

**MINUTES
FREMONT RE-2 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

OPENING OF MEETING

The Board of Education of the Fremont RE-2 School District met February 8, 2016 at the T&I Building, 403 W. 5th Street, Florence, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Tommy Covington at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Joe Caruso	Treasurer Director District D	Present
Tommy Covington	President Director District C	Present
Greg Dickey	Secretary Director District G	Present
Andy Franklin	Vice President Director District E	Present
Linda Schmidt	Director District F	Present
	Director District A	Vacant
	Director District B	Vacant

ADDENDUMS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Erin Davidson – Presented two checks in the amount of \$500 each from the Friends of the Library to Fremont Elementary School and Fremont Middle School to use for library needs.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Dickey moved, seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the agenda for the regular board meeting on February 8, 2016.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes, and Linda Schmidt-yes

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Schmidt moved, seconded by Mr. Franklin to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on January 11, 2016 in the Fremont RE-2 Board Room.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes and Linda Schmidt-yes

APPROVAL OF GIFTS

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey to accept the following gifts/donations:

- Donation of \$50 from David Dodge to Florence High School Agricultural Program
- Donation of \$300 from Atmos Energy to Florence High School Agricultural Program

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Agricultural Education Advisory Committee – Tommy Covington
Things are going as well as can be expected for a new program. Tierney is doing a great job. The building is almost finished. Tierney will probably not move in until after school is out. An open house will be scheduled once she has moved in.
- BOCES Representative – Joe Caruso
There was a discussion about getting their voice heard at the capitol. They are working on trying to build a better representation from the rural alliance. The board is working on the executive director's evaluation and what direction they will be going.
- CASB Representative – Linda Schmidt
Nothing to report
- Classified Association
Absent
- District Accountability – Greg Dickey
Meeting will be next week
- District Safety Committee – Tommy Covington
The schools are continuing to revise their safety plans. They are more technical and have more partnerships with first responders. Each school will be making recommendations to upgrade the safety of their schools through capital reserve projects for next year. **Ready Opt** did a demonstration on how to better improve our system of communication.
- EFEA
Absent
- Fair Share Committee – Linda Schmidt
Nothing to report
- Home Bi-Ed Committee – Andy Franklin
The house is on schedule at this time. The wire and paper are on the house and landscaping is starting in the backyard. There is a contract on the house that will close in May.

- Scholarship Committee – Andy Franklin
Meeting was last week – Mike Morton from Raymond James talked about the investments – down 1.16% from last year. The committee divided into groups to do specific areas of the scholarship application and rank the students.
- Technology Committee – ??????
No representative at this time

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **Business Education Alliance** – Fremont RE-2 School District and Business Alliance held their first meeting and they will be looking to have more outreach into the community to support the high school students for workforce ready options and possible internships and work study in the community.
- B. **Health & Wellness Grant Application** – The district is in the process of reapplying for the RMC Grant along with Fremont RE-1 and Fremont RE-3. This will be the third year for the grant. Kristi Elliott is the coordinator for this grant. The grant is to increase physical activity across our student population and community. Every year each of the schools work with Kristi Elliott to develop two school level SHIPS (School Health Improvement Plans). It also allows us to purchase a lot of equipment for physical education classes. Staff wellness is another component. Also a food service component called Smart Lunchrooms. It focuses on better foods for the students. There is also a visiting chef program that comes four times a year and visit the food service program.

ACTION ITEMS

SNOW DAY AND DELAYED START

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded Mrs. Schmidt to approve the snow day on February 1, 2016 and the delayed start on February 2, 2016.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes, and Linda Schmidt-yes

2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Dickey moved, seconded by Mr. Franklin to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes, and Linda Schmidt-yes

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES

Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Franklin to approve the consent agenda items:

1. Approval: Operational Bills
2. Approval: Purchase Orders Over \$5,000.00
3. Approval: Monthly Financial Report
4. Approval: Staff Resignations

5. Approval: Staff New Hires
6. Approval: Staff Terminations
7. Approval: Staff Transfers
8. Approval: Staff Leave of Absence
9. Approval: Staff Retirement
10. Approval: Staff Transition Year
11. Approval: Staff Supplemental Assignments
12. Approval: New Substitute Teachers
13. Approval: New Substitute Paraprofessionals/Custodians/Food Service
14. Approval: New Volunteers
15. Approval: 140 Day PERA Employee

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes, and Linda Schmidt-yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. for the following reasons:

- A. Expulsion of Student #1

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes, and Linda Schmidt-yes

Participants in the Executive Session were School Board Members present and Superintendent Rhonda Roberts/

The time is now 7:39 p.m. and the Executive Session has been concluded.

EXPULSION OF STUDENT #1

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to approve the expulsion of student #1 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes, and Linda Schmidt-yes

FUTURE MEETINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Fremont RE-2 School Board of Education will be March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the T&I Building with the Workshop at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dickey moved, seconded by Mr. Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Andy Franklin-yes, and Linda Schmidt-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dickey, Secretary of the Board of Education

Linda Drake, Secretary to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on March 14, 2016.