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Jim McBride ... an inaccuracy, or another lie?

*McBride's tenure at the Community College of the Air Force isn't as he has represented.
And his contract with the Bennett, Colorado discloses more.*

by Dave FEATHERLY, Publisher and Editor

Jim McBride's resume doesn't always read the same. In spite of the inconsistencies and disclosure of his Superintendent Evaluations from the Bennett, Colorado, school district, he will go into the 2006 general election claiming that it was all "their" fault.

He has publicly stated that the five-member school board in Bennett had it in for him, even though they had just hired him a few months earlier, and that the Superintendent Evaluations were false and he signed them anyway.

He has defended himself by saying that "they" wanted to be rid of him so he left as a result of the poor Superintendent Evaluations he evidently signed under duress. He has not explained why he did not see the handwriting on the wall with the April 15, 2002, Evaluations - why it took him until the second set of devastating comments to realize he was no longer wanted.

Some of the specifics of his employment contract are presented here for the first time. In them, it is revealed that he only worked at the Bennett schools for a little over ninety days (90) on a full-time basis and, already, the school board had assessed him as incompetent or worse.

The contract does clear up how he has claimed to been employed in Bennett, Colorado, while

The following served as CCAF commanders, beginning this date:	
Colonel Paul A. Reid	19 June 1992
Colonel Tamzy J. House	3 July 1996
Colonel James M. McBride	4 March 1999
Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery K. Little	15 December 01

Source: Community College of the Air Force 2005-2007 CCAF Student Handbook

also still serving in the Air Force. He has said he began the job in Bennett in August, 2001 and other dates. According to his contract, he is technically right. He has never disclosed that his employment in Bennett from September 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001, was on a part-time basis. In fact, it was only 27 days during the four month period. But, he did work for the District for four days in August of 2001. (McBride's employment in Bennett was 9/1/01 - 11/1/02. 14 months.)

The startling revelation here is his tenure with the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF).

In several places, including his campaign website, in numerous news articles for which he provided the information and on the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle Election 2006 website, he has repeatedly claimed that he was "selected" to serve as president (commander) of CCAF "In 1996." That isn't even close. Colonel Tamzy J. House held that position from July 3, 1996 - March 3, 1999. McBride was not "selected" to begin in that role until March 4, 1999.

McBride Contract w/ Bennett School District

Term: September 1, 2001 - June 30, 2003, automatically extended one year if he is not notified to the contrary.

Exception: From September 1, 2001 - January 2002, McBride was to work a total of 31 days ("inclusive of the four days worked [by McBride] August 11-14, 2001").

Compensation: September 1 - December 31, 2001 (the 31 days) at the rate of \$360 per day, all payable on January 7, 2002. (Note: Even though the IRS could rule this "constructive receipt" with taxes due in 2001, they probably would never catch it and McBride would defer federal and state taxes on the \$11,160 until he was no longer being paid full-time as a Colonel in the Air Force.)

January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002, salary of \$43,000.
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003, salary of \$86,000.

Vacation: 15 days annually. Sick Leave: One day per calendar month. Insurance: Same as other administrative employees of school district. Automobile: Provided for business use only. Moving Allowance: \$2,500 for move from Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Travel Allowance: Maximum of \$5,740 for travel and temporary housing (9/1-12/31/01).

Unilateral Termination by District: Board may terminate by paying six months salary or \$43,000, whichever is less.

The Question: Did he receive the termination pay, which is proof that he was fired?

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other publications, and provides guidance to the worldwide network of counselors. The following have served as CCAF commanders:

Colonel John L. Phipps	1 April 1972
Colonel Lyle D. Kaapke	1 September 1975
Colonel Lyle E. Darrow	9 June 1980
Lieutenant Colonel William E. Flinn, Jr.	16 August 1982
Colonel Rodney V. Cox, Jr.	19 October 1982
Colonel Russell A. Gregory	24 May 1988
Lieutenant Colonel James L. Antenen	2 April 1992
Colonel Paul A. Reid	19 June 1992
Colonel Tammy J. House	3 July 1996
Colonel James M. McBride	4 March 1999
Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery K. Little	15 December 01
Colonel Eric A. Ash	29 April 2002
Colonel Thomas D. Klincar	3 June 2005

Affiliated Schools

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James M. McBride, Ed.D. State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jim McBride brings professional experience as a teacher, principal, superintendent, Air Force officer, Academy instructor, technology director, and community college president to his current position as Wyoming's Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Dr Jim started his professional career as a teacher at Caesar Rodney Junior High School in Dover, Delaware. During his tenure there, he became certified as a principal and then completed teaching and administrative duties.

In December of 1975, Jim responded to a call to duty by beginning a career in the United States Air Force that lasted over 26 years. During his many assignments, he continued to

teach and attend a number of colleges. In 1981, he completed his MBA at Louisiana Technical University, and in 1983, he was sent to the University of North Carolina, where he completed his Doctorate in Education Administration and an internship in planetarium administration. For the next five years, he taught and held various positions at the Air Force Academy.

In 1996, Dr. McBride was selected as President of the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). CCAF is the largest fully accredited community college in the world with 121 affiliated campuses and an enrollment that exceeds 370,000. Jim retired from the Air Force in December 2001, and embarked on a new career as Superintendent of Schools in Bennett, Colorado. In May of 2003, he joined the Wyoming Department of Education as a technology administrator.

In August 2005, Dr. McBride was selected by Governor Dave Freudenthal to complete the unexpired term of the former State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He now oversees public education in Wyoming and also serves with the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Auditor on the State Lands and Investments Board, the State Board of Deposits, and the State Building Commission. He is a member of the School Facilities Commission and is an ex-officio member of the State Board of Education, University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, and the Community College Commission.

Jim appoints members to the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board. He is a member of the

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Education: BS, Bloomsburg State University, 1970. Master's in Education, Penn State University, 1971. MBA, Louisiana Tech, 1981. Doctorate in Education Administration, University of North Carolina, 1985.

Work Experience: Teacher/administrator, four years, Delaware; 26 years as military officer. During my military career, I held various part-time teaching, instructor/administrator positions to include being an instructor at U.S. Air Force Academy (1985-90) and president of the largest community college in the world, the Community College of the Air Force. In addition to these experiences, I was also a commander several times. After my military retirement, I was a superintendent of schools in Colorado for two years. We later moved to Wyoming to be with and by our grandchildren.

Top three public service positions: As your superintendent of public instruction, my position is my public service. Besides being the education leader for the state, I sit on numerous boards and commissions (Land, Loan and Investment, Community College, University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, etc).

Length of time in Cheyenne/Wyoming: Three years. After a military career that placed us in 17 homes over 26 years, we are home for good.

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