

**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. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CAÑON CITY, COLORADO  
5:30 p.m., August 28, 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**.  
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.C.3.a. Appointments – Addition

II.C.3.b. Terminations and Leaves - Change

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

B. Awards and Kudos

1. Kudos to Dusty Majors – Going the Extra Mile to Motivate Kids:

The Board recognized Dusty Majors for her outstanding efforts in going above and beyond to inspire and motivate kids and for her unwavering dedication to the field of education and physical fitness.

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 August 14, 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

**Molly Merry moved and Todd Albrecht 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. Director Report:

Director of Curriculum & Assessment, Brian Zamarripa presented a 2023 State Testing Overview.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Molly Merry reported that the Cañon City Middle School Open House had a great turnout. The school also provided a BBQ for parents, and Ms. Merry noted that it was wonderful to see excited kids and positive teachers. Yesterday, Ms. Merry attended a Mountain Biking Race in Leadville and simultaneously a race in Frisco. Over 1,000 kids participated in the events. Ms. Merry couldn't help but think of Nathania Smith. A few years ago, Nathania used her academic knowledge, collaboration and communication skills, and tenacity to ask the Board to approve Mountain Biking as a lettering sport. The Mountain Biking Team started with only a few students and has now grown to 18 kids that raced yesterday. These students supported each other and showed remarkable resilience by racing in rain, hail, and mud. Ms. Merry was present at the event as a parent, grandparent, and volunteer.

Mike Near enjoys visiting all of our schools to express gratitude to the staff and thank them for a wonderful start to the year. During his visit to McKinley, he noticed that many retired teachers had returned to fill roles at the school.

Janelle Valladares appreciated the way the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades were welcomed into the schools. She said, we've learned how important it is to bring these new students into the community so they can contribute to a community so much quicker. Mrs. Valladares said a lot of work goes into that and gave kudos to the schools.

Over the weekend, Mrs. Valladares attended the State Fair with the Cañon City High School Marching Band. She said the band has been practicing in the heat for well over a month and almost daily. She said their hard work really paid off and the judges said they were impressed with the size and performance of the band in relation to the size of our school. She said that just speaks to the way we support the ARTS within our schools. Our band placed first within their division at the State Fair and Mrs. Valladares gave

kudos to Band Directors, Dan Wiley, Nicole Janitell, students, and the Band Boosters.

Robin Reeser has been working on the bond, BEST Grant, and the Employee Housing Initiative. Today, she visited the Greater Heights office and met the new students.

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 reported our schools' and district's scores have improved over the last year despite setbacks caused by the pandemic. One of our core beliefs is that we believe growth matters most, and we remain committed to moving in the right direction.

Mr. Hartman is thrilled that we are fully staffed and will continue to compete for talent. He said we've looked at other school districts and their strategies to stay competitive, and we discovered that providing employee housing is a part of the equation. Our plan is to have a few small units available in a year, and we'll use a lottery system to give new employees a chance to compete for them. This will be one factor that will make working in Cañon City Schools more attractive to potential employees.

As part of his job, Mr. Hartman is compiling facts, figures, FAQs, and educational resources to help the community to become informed about the voting process. Our goal is not to influence anyone's vote but rather to provide information for them to make their own decision. Last week, Mr. Hartman met with a screening committee to discuss the owner's representation for the BEST grant we received. As per the grant requirements, we need an owner's rep to assist the school district with the bond passage and subsequent steps, such as hiring architects, engineers, and builders. The owner's rep acts on behalf of the owner, which in this case is the school district, and provides procurement services to support the district.

Compass Committee will receive assessment ratings for the school and district frameworks on September 11th.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. File JLCDC – Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote – New Policy from CASB

State law requires school districts to adopt a policy that addresses how a student who has an order or recommendation from a qualified health-care provider for medically necessary treatment receives such treatment in the school setting.

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File JLCDC – Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting– Presented for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. File JLCDC-R – Authorizing Private Health-Care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote – New Policy from CASB

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3. File IKF-E – Cañon City Schools (CSS) Graduation Requirements – Presented to the Board for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Vote – Update to current policy from Director of Curriculum & Assessment, Brian Zamarripa,

English SAT assessment score minimum requirement should be 470.

**Janelle Valladares made a motion to approve File IKF-E– Cañon City Schools (CSS) Graduation Requirements – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading 1st Vote . Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0, and the motion was passed.**

4. File DJE – Bidding Procedures – Presented to the Board for Information Update to current policy from CASB regarding legal requirements.

5. File KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities – Presented to the Board for Information – Update to current policy from Director of Operations, Scott Morton to reflect current practices.

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

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

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

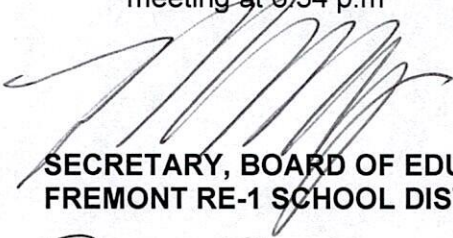
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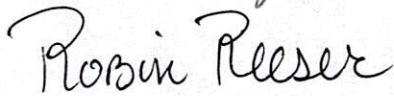
**VI. Miscellaneous Business**

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Reeser adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m



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



**PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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