

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FREMONT RE-1 BOARD OF
EDUCATION HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL
HARRISON K-8 SCHOOL, 920 FIELD AVE., CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
5:30 p.m., JANUARY 8, 2024

I. **Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

President, **Robin Reeser**, called the regular meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Roll Call:

Secretary, **Molly Merry**, called roll.

Present: **Robin Reeser**, President; **Todd Albrecht**, Vice-President; **Molly Merry**, Secretary; **Bret Meuli**, Treasurer; and **Matt Alexander**, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

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

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

II. **General Business**

A. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hartman announced the following changes to the agenda:

II.B.1 – Awards and Kudos – Moving Top Falcons to the February 12th meeting.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Bret Meuli seconded the motion. On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

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 December 11, 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

Matt Alexander moved and Molly Merry 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. Harrison K-8 Student Presentation

Harrison K-8 School offers a program called WEB Leaders (Where Everybody Belongs), which aims to help 6th-grade students feel comfortable throughout their first year of middle school. The program is based on the belief that students can help other students succeed. 8th-grade students are selected and trained to become WEB leaders, which means they serve as positive role models, mentors, and student leaders. They guide 6th grade students to discover what it takes to be successful in middle school and help them achieve success. In addition to these responsibilities, the 8th grade WEB leaders also participate in a year-long leadership class. The program coordinator is Kara Verneti, and two of the WEB leaders are Sabrina and Kaylee.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS: (Cañon City Schools' Involvement)

- Todd Albrecht attended the high school's Fine Art of Christmas event. He expressed his delight that the event has been ongoing for 34 years and is proud of everyone involved. He also mentioned that Mr. Fisher's efforts have contributed to the event running smoothly. During the Christmas tour for the vocal music department, he had the opportunity to visit a few schools and was pleased to see that the tradition was being continued. Mr. Albrecht also participated in the Gift of Time program at Lincoln School of Science & Technology, where he helped watch kids. He mentioned that many leaders were present, and it was a lot of fun. He said he has always been impressed with the culture and camaraderie at the school. Additionally, he delivered pins to the classified staff who could not attend the Classified Party.
- Bret Meuli attended the Fine Art of Christmas event twice. He mentioned that the last performance was extra special, and he could feel the emotions. Bret wanted to give a shoutout to the choirs that visited schools. He thought the children at school always enjoyed the performances, and he enjoyed seeing the joy his daughter experienced by being involved in the program. Bret also enjoyed watching the final performance at the schools, where the choir wore dresses and outfits from previous years.

- Matt Alexander attended the Classified Christmas party and mentioned that it was a great opportunity to meet people. He also delivered pins to the classified staff and attended the Fine Art of Christmas event. Mr. Alexander also participated in the Giving Back Time, which he felt was a wonderful chance for the kids to have fun right before Christmas, and for the staff to enjoy some time together. Additionally, he read two books on how to become a better school board member.
- Molly Merry enjoyed keeping up with the Pride Facebook page and to see the number of activities the high school kids were involved with out in the community and being a positive force in the community was really uplifting. She said she appreciates the Pride and the work they do at the high school.
- Robin Reeser said she attended many of the events with her fellow Board members.

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:

January is National School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Hartman expressed his gratitude for the board's willingness to give their time. He also mentioned that it has been a real joy working with individuals who ultimately are thinking about a school district and how they can serve the children and community at large. He thanked the Board for their dedication and commitment to the school district.

WHEREAS, School board members are elected to sit in trust for their diverse communities and, in that capacity, are charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their students; and

WHEREAS, School board members are entrusted with the guardianship and wise expenditure of scarce tax dollars, and they are responsible for maintaining and preserving the buildings, grounds, and other areas of the school district that the community has put in their trust; and

WHEREAS, School board members are responsible for providing leadership that ensures a clear, shared vision of public education for their schools, that sets high standards for the education of all students, and requires the effective and efficient operation of their districts; and

WHEREAS, School board members adopt policies to give voice to that leadership and employ a superintendent to administer board policy, and are also responsible for the regular monitoring of the district's performance and compliance with policies; and

WHEREAS, the board members elected to school board positions deserve recognition and thanks for their countless hours of volunteer service to public education and the students of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Superintendent Hartman, on behalf of the entire district, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Fremont RE-1 Cañon City School Board of Education and acknowledge the month of January 2024 as School Board Appreciation Month. I encourage you all to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of our local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's students.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. File GBGF – Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote:
Update from CASB; Adding care for a sick parent and legal reference.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File GBGF – Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. File ADD – Safe Schools – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote:
Update from CASB; Adding information note regarding CDE's data standardization process.

Matt Alexander made a motion to approve File ADD – Safe Schools – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote: Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

3. File ADD-E – Safe Schools – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote:
Update from CASB; Adding information required in reports.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File ADD-E – Safe Schools – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

4. File EF – School Nutrition Program – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote:
Update from CASB; Updating title, adding informational notes and legal references.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File EF – School Nutrition Program – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

5. File EFC – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote:
Update from CASB; Updating legal references and added informational note.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File EFC – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

6. File EF-E-2 – Civil Rights Complaint Procedure for School Nutrition Program – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote:
Update from CASB; Updating anti-discrimination statement to align with the USDA's requirements and adding legal references.

Matt Alexander made a motion to approve File EF-E-2 – Civil Rights Complaint Procedure for School Nutrition Program – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote: Bret Meuli seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

7. File JH – Student Absences and Excuses – Presented to the Board for Information:
Update from Superintendent Adam Hartman; updating align to current practices.

8. File JK – Student Discipline – Presented to the Board for Information:
Update from CASB; Technical edits and adding legal reference

9. File BCB – School Board Member Conflict of Interest – Presented to the Board for Information:
Update from Superintendent Adam Hartman; updating policy to add certain permissions.

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Posting of Meeting Agenda for District Meetings:

It is recommended that the Board designate the front window of the District Administration Office located at 101 N. 14th Street in Cañon City

as the official location to post agendas of the School District RE-1 meetings.

Molly Merry made a motion to approve that the Board designate the front window of the District Administration Office located at 101 N. 14th Street in Cañon City as the official location to post agendas of the School District RE-1 meetings. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

2. Certification of Ad Valorem Tax Levies for 2024:

It is recommended that the Board approve a resolution certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2024 for the General Fund, the General Fund Mill Levy Override, and the General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve approve a resolution certifying the ad valorem tax levies for the calendar year 2024 for the General Fund, the General Fund Mill Levy Override, and the General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund. Bret Meuli seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.

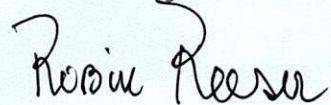
VI. Miscellaneous Business

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Reeser adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.



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



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