

**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 December 14, 2015 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 7:05 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

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey to approve the agenda for the regular board meeting on December 14, 2015.

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

Mr. Franklin moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 19, 2015 in the Fremont RE-2 Board Room and November 13, 2015 in the Penrose Elementary Library.

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:

1. Donations for the Technology Fair:
 - Kwik Stop – 10 Car Wash Certificates totaling \$70
 - Big D's Super Foods – Gift Cards totaling \$50
 - Fremont Lanes – 9 Kids Bowling Games totaling \$45
 - The Pour House – Gift Certificates totaling \$10
 - Coyote's Coffee Den – Gift Certificates totaling \$15
 - Aspen Leaf Bakery & Café – Free Lunch totaling \$10
 - Carl's Jr – Coupons totaling \$100
 - Dollar General – Miscellaneous Kid Prizes totaling \$150
 - We Fix iPads – iTunes Cards totaling \$80 and 150 pens and styluses
 - Dominos – 10 Pizzas totaling \$67.50
 - Subway – 10% Discount on Party Platters totaling \$12
2. Donation of \$150 to Florence High School FFA from The Chance Threet Memorial
3. Donation of \$100 to Florence High School Agricultural Program from Hardscrabble Mechanical
4. Donation of \$100 to Florence High School Agricultural Program from Catherine Wills

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Agricultural Education Advisory Committee – Tommy Covington
Currently meeting monthly – third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at FHS. Tierney is doing a good job – it is a huge undertaking. The building is started and will make a big difference in the program. Tommy and Tierney are meeting to mesh the program with the Fremont County Fair.
- BOCES Representative – Joe Caruso
Joe Caruso is the new president of the Pikes Peak BOCES. It was a much needed change. Lot of discussion on the audit. Teacher recruitment and retention was a top priority of discussion. Need to come up with an incentive program. Change of the meeting schedule from every month to 4 to 5 times a year. Conversation of directors evaluations.
- CASB Representative – Linda Schmidt
Legislative session at the CASB Convention to elect new officers. Two of state legislatures showed up to speak to the group. Need to encourage state legislatures to stand up for the small school districts. They are not real positive about the financial piece for the coming year. Citizens need to become involved in putting pressure on our state legislatures. Keep the dialogue going with them.
- Classified Association
Absent

- District Accountability – Greg Dickey
Meeting was cancelled – Next meeting will be in January
- District Safety Committee – Tommy Covington
Good meeting last time. SRO's, City Manager and Police Chief were all present. Working on meetings with parents to discuss safety issues to get their input. The City of Florence is putting cameras around town to gain more visual access. Lot of discussion about Fremont Middle School. The school is unique in that they students have to go outside between the two building. There are concerns about safety and what to do about that area.
- EFEA
Absent
- Fair Share Committee – Linda Schmidt
It is a challenge to get bus drivers because it is a part time job. Trying to come up with ideas to solve this. Everything else is going well.
- Home Bi-Ed Committee – Andy Franklin
The shell of the house is up. Working on the roof at this time. Close to being on schedule.
- Scholarship Committee – Andy Franklin
First meeting was a restructuring meeting. Discussed procedures and timeline for reviewing and awarding scholarships. Next meeting will be in February.
- Technology Committee –
No representative at this time. Meeting was this afternoon.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- Thank you note from Principal Michelle Lesser

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. 1st Annual Fremont RE-2 Technology Fair was a huge success. Over 500 people were in attendance. Linda and Joe attended. There were 40 student presentations and about 25 vendors from all over the state and out of state. Scott Elliott did a really nice job.
- B. Agricultural Program Update – The building is on schedule. Completion time should be the end of January. Change order recommendations from the State will be addressed after Christmas. FFA officers demonstrated some of the projects they are working on at the Advisory Committee meeting. This week is the open Ag Fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday.
- C. School Board Vacancies – Director Districts A & B. The Board will be asking for letters of intent from anyone interested in filling those vacancies.

ACTION ITEMS

POLICY FIRST READING FOR IKA, IKA-R, AND IKA-E

Mr. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the first reading of IKA, IKA-R AND IKA-E. These policies are intended to replace former policies AKAB, Report Cards/Progress Reports; ILBA, District Program Assessments; and ILBB, State Program Assessments.

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

RESOLUTION FOR BOND SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAXES

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Covington that

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the UMB Bank (hereinafter referred to as "Bank") to hold Specific Ownership Taxes collected from El Paso and Custer Counties in the bond accounts within the Bank; and

WHEREAS, Fremont RE-2 School District requests those monies be deposited in the District's General Fund account where the Fremont County Specific Ownership Taxes are deposited.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Fremont RE-2 School District, County of Fremont, that all Specific Ownership Taxes collected be deposited into ColoTrust Bank General Fund Account.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION hereby authorizes the Director of Business Services to set forth these changes.

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

OCTOBER COUNT

Mr. Dickey moved, seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the 2015-2016 Student October County final submission.

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

CERTIFICATION OF MILLS

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey that

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT there be and hereby levied upon all taxable property of the Fremont, Custer and El Paso Counties School District No. RE-2 with headquarters in Fremont County, Colorado, the attached levies and monies to be raised, to wit:

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

PROPOSAL FROM TECHNOLOGY INTERGRATION GROUP

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Franklin to approve the proposal from Technology Integration Group in the amount of \$48,000.

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

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A VACANCY

Mr. Dickey moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt that

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with state law, the Board now declares two vacancies in this school director offices A & B on this date, December 14, 2015, and

this vacancy will be filled by appointment by the Board with 60 days from this date in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Interested persons are invited to send a letter to the Board with a statement of interest and related experience by February 1, 2016 to the following address: 403 W. 5th Street, Florence, CO 81226.
2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on February 8, 2016 at a public meeting.
3. No person is eligible to hold public office unless that person fully meets the qualifications for office. To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment. The candidate must also be a resident of the director district in which the vacancy exists. Any person who has been convicted of a sexual offense against a child is ineligible for the office of school director. Each candidate for appointment to the vacancy shall establish their eligibility to hold office by submitted a sworn affidavit attesting to their qualification for the office by February 1, 2016, to the address above.
4. The appointee will serve until the next regular school biennial election in November 2017 at which time an election will be held for a successor to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

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

Financial Statements – September, October and November

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey 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 7:45 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, Superintendent Rhonda Roberts and Principal Brian Schipper

The time is now 8:03 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 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 January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the T&I Building with the Workshop at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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 January 11, 2016.