

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FREMONT RE-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY,
606 N 9th, STREET, CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
5:30 p.m., September 11, 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

Excused: Janelle Valladares, Secretary/Treasurer

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

Director of Support Services, **Paula Buser**; Director of Special Services, **Tim Renn**; 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 that there were no changes to the agenda.

Todd Albrecht made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mike Near seconded the motion. On a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the motion.

B. Awards and Kudos

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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 28, 2023

2. Approval of the following Financial Reports:

3. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:

a. Appointments

b. Substitute Lists for Licensed and Classified Positions

Mike Near moved and Todd Albrecht 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. Student Presentations:

The kindergarten students in Mrs. Thorson's class sang the National Anthem with motions.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Todd Albrecht enjoyed the homecoming assembly at the high school and seeing the week's activities. He appreciates the efforts of the student council and all they do to make everyone feel welcome and ready to engage in learning.

Molly Merry attended the Building Bridges community meeting and was pleased to see the impressive attendance. She shared that Mr. Hartman gave a great presentation outlining the plans to replace the quad in the high school and update some of the other schools to meet the needs of 21st-century learning. Additionally, Ms. Merry expressed appreciation for the insightful questions from the audience.

Ms. Merry was a guest speaker at Cañon Exploratory School on Friday afternoon. She was impressed by the bonding that takes place in CES's communities.

Echoing Mr. Albrecht, Ms. Merry enjoyed seeing all the postings of the homecoming events. She mentioned that they were well-planned and showed great student leadership.

Robin Reeser, along with Mr. Hartman and Mr. Morton, has been actively working on workforce housing. They recently had a meeting with a company they may move forward with. The following day, Mrs. Reeser and Mr. Morton will visit the site to finalize some finishing touches. The goal is to make the housing available before the next school year. In addition to her work on the housing project, Mrs. Reeser had the opportunity to teach 5th-grade math.

Mike Near paid a visit to the Lincoln School of Science and Technology, where he expressed his gratitude to the dedicated staff.

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 actively engaging with the community and helping them learn about the bond. He's been speaking with various groups, such as Zonta, District Leadership, Building Bridges, Harrison PTO, and Compass Committee. He also attended the football game last Friday night. In the coming weeks, he plans to speak with Washington PTO, CES PTO, and Dawson Ranch Homeowners, among others. He'll be giving 23 presentations, including tours of all four schools: Cañon City High School, Cañon Exploratory School, McKinley Elementary, and Lincoln School of Science & Technology. You can find more information about the bond on the Canon City Schools' website at canoncityschools.org/bond-question.

Mr. Hartman took some time to express gratitude toward building level leadership and said good work is taking place in the schools.

Mr. Hartman shared information regarding the progress of the Strategic Plan. September 15th and November 16th will be devoted to engaging new stakeholders and gathering feedback on measurable outcomes. This feedback will be utilized to advise the Compass Committee, which represents community input, and District Leadership. Last year, the committee pinpointed four priority areas: learning, people, engagement, and resources, which we will continue to focus on for continued growth.

This morning, the Compass Committee held its first meeting of the year. The committee is made up of representatives from the community and school district. Mr. Hartman conveyed his contentment with the morning's proceedings, stating that it was one of the best meetings so far. The committee is responsible for accountability toward state assessments, performance surrounding continuous improvement, and how we drive forward.

The first Instructional Leadership PLC meeting is tomorrow. Mr. Hartman said we will use our annual program reviews to identify areas needing improvement and collaborate with leaders to address them.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. File IKF-E – Cañon City Schools (CSS) Graduation Requirements – Presented to the Board for 2nd Reading Final Vote: Update to current policy from Director of Curriculum & Assessment, Brian Zamarripa, English SAT assessment score minimum requirement should be 470

Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File IKF-E – Cañon City Schools (CSS) Graduation Requirements– Presented for 2nd Reading and Final Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

2. File DJE – Bidding Procedures – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote: Update to current policy from CASB regarding legal requirements.

Mike Near made a motion to approve File DJE – Bidding Procedures– Presented for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

3. File KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities – Presented to the Board for 1st Reading and 1st Vote: Update to current policy from Director of Operations, Scott Morton to reflect current practices.

Molly Merry made a motion to approve File KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities– Presented for 1st Reading and 1st Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

4. File GBAA – Sexual Harassment – Presented to the Board for Information: Update to current policy from CASB aligning definition of harassment with state law.
5. File JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented to the Board for Information: Update from CASB to include edits to the special education paragraph; added legal reference; and added informational note describing the ECEA Rule change.
6. File JFBA – Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented to the Board for Information: Update from CASB to include edits to the special education paragraph; added legal reference; and added informational note describing the ECEA Rule change.

IV. Old Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:
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V. New Business

- A. ACTION ITEMS:

VI. Miscellaneous Business

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Reeser adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m



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