

Fremont County School District RE-3 Cotopaxi, Colorado

Regular School Board Meeting

Cotopaxi School Board Meeting Room
0345 County Road 12
Cotopaxi, Colorado 81223

October 12, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Fremont RE-3, was called to order by President Tunstall at 5:09 p.m. The following members were present: Mickey Kulick, Julie Lang, Sherri Reid and Stephanie Tunstall. The following administration members were present: Danielle Van Esselstine and Ken Eckelberry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Tunstall. Guests at the meeting were: Courtney Cole, Amber Canterbury, Debbie Eggleston, Larry Eggleston, Troy Thornton, Devin Gulliford, Tom Lang, Calvin Troutman, Mary Christensen, Mike Brown, Shelly Troutman, Nicole Richards, Lou Collins, Jan Kulick, Kristina Cooper, Simone Soucy, and Alissa Trujillo.

Approval of Minutes: Julie Lang made a motion to approve the September 14, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes and the Board Work Session Minutes from September 22, 2020. Mickey Kulick seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Mickey Kulick made a motion to pay the bills for September. Sherri Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Julie Lang made a motion to approve the agenda for October 12, 2020. Sherri Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Open Forum – Public Input: None.

Presentation - Ms. Lou Collins presented a season update for the Middle School Cross Country Team. Four students participated in this new and exciting sport this year. Ms. Collins shared that the athletes learned the value of participation and also about how taking on something new pushed them to step out of their comfort zones as they set new goals for the season.

Approve the submitted proposal for roof repair from White Mountain Weatherproofing for a total of \$6,657.00. Julie Lang made a motion to approve the submitted proposal for roof repair from White Mountain Weatherproofing for a total of \$6,657.00. Mickey Kulick seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Approve the MOU for the Fremont Multi-District Innovation between Fremont Re-1, Fremont Re-2, Fremont RE-3 and Pueblo Community College. Sherri Reid made a motion to approve the MOU for the Fremont Multi-District Innovation between Fremont Re-1, Fremont Re-2, Fremont RE-3 and Pueblo Community College. Mickey Kulick seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Accept the resignation of Ms. Tanya Witt as a full-time SPED Teacher; contracted for services only and Mr. Tom Young as bus driver. Mickey Kulick made a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Tanya Witt as a full-time SPED Teacher; contracted for services only and Mr. Tom Young as bus driver. Sherri Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Approve the third and final reading of the Emergency Adoption of CASB released Policies and Necessary Updates: AC, AC-E-1, AC-E-2, AC-R-1, AC-R-2, ADC, EBBA, EBBA-R, EBCE, GBA, GBAB, GBGA, GCE/GCF, GDE/GDF, IC/ICA, IKA, IKF-2, IKF-E-2, JB, JBB, JF, JFBA, JFBB, JH, JICDD, JICDE, JICEA, JICEC, JII, JLCC, KI, GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF-R. Julie Lang made a motion to approve the third and final reading of the Emergency Adoption of CASB released Policies and Necessary Updates listed above. Sherri Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Board Member's Report: Julie Lang - BOCES Board - A Communications meeting took place today. They are making positive steps forward and services are being provided for us as well as among the other districts. The Benefits Committee has one more meeting in November. They are ready to present recommendations for BOCES employees' benefit packages. The CASB 80th Annual Convention is taking place virtually in December and the Coffee Cart Program is being featured. Julie Lang will register and get recordings.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Van Esselstine emailed her report to the Board and shared an update about COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations. A tiered approach has been created in order to have the least number of students affected and sent home. Weaknesses are being addressed such as buses, cleaning, staff rotations, etc. The mask order has been extended by the governor. Processes are in place if we need to go online at anytime. Our community-wide flu clinic is taking place soon and the cost for vaccines shouldn't be an issue. The AptaFund Accounting System transition is underway. The first phase of our audit was completed last week and the next phase will take place in November. The water filtration system has been approved and we are moving forward with the electrical, concrete and dirt work to meet the December deadline for the grant. The Aptegy Communication System should be rolled out by December.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Eckelberry emailed his report to the Board gave an update on the current enrollment number of 189. An interim plan for SPED is being developed and the teacher position has been posted. Our paraprofessional's schedules have changed recently and they have adapted to those changes. September 25, was a Professional Development Day and CPI Deescalating Training took place as well as online instruction training and CPR/First Aid instruction taught by Debbie Eggleston. Early Literacy Training will take place in November. Mask-wearing compliance is going fairly smoothly on the buses and in classrooms. Online Parent-Teacher Conferences are being scheduled for October 21-22. There are plans in the works for elementary Halloween Parties and a possible parade.

Food Service Report: Devin Gulliford reported the exciting news about the Summer Food Service Program being extended through the end of the 2020-2021 school year! This will be a great help for our students.

Custodial and Maintenance Report: Calvin Troutman reported that lights had been replaced after the last power outage and his crew is working hard. Jeremy Cole submitted his report but wasn't in attendance at the meeting.

Transportation Report: Larry Eggleston shared that bus driver, Tom Young, resigned two weeks ago. Sabrina Schnitzler, the newest driver is training and doing well.

Accountability Committee Report: None

Athletic Director's Report: Troy Thornton reported that the home football game went smoothly and we didn't have any issues. A few things need to be adjusted for the next game. A profit of \$96.10 was made after paying workers and officials for the football game. Regarding cross country, he will research options for future seasons. The Light Committee is moving forward to complete the installation by our Homecoming game on October 30.

Discussion Items:

Board Meeting Self Evaluation – Stephanie Tunstall addressed and apologized for the technical difficulties with the audio for the meeting.

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Executive Session: Mickey Kulick made a motion to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. pursuant to CO Revised Statute CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) to address personnel issues. Sherri Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

Stephanie Tunstall invited Danielle VanEsselstine, Ken Eckelberry and Shelly Troutman into executive session at 6:10 p.m. Sherri Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mickey Kulick – aye; Julie Lang - aye; Sherri Reid - aye and Stephanie Tunstall – aye. Motion carried.

The executive session ended at 7:20 p.m. Julie Lang made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Sherri Reid seconded the motion. The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

President

Secretary

Stephanie Tunstall

Sherri Reid