

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FREMONT RE-1 BOARD OF  
EDUCATION HELD AT CAÑON CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1215 MAIN STREET,  
CAÑON CITY, COLORADO  
5:30 p.m., FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

**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; **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 Operations, **Scott Morton**.

**II. General Business**

A. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hartman announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

**Todd Albrecht 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. CCMS Top Falcons:

The Board and CCMS recognized Top Falcons, Bryce Smeins, Hailee Misurelli, Pippa Knowles, and Quintin Thomas.

- Bryce Smeins is an 8th-grade student at CCMS. When asked what he likes most about school, Bryce said he likes recess and his teachers because they are nice. He looks forward to having more class options and making new friends in high school. Bryce would one day like to become a hydrologist with the Department of the Interior. When asked what he wants people to remember about him, he wants to be remembered as a nice and outgoing person. Bryce would like to give a shout-out to his sister for always helping him with math.
- Hailee Misurelli is an 8th-grade student at CCMS. She enjoys the activities offered at her school, including clubs and sports classes. As Hailee looks ahead to high school, she is excited about new opportunities, classes, and friendships. She hopes to one day pursue a career working with animals in a caretaking

capacity. Hailee hopes to be remembered for her timeliness in completing assignments and her politeness. She also wanted to give a shout-out to her mom for telling her to never give up.

- Quintin Thomas is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student with CCMS. When asked what he likes most about school, Quintin said he enjoys hanging out with friends, recess, soar trips, and the opportunity for new activities. Though afraid of heights, Quintin looks forward to the new aviation class in high school, as well as shop classes. Quintin strives to become a well-rounded person and wants to be remembered as someone who worked hard to get things done even when he was behind; he got good grades and was nice to other students. Quintin would like to give a shout-out to his parents because they are the ones who encouraged him to do the missing assignment and keep up with school.
- Pippa Knowles is a 6th grade student at CCMS. When asked what she likes most about school, Pippa said she enjoys participating in extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports. When asked what she is looking forward to in high school, she said no idea. She is looking ahead to the rest of middle school and shared that she is excited to have new experiences and will try very hard in her classes. When asked what career she may want to pursue, Pippa shared her aspiration is to become a marine biologist one day. As for what Pippa wants people to remember about her, she didn't have a specific response but we know Pippa to be a kind and sweet girl who is polite and nice to everyone she interacts with. Pippa wanted to give a shout-out to her parents for always supporting her.

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 January 22, 2024
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

**Molly Merry moved and Matt Alexander 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.*



a. SOP: EBCE-E – School Closing and Cancelations – Presented to the Board for Information:

Update from Superintendent Adam Hartman; updating SOP to align with policy EBCE and removing language associated with E-Learning.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Student Presentations:

CCMS National Junior Honor Society and Student Council members presented.

Students Presenting: Nylisa, Ava, Martha, and Clara Jane

This year's 6th Grade Orientation was led by 8th Grade WEB Leaders. The WEB leaders continue to mentor 6th graders throughout the school year.

CCMS has advisory classes focused on building relationships, having fun, and developing skills. Classes earn points towards the Falcon Cup through activities like volleyball tournaments, dodgeball tournaments, and a door decorating contest.

Student Council hosted a Glow Dance and Spirit Week.

National Junior Honor Society hosted their 15th Annual Safe Trick or Treat event.

Other CCMS Activities:

- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Parent Night
- Guest speaker from McFarland USA movie
- Sports: volleyball, football, cross country, basketball, cheer
- Clubs: Gaming, Art, Agriculture, Woodworking
- 8th Grade Musical
- Spelling Bee

b. Director Presentations:

Director Report – Shaun Kohl

Director of Technology Shaun Kohl gave a presentation outlining recent network system issues and summarizing the IT Department's efforts to mitigate those issues and the current status.

c. Overview of the Bond Sale:

Dan O'Connell and Anthony Singh presented an overview.

Goals:

- Secure lowest interest rate possible for district
- Generate significant proceeds for district to complete project

Sale Process:

- Entered market last week
- Strong investor demand throughout premarketing and sale process
- Strong demand allowed for very low interest rates
- Very successful bond sale overall

Outcome:

- Congratulated district on successful sale
- There was a very strong market at time of sale, allowing for low rates

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- BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS: (Cañon City Schools' Involvement)
  - Molly Merry worked at CCHS Concessions during the basketball game. She helped to serve nachos and was in charge of popcorn. Recently, she attended the CCHS Club Crawl event for 8th-grade students. She was pleased to see the variety of options available for students to get involved at the high school. Last week, she visited CES, and today, she was at Washington for their IPR (Instructional Program Reviews).
  - Matt Alexander attended the girls' and boys' basketball games at CCHS. It was his first time attending the IPR at CCMS. He gave kudos to Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Richardson, saying that they have done a phenomenal job and that he is impressed with the direction CCMS is heading in. He further added that he was very impressed with the teachers, staff, and students, making it a great experience for him.
  - Mr. Alexander is currently involved in the construction platform, working with the general contractor and Wold on the project at CCHS as well as the work they will be doing at Lincoln and McKinley. He said he is glad to be a part of it all.
  - Todd Albrecht gave a shout-out to Mountain View Core Knowledge for joining the IPRs this year. He mentioned that they are a great addition to the process. Todd has been involved in the IPRs at Harrison, CCMS, and Washington schools as well. He loves being involved in the IPRs because it allows him to learn about the different buildings.
  - Bret Meuli was involved with the IPR at Mountain View Core Knowledge and expressed his excitement about visiting the building and viewing things at Mountain View. He is eagerly looking forward to joining the IPRs at CES and McKinley to gain more knowledge about their buildings. Mr. Meuli attended a couple of high school basketball games, including some of the JV games. He toured and found it interesting to observe some of the work being done at Harrison, especially the concern for the gym floor. He had firsthand experience of what was going on there and talked to the administration about their frustrations. He noted that he was not a part of the IPR at Harrison, but they went ahead with their IPR despite still cleaning up. He also worked as a substitute teacher a couple of times at Harrison and will do so again tomorrow.
  - Robin Reeser recently attended a Civility Council meeting and had a discussion with the City and a local surveyor regarding the Steinmeier property located on the east side of town. It is hoped that the property will be on the market this spring. Mrs. Reeser has also been involved



in numerous construction meetings and has spent time with the Board evaluating our awesome superintendent.

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 expressed his pride in the Board's involvement in the IPRs. He said that the panelists have an opportunity to learn from the process, and on the school side, it provides them with valuable feedback to grow and improve based on the observations made during the review.
- Mr. Hartman wished to celebrate and thank HR Director Jamie Davis. This week, she and Mr. Hartman will wrap up their third and final Pioneers Leadership Series. The cap was set at 20, but there are 26 attendees which is fantastic. Mr. Hartman genuinely appreciated the evenings. People engaged in discussions on leadership, worked through hypotheticals. It was also an opportunity for people to raise their hands and express their interest in being considered. He was pleased with how it went, and the program will conclude on Thursday night this week. Mr. Hartman acknowledged that it takes courage to be a leader.
- After the successful sale of the bond, Mr. Hartman expressed his gratitude to the district leadership as well as Robin Reeser and Matt Alexander. He acknowledged that this achievement took a considerable amount of time and effort and appreciated the thoughtful and equitable approach taken by everyone involved. He emphasized the importance of maximizing the impact of each dollar spent on each of the four recipient schools.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. [File JH – Student Absences and Excuses – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote:](#)

Update from Superintendent Adam Hartman; updating align to current practices.

**Matt Alexander made a motion to approve File JH – Student Absences and Excuses – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. [File JK – Student Discipline – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote:](#)

Update from CASB; Technical edits and adding legal reference

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File JK – Student Discipline – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote. Bret Meuli seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

3. [File BCB – School Board Member Conflict of Interest – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote:](#)

**Bret Meuli made a motion to approve File BCB – School Board Member Conflict of Interest – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

4. [File EBCE – School Closings, Delays, and Cancellations, and E-Learning Days – Presented to the Board for Information:](#)

Update from Superintendent Adam Hartman; updating policy to align with SOP EBCE-E and removing language associated with E-Learning.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. ACTION ITEMS:**

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#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. [Approval of Wold Architects & Engineers:](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the selection of Wold Architects & Engineers to provide professional services for the construction project at Cañon City High School for a total cost of \$2,011,345.00 to be paid with both BEST and Bond funds.

**Matt Alexander made a motion to approve the selection of Wold Architects & Engineers to provide professional services for the construction project at Cañon City High School for a total cost of \$2,011,345.00 to be paid with both BEST and Bond funds. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. [Memorandum of Understanding:](#)

It is recommended that the Board approve the Memo of Understanding for the purchasing authority of the Superintendent under Policy DJ/DJA is temporarily adjusted to \$50,000 for the duration of the four bond projects



and only for expenses directly relating to immediate and urgent matters for any or all of the following bond projects:

- Project 1: Cañon City High School
- Project 2: McKinley Elementary School
- Project 3: Lincoln School of Science & Technology
- Project 4: Cañon Exploratory School

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve the Memo of Understanding for the purchasing authority of the Superintendent under Policy DJ/DJA is temporarily adjusted to \$50,000 for the duration of the four bond projects and only for expenses directly relating to immediate and urgent matters for any or all of the following bond projects:**

- **Project 1: Cañon City High School**
- **Project 2: McKinley Elementary School**
- **Project 3: Lincoln School of Science & Technology**
- **Project 4: Cañon Exploratory School**

**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 7:07 p.m.



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



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

