

**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., SEPTEMBER 25, 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; and **Todd Albrecht**, Treasurer

Excused: Janelle Valladares, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

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

Director of Human Resources, **Jamie Davis**; Director of Special Services, **Tim Renn**; Chief Financial Officer, **Heidi Anderson**; Director of Curriculum and Assessment, **Brian Zamarripa**.

**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. Fremont Napa Auto Care Group:

The Board extended a heartfelt appreciation to the Fremont Napa Auto Care Group, a business development collective comprising Napa, Zerby Automotive, Austin Automotive, and Cañon City Tire, for their generous donation of \$750.00. These funds will be allocated towards procuring essential school supplies and other areas of need within our educational community. Your support is invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to enhancing the learning experience for our students.

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 September 11, 2023

2. Approval of the following Financial Reports:

Quarterly Budget Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2023

Quarterly Bank/Investment Account Report for the Period of April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

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 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. Director Reports:

Director of Special Services, Tim Renn presented a Special Services Overview.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Todd Albrecht, along with two Board members, recently attended the Region 6 Meeting of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). The meeting was held at the Cañon City District Administration Office. During the event, Mr. Albrecht had the pleasure of witnessing Robin Reeser receive the CASB McGuffey award. This award recognizes the unique Board member who brings the head and heart of committed and passionate service. Mr. Albrecht expressed his heartfelt appreciation for having Mrs. Reeser on the board, highlighting her exceptional professional and educational skills, as well as her heartfelt commitment to the students. He was delighted to see her invaluable contributions being recognized.

Mr. Albrecht is getting ready for the upcoming CASB Delegate Assembly. He has carefully examined 37 resolutions and said that our district's vote carries the same significance as all 178 districts. Mr. Albrecht said he is taking his role as the voting delegate seriously and anxious to attend and have our voice heard.

Molly Merry attended the Building Bridges meeting with Robin Reeser. She mentioned how nice it was to see people planning ahead and working so hard. Ms. Merry has enjoyed answering questions from people in the community about the BEST grant.

Mike Near had some experience as a customer and observer working with the automotive department at the Cañon City High School.

Robin Reeser and Scott Morton visited Dreamwoods, the company handling the employee housing initiative. During the visit, Mrs. Reeser stressed the significance of longevity while being mindful of tax payer resources. They also

opted for finishes like a metal roof, which has a longer lifespan. Mrs. Reeser was impressed with the exceptional quality of the units. Furthermore, she attended a Facilities Corporation meeting on Tuesday, and met with Sam Schneider from CDE at McKinley.

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:

Recently, the CASB Region 6 meeting took place in our Board Room, which was a departure from the usual practice of Board members traveling to attend. The meeting was attended by 19 participants, including Board Administrators and Directors from various school districts in the Pikes Peak region, namely Cheyenne Mountain School District 12, Harrison School District 2, Colorado Springs District 11, Academy District 20, and Pueblo District 60. While they were here, Mr. Hartman gave them a tour of CCMS. They showed interest in what we had to share and eagerly asked insightful questions while taking photos.

A diligent team of staff members convened during a Strategic Planning meeting to discuss and question the prioritized work in the strategic planning process. The team actively collaborated to identify objectives that align with priorities and measurable and accountable actions they can take toward achieving them. This exceptionally productive session took place on September 15th. Leadership will gather tomorrow to gather more input on measuring and achieving goals beyond what was discussed in the meeting. Furthermore, they plan to collect additional feedback from the schools and the community through the master strategic planning process and Compass Committee in October and November.

A week ago, Mr. Hartman had an exceptional experience with the Fremont Multi-District Initiative, which he considered the most engaging one to date. The consortium, comprising Cañon City Schools RE-1, Florence/Penrose RE-2, Cotopaxi RE-3, and higher education partner PCC Fremont, collaborates with the business sector through the Fremont Economic Development Corporation. Together, they endeavored to go beyond the proof of concept and provide more opportunities for students beyond Fremont County. Mr. Hartman gave thanks to the diligent work of the IT Department. Students from both RE-1 and RE-2 school districts can now access content and educational

materials. Mr. Hartman said he is pleased that they are providing opportunities to kids throughout Fremont County.

During a recent meeting, Mr. Hartman shared that the Board will have an action item with recommendation to use Wember Inc. as the Owner's Representative. A significant amount of work has been invested in soliciting outside groups who can represent our schools and ensure successful facility upgrades beyond our expectations. Furthermore, Heidi Anderson has spent a great deal of time ensuring that the bond question has been appropriately formulated and submitted to the county. Mr. Hartman mentioned that we are eagerly looking forward to the opportunity for people to consider supporting our schools on November 7th if the bond passes. If it does, the work with the Owner's Representative will commence as they actively help us navigate negotiations and construction to keep our schools safe and beyond.

Mr. Hartman congratulated Robin Reeser for receiving the CASB McGuffey Award, recognizing it as a wonderful accomplishment. He said volunteering for the school board requires an admirable level of selflessness, and the selection committee conducts a diligent review of applications, seeking candidates who demonstrate a high level of dedication and commitment to their work.

### III. Review of Board Policies

#### A. POLICIES:

1. [File DJE – Bidding Procedures – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote](#): Update to current policy from CASB regarding legal requirements.

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File DJE – Bidding Procedures– Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

2. [File KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities – Presented to the Board for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote](#): Update to current policy from Director of Operations, Scott Morton to reflect current practices.

**Mike Near made a motion to approve File KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities – Presented for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Final Vote. Molly Merry seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

3. [File GBAA – Sexual Harassment – Presented to the Board for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 1<sup>st</sup> Vote](#): Update to current policy from CASB aligning definition of harassment with state law.

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File GBAA – Sexual Harassment – Presented for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 1<sup>st</sup> Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.**

4. [File JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented to the Board for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 1<sup>st</sup> Vote](#): Update from CASB to include edits to the special education paragraph; added legal reference; and added informational note describing the ECEA Rule change.

**Mike Near made a motion to approve File JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 1<sup>st</sup> Vote. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed**

5. [File JFBA – Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented to the Board for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 1<sup>st</sup> Vote](#): Update from CASB to include edits to the special education paragraph; added legal reference; and added informational note describing the ECEA Rule change.

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve File JFBA –Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment– Presented for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 1<sup>st</sup> 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. [Recommendation for Owner's Representative:](#)

It is recommended the Board approve the selection of Wember Inc. as the Owner's Representative for Project Management Services for the Cañon City 2023 Bond Construction Projects. The contract total for the Owner's Representative Services will be \$776,335.00. If the bond is not passed in November 2023, Cañon City Schools will only be required to pay a total of \$5,000.00 for services rendered from September 2023-October 2023.

**Todd Albrecht made a motion to approve the selection of Wember Inc. as the Owner's Representative for Project Management Services for the Cañon City 2023 Bond Construction Projects. The contract total for the Owner's Representative Services will be \$776,335.00. If the bond is not passed in November 2023, Cañon City Schools will only be required to pay a total of \$5,000.00 for services rendered from September 2023-October 2023. Mike Near 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 6:21p.m



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



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