

**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 September 11, 2017 at the T&I Building, 403 W. 5<sup>th</sup> 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	Vice President Director District D	Present
Tommy Covington	President Director District C	Present
Greg Dickey	Secretary Director District G	Present
Mark Masar	Director District E	Absent
Linda Schmidt	Treasurer Director District F	Present
	Director District A	Vacant
	Director District B	Vacant

**ADDENDUMS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PRESENTATION – SENIOR FUN FEST**

Gina Grisenti presented on the Senior Fun Fest that is put on every year for the graduating seniors. She shared a video of last year's event and talked about all of the sponsors, their donations and volunteers that make it happen.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to approve the agenda for the regular board meeting on September 11, 2017.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Dickey moved, seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on August 14, 2017 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, Mark Masar-absent and Linda Schmidt-yes

### **APPROVAL OF DONATIONS**

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

- Donation of 1000 pairs of solar eclipse view glasses valued at \$1,000 from Kramer Management for students at all schools
- Donation of school supplies from Sunflower Bank to Fremont Elementary School
- Donation of school supplies from Department of Human Services to Fremont Elementary School
- Donation of \$2.62 from Red Robin Restaurants to Fremont Elementary School
- Donation of \$250 for school supply scholarships from Steve & Pam Fox to Fremont Elementary School.
- Donation of \$75 for technology fee scholarships from anonymous to Fremont Elementary School
- Donation of \$30 for student supply fee scholarship from Lora Cochran to Fremont Elementary School
- Donation of \$500 from Royal Gorge Artists Association to Fremont Elementary School Art Department
- Donation of \$500 from Royal Gorge Artists Association to Penrose Elementary School for art supplies
- Donation of \$25 from Arta Laufer to Penrose Elementary School
- Donation of \$500 from Royal Gorge Artists Association to Fremont Middle School for art supplies
- Donation of \$4,300 from CPS Colorado Springs LLC to Florence High School for mattress fundraiser
- Donation of \$250 from Litz Auto for iPad Scholarships for Florence High School

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Agricultural Education Advisory Committee ([As Scheduled](#)) – Tommy Covington  
[Nothing to report](#)
- BOCES Representative ([As Scheduled](#)) – Joe Caruso  
[Nothing to report - next meeting will be September 28<sup>th</sup>](#)
- CASB Representative ([As Scheduled](#)) – Linda Schmidt  
[Region 6 Meeting will be next Monday](#)
- Classified Association  
[Absent](#)

- District Accountability (4 Times a Year) – Greg Dickey  
Nothing to report
- District Safety Committee (4 Times a Year) – Tommy Covington  
Meeting will be later in the month
- EFEA  
Absent
- Fair Share Committee (Monthly) – Linda Schmidt  
FTE Mandatory Meeting was held on September 5, 2017
- Home Bi-Ed Committee (Weekly)  
No representative
- Scholarship Committee (As Scheduled)  
No representative
- Technology Committee (As Scheduled)  
No representative

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. **Ballot Language for November 7<sup>th</sup> School Board Election** – the ballot will contain a total of four director districts, two will have candidates and the other two will not. There will also be a question on the ballot to change the number of directors and the plan of representation. The question is to go to five directors with an at-large plan of representation.
- B. **School Health Professional Grant Update** – there are three new positions across the district – school counselors for Florence High School, Fremont Middle School and one that will be shared between Fremont Elementary School & Penrose Elementary School.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **ANDERSON, DUDE & LEBEL, P.C. CONTRACT**

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded Mrs. Schmidt to approve the contract for legal services from Anderson, Dude & Lebel, P.C.

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

##### **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES**

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- ADD – Safe Schools
- EBBB – Accident Reports
- EBCE – School Closing and Cancellations
- ECA/ECAB – Security/Access to Buildings
- GBEB – Staff Conduct (and Responsibilities)

- GBEB-R – Staff Conduct (and Responsibilities)
- JKD/JKE-R – Suspension/Expulsion of Students (Hearing Procedures)

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

### **CASB TO CONDUCT THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey to approve the use of CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) to conduct the superintendent search for Fremont RE-2 School District.

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

### **DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

- The auditors will begin the annual audit the third week of October.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Dickey moved, seconded by Mr. Caruso 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 New Hires  
Destiny Macomber – Preschool/Early Childhood – Special Education Paraprofessional  
Heather Smith – Fremont & Penrose Elementary Schools – School Counselor (School Health Professional)
5. Approval: Staff Supplemental Assignments  
Duane Grasmick – Fremont Middle School – Head Boys Basketball Coach  
Drenda Manning – Fremont Middle School – Head Cross Country Coach
6. Approval: New Substitute Paraprofessionals/Custodians/Food Service  
Jeannie Melcher – Paraprofessional  
Patricia Simmons – Paraprofessional  
Katherine Troutman – Paraprofessional  
Cindy Richardson – Transportation  
Darlene Limbres – Food Service  
Carol Whittam – Food Service
7. Approval: New Volunteers  
Crystal Carpenter  
Lisa Combs  
Roy Farris  
Trisha Lovato  
Rachel White

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Joe Caruso moved, seconded by Linda Schmidt to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for the following reasons:

A. Personnel Issue

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

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

The time is now 7:47 p.m. and the Executive Session has been concluded.

**FUTURE MEETINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Fremont RE-2 School Board of Education will be October 9, 2017 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 7:48 p.m.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote: Joe Caruso-yes, Tommy Covington-yes, Greg Dickey-yes, Mark Masar-absent 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 October 9, 2017.