logan Vanlwarden

2nd Place – Lumen Brown

3rd Place – Kenisen Telck

3rd/5th Grade Category

1st Place – Elijah Fleck

2nd Place – Bailey Evans

3rd Place – Paige Kieffer

Botany

1st/2nd Grade Category

1st Place – Kennedy Marsh

2nd Place – Luke Saenz

3rd Place – Keegan Crane

3rd/5th Grade Category

1st Place – Wyatt Pierce and Mikey Koonce (partners)

2nd Place – Carson Alvidrez

3rd Place – Olivia Lloyd and Lily Wilson (partners)

Space/Earth/Environmental

1st/2nd Grade Category

1st Place – Lilly Simmons

2nd Place – Mckenna Trimble

3rd Place – Finley Reynolds

3rd/5th Grade Category

1st Place – TIE! Carlie DeJoy and Vinzen Koehn

2nd Place – Ella Curliss
3rd Place – Skylar Elmore-Jones

Engineering/Math/Physics
1st/2nd Grade Category
1st place – Leyna Blacksmith
2nd Place – Korbin Saffold
3rd Place – Jasper VanAcker

3rd/5th Grade Category
1st Place – Colton Schluter
2nd Place – Briston Dawson
3rd Place – Brian Burke and Levi Banker (partners)

Computer Science
3rd/5th Grade Category
1st Place – Braedon Trogden and Reese Witkowsky (partners)

Zoology
1st/2nd Grade Category
1st Place – Scarlett Banks
2nd Place – Dalyla Emig
3rd Place – Josephine Smith

3rd/5th Grade Category
1st Place – Kamin Oliver and Shaiann DeNise (partners)
2nd Place – Jack Edrington
3rd Place – Lyric Marsh

Physiology/Psychology
1st/2nd Grade Category
1st Place – Brody Grimshaw

3rd/5th Grade Category
1st Place – Karoline Reed
2nd Place – Persephone Jameson and Holly Mortensen (partners)
3rd Place – TIE! Jentry Mills and Eythan Douglas (partners) and Ryan Sallie

3. Family & Consumer Science Teacher, Kim Weber:

The Board and Alpha Delta Kappa recognized Kim Weber. Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary teacher sorority, recently awarded Kimberly Weber the Colorado Innovative Teacher Award. The local Tau Chapter nominated her for the award presented at the state conference last month. Unfortunately, Kim was unable to attend due to poor weather conditions. To compensate for this, sorority members Michele Hinsey and Jeanne Callahan are presenting her with the award during tonight's Board meeting.

Kim received the award for her innovative projects, particularly for her work on the food truck project. The state committee was impressed by her ability to collaborate with different departments in the high school to bring the idea to life. Thank you, Kim!

4. Educator Appreciation Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION
EDUCATOR APPRECIATION WEEK 2023**

WHEREAS, public education is an integral aspect of a democratic society, providing for the public good; and

WHEREAS, high-quality educators are what makes public schools great; and

WHEREAS, educators work tirelessly to open student minds to ideas, knowledge, and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, educators keep American democracy alive by laying the foundations for an informed public and informed citizenship; and

WHEREAS, every day, and in times of emergency, educators fill the roles of meal provider, transporter, counselor, role model, motivator, and mentor; and

WHEREAS, even in times of emergency, the influence of our educators lasts long after our school days are only memories;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cañon City School Board of Education proclaims the week of May 8-12, 2023, to be **EDUCATOR APPRECIATION WEEK**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Cañon City School District strongly encourages all members of our community to join in personally expressing appreciation to our educators for their dedication and devotion to their work and to our children.

Robin Reeser, President
Molly Merry, Secretary
Janelle Valladares, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Near, Vice President,
Todd Albrecht, Treasurer

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 April 24, 2023
2. Approval of the following Financial Reports:
3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves

- c. Substitute Lists for Licensed and Classified Positions

Todd Albrecht 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.

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2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Fremont Multi-District Initiative Program

Program Manager, Amanda Cornelius presented an overview.

The FMI started in 2020 when the superintendents from three surrounding districts started talking about ways to serve their students better. Grants were applied for, and they received the Homegrown Talent Initiative Grant.

Community Visioning Events:

- May 23rd - Pueblo Community College -Fremont Campus
- August 30
- October 12

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Janelle Valladares attended the District Science Fair. She appreciates that kids have a chance to communicate what they know and their ideas. She said that is an incredible skill. She saw many kids excited and proud. Mrs. Valladares had the opportunity to see the Cañon City High School and Middle School's band as well as the middle school choirs perform in the Blossom Festival.

Robin Reeser was a judge in the District Science Fair, and said she was amazed in the sophistication of the 1st and 2nd graders. Today, the Board began their visits to the schools for Educator Appreciation and visited the staff at Cañon City Middle School. Mrs. Reeser then attended compensation bargaining with the certified staff.

Mike Near has been a judge for the District Science Fair for about 20 years now. He expressed his amazement at the number of kids who participated this year and the interesting science fair projects they presented. Additionally, Mr. Near attended the Educator Appreciation at Cañon City Middle School and wanted to acknowledge the sponsors who made it possible to provide gift certificates to all the staff members.

Todd Albrecht shared the results from the State Show Choir Competition.

- Encore received 2023 Colorado State Show Choir Runner-Up Champions and Most Outstanding Choreography Overall
- Tiger Ladies received 2023 Colorado State Show Choir Honorable Mention (4th/5th Overall)
- Encore received a I (Superior)

- Tiger Ladies received a I (Superior)

Students who received an Outstanding Solo awards:

- Emma Brady
- Nevaeh Thompson
- Thyrrni Thorson
- Emma Schmitz
- Danica Clanton
- Emily Basham
- Maggy George
- Kellee Hale
- Hayden Siegfried
- Rachel Comstock

Students who received an Outstanding Stage Presence awards:

- Aiden Rowe
- Thyrrni Thorson
- Carley Seufer
- Nevaeh Thompson
- Danica Clanton
- Maggy George
- Ryaison Ortega

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:

Mr. Hartman has been volunteering with FAR (Fremont Adventure Recreation) and for the last 12 years they have tradition of the Blossom Festival Race. The Youth Exercise Training Initiative (YETI), organized by coaches from Cañon City Schools, prepares kids for the race. Six hundred people ran the race, including 250 children from Re-1, Re-2, and home-schooled students. Mr. Hartman expresses gratitude towards the Wellness Department of Cañon City Schools all those who serve as coaches and help make this initiative.

Retirement Reception is May 9th and according to the HR Director Cañon City Schools has 337 combined years of experience retiring. Mr. Hartman said he

looks forward to the Retirement Reception and feels it is a great opportunity to express appreciation to those retiring.

May 10th - PAICE celebration, which is a celebration of the community's support for the internship program. This program would not happen without the support of around 160 local businesses.

May 15th - Senior Honors Ceremony – Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Near for representing CCEOE (Cañon City Excellence Opportunities in Education) to give out a scholarship that evening.

May 17th - Cañon City High School Graduation

There will be no board meeting on Monday, May 22nd as the Board will be attending and honoring the graduation ceremony of students who participated in Gateway to College.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. File ADC – Tobacco-Free Schools – Presented to the Board for 2nd Reading and Final Vote – Update to current policy from Wellness Coordinator, Brian Vanlwarden. Policy update includes vaping, disciplinary steps, and prohibition on school property.

Mike Near made a motion to approve File ADC – Tobacco-Free Schools – Presented for 2nd Reading and Final Vote. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

2. File JH – Student Absences and Excuses – Presented to the Board for 2nd Reading and Final Vote – Update current policy from Director of Support Services, Paula Buser. Changing parent excuses from six to eight.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File JH – Student Absences and Excuses – Presented for 2nd Reading and Final Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. CASB Membership Dues:

It is recommended that the Board approve continuing membership in the Colorado Association of School Boards. The cost of the membership renewal for 2023-2024 is \$14,044.00

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve. Janelle Valladares seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

2. CCHS 2023 Graduates:

It is recommended the Board approve the graduation list of Cañon City High School students who have successfully completed their general education requirements at the end of the 2022-23 School Year.

Mike Near made a motion to approve. Janelle Valladares seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

3. Fun Fest:

It is recommended that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent and his designees to organize this year's Fun Fest as a District-sponsored activity. Toward the end, the Superintendent and his designees are authorized, empowered, and directed to do such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to sponsor Fun Fest in accordance with applicable law and the District's policies of insurance.

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

4. Out-of-State Travel Request:

It is recommended the Board to approve out-of-state travel for the Tiger Open Pathway to travel to Moab, Utah for the Top Spring Learning Adventure from May 9, 2023 through May 12, 2023.

Mike Near made a motion to approve. Janelle Valladares 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 adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



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



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