

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT FREMONT RE-1 BOARD OF
EDUCATION HELD AT MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
1240 MCKINLEY STREET, CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
5:30 p.m., October 9, 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:

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Janelle Valadares, called roll.

Present: **Robin Reeser**, President; **Mike Near**, Vice-President; **Todd Albrecht**, Treasurer; and **Janelle Valladares**, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Excused: **Molly Merry**, Secretary

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**.
Joined 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.

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. Falcon of the Month:

The Board and CCMS recognized Kelsey Aaron and C.J. O'Hara as Falcons of the Month for September.

Kelsey Aaron is in 7th grade with a GPA of 3.91. Comments from her teachers were shared which included appreciation for the hard work she does every day in the classroom, kind and positive attitude, treating others with dignity and respect, important insights during class discussions, encouraging those around her, embracing challenges, demonstrating a desire to do her best, and thriving in her independent thinking. Kelsey likes hanging out with her friends and seeing the teachers she likes. She also likes learning new information. She is looking forward to being with her brother in high school for one year and participating in high school soccer. Kelsey would like to be an architect or some sort of house designer or exterior designer. She would like to be remembered as someone who was very kind and that she always had a positive attitude and didn't get defeated. Kelsey would like to give a "shoutout" to her parents for always encouraging her and helping her with her homework -

but only if they were in a good mood. She also wanted to recognize her cat for being awesome.

C.J. O'hara is in 7th grade with a GPA of 3.6. Comments shared from her teachers included counting on her for a bright smiling face during math, trying to do her best, participating in class discussions, willingness to help her classmates, good work ethic, attentiveness, showing kindness to each person, working diligently with a smile and exudes all elements of the SOAR culture from CCMS. C.J. likes spending time with her friends and learning new skills. When asked what she is looking forward to in high school, she said she is looking forward to having a one hour lunch and going wherever she wants whenever she wants. C.J. likes to design things and would like to be an architect. She would like to be remembered as someone who was nice to the underclassmen and supportive to them. C.J. would like to give a "shoutout" to her brother for always being there for 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 September 25, 2023
2. Approval of the Following Personnel Reports:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Terminations and Leaves
 - c. Substitute Lists for Licensed and Classified Positions

Todd Albrecht 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. Student Presentations:

Thor Mann, 1st grade, welcomed everyone to McKinley. He shared what is so cool at McKinley, their Vision & Mission, Highlight of Traits and Skills, and the McKinley Traditions that included "Wildcat Grills."

Daegin Thies, 5th grade, shared information that included the Rainbow Trail camping trip that the 5th grade students are able to enjoy. He shared some of the activities that the students participate in during the trip and how it helps strengthen their friendships, and give them the opportunity to have new experiences.

Linkyn Tafoya shared information regarding the 5th Grade Time Capsule. This tradition has been taking place for over 40 years and gives students the opportunity to relive their memories when they open the time capsule when they graduate.

Ms. Stevens also shared information on the PreK/Kinder Graduation. She also provided information about the Preschool Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad activities.

E. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Janelle Valladares expressed her appreciation for the Parent Involvement Night at CCMS. She learned multiple new things as they talked about Infinite Campus, Schoology, and other tools available to help students. She also reported that she attended different sporting events and the band competition. She expressed how our students have fabulous sportsmanship and that even though our band didn't place where they wanted to, they still clapped for the other bands.

Todd Albrecht reported that he is on the committee for CTE and has been working on the salary schedule. He commended Jamie Davis and Miles Tuttle for all the hard work they have done coordinating that committee and looking at opportunities to raise their compensations. He also reported that he had attended the Compass Committee meeting and had just returned from the CASB Delegate Assembly meeting in Glenwood Springs. He expressed how much he has learned from the meeting and that a lot of other districts are going through some of the same issues that we are. He also reported that so many people stopped and told him that Adam Hartman is a great superintendent. He added that one of the Board Members should attend the meetings with Mr. Hartman to keep other districts from recruiting him.

Mike Near reported that he attended the FTC - Future Teacher Cadets class with Adam Hartman and Robin Reeser. He is also part of the CCEO Board and asked Mr. Hartman to comment on the grant from Newmont Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company. Mr. Hartman reported that we received \$15,000 to help pay for student opportunities.

Robin Reeser reported that other than the meetings that she has attended, the highlight of the last two weeks has been being back in the classroom teaching her favorite subject, Math.

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 began his report by expressing his gratitude to McKinley Elementary School for hosting the School Board Meeting. He recognized the amount of extra work that is required when hosting the meetings. He shared that he likes being in the schools.

Mr. Hartman addressed three subjects:

1. 4A Bond - Our role as a district is not persuading voters but to provide information to them regarding the bond. He has attended over half of the Community Engagement meetings so far and believes we are in a good position at this point.
2. Career Catalyze - CCHS and CES are beginning a pilot for this program that helps students begin the process of focusing on career choices and connect with employers.
3. CASB Delegate Assembly - Adam Hartman attended with Todd Albrecht. Of the 178 school districts in Colorado, all but 2 belong to CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards). The Delegate Assembly is different from the regular convention in December. At the Delegate Assembly, they are seeking input from one delegate in each school district on what type of resolution or emphasis they need to take to the state level. They are seeking to find out what the aggregate need is at the state level. Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Albrecht for attending the meeting.

III. Review of Board Policies

A. POLICIES:

1. [File GBAA – Sexual Harassment – Presented to the Board for 2nd Reading and Final Vote](#): Update to current policy from CASB aligning definition of harassment with state law.

Mike Near made a motion to approve File – GBAA - Sexual Harassment– Presented for 2nd Reading and Final Vote. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

2. [File JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented to the Board for 2nd Reading and Final 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 – JFBB - Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented for 2nd Reading and Final Vote. Mike Near seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

3. File JFBA – Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented to the Board for 2nd Reading and Final 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 – JFBA - Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment – Presented for 2nd Reading and Final Vote. Todd Albrecht seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0, and the motion was passed.

4. File GCO/GCO-R – Evaluation of Licensed Personnel – Presented to the Board for Information: Update to current policy from CASB aligning order and adding technical edits.

IV. Old Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

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V. New Business

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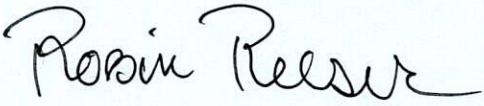
VI. Miscellaneous Business

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Reeser adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



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