Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Business Meeting Minutes ***September 15, 2020***

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School District 51
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A - Doug Levinson
B - Paul Pitton
C - Trish Mahre
D - Tom Parrish
E - Amy Davis

Board of Education
Mesa County Valley School District 51
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Adopted: October 20, 2020

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						BUSINESS MEETING	6:02 p.m.
Present		x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL ➢ Mr. Levinson was excused absent.	
Absent							
Motion			x			B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted
Second		x				➢ Mr. Parrish requested a motion to amend the agenda to add a presentation from Grand Junction Fire Chief, Mr. Ken Watkins, regarding agenda item J.1. Resolution for Land Swap with the City of Grand Junction.	
Aye		x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL C-1. August 4, 2020 Board Work Session C-2. August 14, 2020 Board Special Meeting C-3. August 18, 2020 Board Business Meeting	Adopted
Second			x				
Aye		x	x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS D-1. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Leadership Program Gold Level Status, Mr. Petie Pope [Resolution 20/21: 17] ➢ Mr. Parrish invited Mr. Petie Pope, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, to the front of the room. Mr. Pope was recognized for his work in helping the District retain their Gold Leader status with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The Gold Leader status is the top status granted to businesses, government entities and organizations who work to create a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable Colorado. District 51 is one of only three school districts in the state to be recognized as a Gold Leader. The Board and Superintendent Sirko thanked Mr. Pope for ensuring the safety of our staff and students through safe environmental practices and for paving the way for the District to continue to be a Gold Leader. D-2. Staff Who Went Above and Beyond to Ensure the Health and Safety of Students and Staff, Mrs. Tanya Marvin, Mrs. Lisa Sharp, Mr. Terry McDowell, Mr. Petie Pope and Mr. Pete Apodaca [Resolution 20/21: 18] ➢ Mrs. Mahre noted since the onset of COVID-19, staff, students and parents have had to make changes. The Board thanked everyone for helping during these times and acknowledged there are many people who deserve recognition. Mrs. Mahre requested Mrs. Tanya Marvin, Nursing Coordinator, Mrs. Lisa Sharp, Purchasing Director, Mr. Terry McDowell, Warehouse Supervisor, Mr. Petie Pope, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, and Mr. Pete Apodaca, Custodial Coordinator, come to the front of the room. These five individuals and the personnel they supervise were recognized for stepping up and meeting the challenges and added demands to keep students and staff safe during this pandemic. Some of the extra challenges, faced by these individuals and staff, include designing and implementing a symptoms tracking system, identifying, ordering, stocking and delivering of Personal Protective Equipment and maintaining clean working environments. The	

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Board and Superintendent Sirko thanked these five individuals and everyone working under them for all the hard work necessary to make and keep our working and learning environments safe and clean.

D-3. Nightingale Nomination and National Recognition of Work Performed, Ms. Heather Shuman and Ms. Sheri Campbell [Resolution 20/21: 19]

- Mr. Pitton asked Ms. Heather Shuman and Ms.Sheri Campbell, School Nurses, to step to the front of the room. Both Ms. Shuman and Ms. Campbell were nominated for the prestigious nursing award, the Nightingale Award. Registered nurses are selected as Luminaries in the area of Advocacy, Innovation or Leadership in a clinical practice or as an administrator, educator or non-traditional nurse. Ms. Shuman was nominated in the category of Advocacy for her work in training school nurses across the western slope and Ms. Campbell won in her category of Innovation for her work with mock drills. Both of these nurses have been instrumental in starting a pilot program to train and improve the performance of non-medical staff to respond to medical emergencies like seizures, hypoglycemia, CPR and AED usage. These two nurses took the data collected through the pilot program and trainings, over the past five years, and created standard operating procedures (SOP). Their work in creating the SOP will be displayed in the form of a poster at the National Association of School Nurses Conference.
- The Board and Superintendent Sirko congratulated these nurses on having their work recognized both at the state and national level and thanked them for their dedication to students' health.

E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

- Mr. Pitton reported he recently spoke with several staff members who work with special needs students. He expressed how the staff members are feeling overwhelmed in keeping up with state and federal mandates.
- Mr. Parrish reminded everyone there are a lot of people working behind the scenes who deserve recognition. He thanked all staff, parents, students and community members for helping to keep students in buildings and the spread of COVID-19 low.

F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- Mr. Parrish questioned if a resolution regarding the repeal of the Gallagher Amendment was adopted following a presentation by Mr. Kevin Brownlee. No resolution was passed. The Board would like to hear information on the pros and cons of the ballot measure to repeal the Gallagher Amendment and the reasoning behind adopting a resolution to support the measure.

G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Brandi Power, Grand Junction, 81504
  Mrs. Power who has children at Central High School wished to discuss the Black Lives Matter (BLM) poster and sexual orientation signs being displayed

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in classrooms. The BLM movement is personal to her as she was a sheriff deputy for twenty-two years, is married to a black man and her children are part black. She feels the BLM organization does not represent anything that should be in schools. She feels politics and sexual orientation should not be included in school learning as morals and values should be taught at home.

- Amy Budeau, Grand Junction, 81507
  Ms. Budeau spoke about the flyers at Grand Junction High School and a poster at Palisade High School being passed off as rumors. She noted the BLM poster at Palisade High School was in a biology class, not a social studies class. She feels the BLM poster should not be displayed anywhere in schools and teachers should not be teaching their opinions. She encourages conversation in schools but only if all sides of the issue are shared in a fair and equitable manner. She believes the District needs to reanalysis the science behind requiring masks to be worn in schools and resume sports and extra-curricular activities. She feels teachers should not have been pulled from a classroom and moved to online learning, instead, a cap should have been placed on spaces available for online learning.
- Felecia Bishop, Grand Junction, 81505
  Ms. Bishop has three daughters who attend elementary and middle school. After experiencing remote learning she realizes how crucial teachers are. She appreciates having her kids back in class but will look at home schooling if what is happening doesn't change. She feels teachers need to teach the fundamentals, math, science and history, and not controversial subjects unless all sides of the subject are presented. She noted there is a lot of hate associated with the BLM movement especially toward law enforcement. She feels if teachers are going to be allowed to share information on social groups they need to share information on every pro and con groups such as God, pro-life, pro-guns and other controversial organizations. Following her posting, on Facebook, that BLM posters do not belong in the schools, she was attacked by several other mothers for sharing her views.
- Samantha Williams, Fruita, 81521
  Mrs. Williams noted racism is a problem, but BLM does not support other races or support black people, it only fuels racism. She shared a BLM leader recently wrote, "White people are a genetic defect". She questioned, if allowing a racist symbols such as a BLM poster in a class why not a confederate flag? She is grateful for the majority of teachers her students have had, and feels her students have received a good education, but there have been some teachers who have been too vocal about their political views. She spoke about two of her students former teachers. One a seventh grade teacher who said, "If your parents voted for Trump they are idiots" and "Christianity is unrealistic and believing in Jesus is like believing in Santa Clause". Another teacher who knew her daughter was prolife, displayed a pro-abortion sticker in the classroom and assigned her daughter to report on Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood. When her daughter reported Margaret Sanger was a racist who attempted to eliminate black people through abortion, the teacher was outraged. Ms. Williams and her

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husband did not address the issues of the teachers' behavior because her students were afraid of being discriminated against. She feels politics do not belong in schools, students shouldn't know the political affiliation of teachers, and, because the political climate in America is not safe, schools should be a neutral safe place for students.

- Tim Couch, Grand Junction, 81503
  Mr. Couch is a science teacher and vice president for Mesa Valley Education Association. He expressed the need for teachers to receive more recognition. He feels the recent shifts in staffing hurt teachers and school learning communities. Recently he spoke with several special education teachers and shared they are overwhelmed and feeling a lot of stress. He requested the Board of Education, superintendent and Mesa Valley Education Association representatives set up meetings to meet with special education teachers.
- Alissa Pruitt, Fruita, 81521
  Ms. Pruitt has four students in the District and is a substitute teacher. She expressed her frustration of wanting a permanent job with the District, but openings are posted as temporary. She also expressed frustration in being denied a long-term sub position she was previously promised. She thanked the District for providing in-person leaning and expressed how students are happy to be back in school. She feels the District should have capped the enrollment numbers for the Online School and should not let students transfer from the Online School back into in-person learning except at the semester break. She also expressed her disappointment in having two of her daughter's core teachers shifted to other locations. She questioned if the librarian, who will now be teaching science, is qualified and prepared to teach science.
- Nick Allen, Grand Junction, 81503
  Mr. Allen does not have any students in the District. He spoke as a community member and thanked the District for supporting the effort of BLM. He was a former history teacher and spoke about how history repeats itself. He noted at the time of Martin Luther King's death, Mr. King had a forty percent approval rating because people thought he was violent, many hated him and did not want him around. He noted we have had pandemics in the past and racial issues since 1619. He quoted George Wallace's speech at a civil rights movement in 1968. Wallace said, "And it is a sad day in our country that you cannot walk even in your neighborhoods at night or even in the daytime because both national parties, in the last number of years, have kowtowed to every group of anarchists that have roamed the streets of San Francisco and Los Angeles and throughout the country. And now they have created themselves a Frankenstein monster, and the chickens are coming home to roost all over this country".
- Bruce Lohmiller, Grand Junction, 81505
  Mr. Lohmiller noted there are two subjects he normally speaks about, comprehensive sex education and KREX News. He questioned why the news media doesn't include 241-STOP in their television stories. He feels people who have issues need to know about 241-STOP so they can be connected to the appropriate services. He reported on meeting with John Kirby of KREX

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News and requesting a copy of Major Garrett's Fox News report. He would like Major Garrett's report included in sex education classes. He requested Mr. Kirby contact CBS News to obtain a series of reports on accusations toward John Hickenlooper, when Mr. Hickenlooper was governor. The governor's office was to retain a file, but now the file cannot be found. He requested the Board urge Mr. Kirby to locate the reports.

- April Jennings, Palisade, 81526
  Ms. Jennings has one student in the District. She addressed Superintendent Sirko about an email sent and questioned how statements about BLM encompasses her white child? She understands the movement behind racism, but doesn't feel a BLM posters should be allowed in schools. She doesn't believe BLM is doing anything accept causing more problems and encouraging more racism. She feels racism will always be an issue because you cannot fix everyone. She noted the District needs to guide, lead and teach students without interjecting personal beliefs. She is disgusted with how things are being handled and noted her son was verbally attacked, by a teacher, for wearing an American flag facemask. Her son is a proud American and respects the flag. She spoke on behalf of other parents in noting students should not be forced to watch CNN without watching FOX News. She feels students need to be shown both sides of the political spectrum and taught how to formulate their own opinions based on the facts. She reiterated teachers should not force their personal opinions upon students.
- Mr. Joe Jarvis, Grand Junction, 81507
  Mr. Jarvis is a native of Grand Junction, graduated from District 51, and had sons in this District. He reminded the Board they do not work for Jared Polis, but they work for the people. He shared, the parents of the children the District is caring for are not happy about what is happening. He is a Little League coach and martial arts instructor and spoke on behalf of other parents who are not happy with the current education system. He feels the District is following a California liberalism style of education and is indoctrinating students with information that is unacceptable. He feels a response, from Dr. Sirko, on what is happening was unacceptable and she should not be working for the District. He noted politics should not be in the schools and as a Little League coach and teacher of martial arts, he teaches both without interjecting politics or personal beliefs. He feels the silent majority are fed up and this is a bad time in our country. He noted the next fifty days, prior to the election, are going to be interesting. He hoped the Board and Superintendent Sirko would listen to the people and make some changes.
- Shyra Hutchins, Palisade, 81526
  Ms. Hutchins is a sophomore at Palisade High School. She reported for the most part, teachers are doing their jobs well but a couple are pushing their political views on students, and that should not be happening. She respects teachers, but she does not respect anyone who blatantly lies. She feels anyone saying BLM and sexual orientation posters are not political are lying. She does not believe references to sexual orientation or BLM belong in the schools, as they are personal matters that should be dealt with in the home.

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She feels another lie is to say it is unsafe to hold normal school and have extra-curricular activities. She questioned how is it unsafe to have football practice and games when they are held outside? She feels it is unfair and hurtful to keep students from doing what they love and noted some students are getting in trouble without having activities or they are sitting at home getting depressed because they cannot participate in sports. She stated as elected officials, it is the Board's responsibility to care for students and to help students live their lives to the fullest.

- Mick Bunn, Grand Junction, 81507
  Mr. Bunn complimented the teachers his two students have this year. He shared his concerns regarding two emails, one sent in June and one sent last week. He felt both emails were disturbing. The email in June referenced the senseless killing of George Floyd and he questioned how the act could be considered senseless without knowing all the facts. He feels emails should just state the facts and not opinions, as one person's opinion may not be shared by all. He noted no one has the right to tell others what is considered hateful and no one has the right to push their opinion on others. He would like to see an apology from the District for what he considered defamatory and slanderous emails.
- Jenni Lais, Grand Junction, 81507
  Ms. Lais has many kids in the District. She doesn't believe there is anyone who doesn't think black lives matter. She expressed her belief that the BLM organization is a terrorist group and responsible for killing people. She noted many people, especially those associated with law enforcement, feel threatened by BLM posters. She feels only factual information should be taught in schools, not politics or personal opinions and if an issue is discussed, all side of an issue should be shared. She thanked the District for opening back up to in-person learning and thanked the teachers for being there every day to teach. She read a portion of a posting from Representative Matt Soper, "by sanctioning the display of these messages on the school house walls it is possible disparaging, intimidating and bullying students and parents who may believe differently". She stated District administration received the posting and noted a private response would be sent. She feels all taxpayers deserve to see the response sent to Representative Soper and she would like a response to an email she sent to Superintendent Sirko.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Ken Watkins, Grand Junction Fire Chief, and Mr. Greg Caton, Grand Junction City Manager, presented information on a proposed land exchange between the District and the City of Grand Junction. The city is needing to replace Fire Station #3, which is located south of Pomona Elementary School. The city conducted a study to see about purchasing property at a different location, but determined building a new station on an adjoining property, owned by the District and currently being used as a parking lot, would be the best scenario. Once the new station is built, the city would remove the old station and pay the cost to turn the property into a parking lot for the District.

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In trading properties the fire station would be further from the school and the parking lot closer to the school. The trade would also include the District receiving a small piece of property near Dual Immersion Academy. Acquiring the property near Dual Immersion Academy would allow for expansion of their current parking lot.

- Superintendent Sirko reported receiving over 100 emails in the past couple days and having time to respond to approximately thirty. She also reached out to several individuals with phone calls. She noted she will be responding to the balance of emails over the next few days.

H-1. Transportation Study Results

- Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, shared results from a busing cost study conducted by an independent contractor, which was not Student Transportation of America. Originally, the contractor was asked to study costs associated with reducing walking distances, but with the onset of COVID-19, the contractor was asked to look at the current busing routes and possible cost savings measures. The study found, without changing bell schedules, route efficiencies could be found in the Fruita and Clifton areas eliminating three buses at a cost savings of around $140,000. The study further found with some bell changes one more bus could be eliminated for an additional savings of approximately $40,000.

H-2. COVID-19 Update

- Mrs. Tanya Marvin, Nursing Coordinator, shared her appreciation for the Mesa County Health Department's work in applying for variances from the state. Variances will allow the schools to move to illness management in dealing with students and the seasonal flus and colds. She reported, many parents are using the student tracking atom but some students are coming to school showing symptoms and are having to be sent home. In reviewing data from past years relating to colds, flu, and strep throat, the current rate of illness being seen in schools now is consistent with previous years. She reported, at this time, there has been a total of three staff members and three students who have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those cases, two classes had to be quarantined. For one class quarantined, the teacher tested positive for COVID-19, but for the other, the teacher tested positive for pneumonia, not COVID-19. Approximately twenty students had to be quarantine due to contact with one student who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Superintendent Sirko answered questions regarding COVID-19 grant money and student enrollment. She noted it will be about six weeks before the District will know if a Mesa County Mineral Lease Grant will be awarded. The grant is in partnership with Colorado Mesa University and will afford the District the opportunity to access quicker testing and testing of wastewater. Approximately 800 students have not returned from last year, but the District is finding many of those students have moved out of the area and home school enrollment is up about 300 students from last year. The District

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could look at averaging student enrollment over the last five years to determine student enrollment count.

- The Board requested an update on COVID-19 funding at the October Work Session.

H-3. Staffing Update

- Ms. Nikki Jost, Human Resource Executive Director, expressed the hardship for staff and students when making staffing changes. Normally, there are some staffing shifts annually with special education staff seeing more changes than general education. This year, around twenty-eight teachers, four counselors and four instructional coaches were shifted to other assignments. Many of the staff volunteered to be moved, but all shifts are noted as non-volunteered so all staff are on an equal playing field when positions open back up.
- Superintendent Sirko thanked Ms. Jost for all the work her department did this year in working with staff. She described how a tiered system was implemented noting staff members who were at high risk, staff members who had family members at high risk and staff members who just felt uncomfortable in returning to in-person learning.

H-4. Career/Technical Education Update

- Agenda Item moved to October 6 Work Session

H-5. Athletic Update

- Mr. Paul Cain, Athletics/Activity Director, distributed a printout showing four shortened sports seasons for the 2020-2021 school year. Season A which includes cross country track, boys' golf, softball and boys' tennis will run through the end of September. The remaining three seasons will not begin until after January and there is uncertainty if some indoor sports will even be able to happen such as wrestling and swimming. The Colorado High School Athletic Association is to announce soon if football will be allowed. If football is allowed, districts would have to designate which shortened season they would be participating in, the fall or the spring. At this time District 51 is looking at participating in the fall schedule while the majority of front range schools have indicated they would choose the spring schedule. This scenario of two football seasons would mean two state champions for each division. Spectators for football would be allowed but the number of spectators would be limited.

[Recess 8:12 p.m. Resume Meeting 8:25 p.m.]

H-6. Communication/District Initiatives

- Catherine Foster-Gruber, Media Specialist, reported the Communication Department is working hard to keep the public informed and is using various social media sites. She reported the District has around 14,000 followers on Facebook, 3,500 on Instagram and 2,500 on Twitter.

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Motion		x				I. CONSENT AGENDA	Adopted
Second					x	I-1. Personnel Actions [Resolution 20/21: 20]	
Aye		x	x	x	x	I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 20/21: 21]	
No							
Motion		x				J. BUSINESS ITEMS	Adopted
Second					x	J-1. Resolution for Land Swap with the City of Grand Junction	
Aye		x	x	x	x	➢ The District will be working with the city on the design for the new parking lot and explore options to join the new parking lot with an existing parking lot.	
No							
						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION	
						➢ Mr. Parrish noted he will be attending the Board Work Session on October 6 electronically. He requested Board members send him agenda items for the Board Retreat.	
						➢ Mr. Brian Hill, Assistant Superintendent, shared his appreciation for all the work Superintendent Sirko has done for the District and for the state. He felt some the comments made by the public regarding Superintendent's leadership abilities were unfounded. He noted you cannot judge a person based on one email.	
						L. FUTURE MEETINGS	
						L-1. October 6, Butler Board Room, 6:00 p.m., Board Work Session	
						L-2. October 14, Butler Board Room, 4:00 p.m., Board Retreat	
						L-3. October 20, Butler Board Room, 6:00 p.m., Board Business Meeting	
						M. EXECUTIVE SESSION	
						➢ None at this time.	
Motion		x				N. ADJOURNMENT	8:48 p.m.
Second			x				
Aye		x	x	x	x		
No							

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Recognition:
Renewing Gold Level of Environmental Leadership Program
Mr. Petie Pope

Board of Education Resolution: 20/21: 17

Presented: September 15, 2020

The Board would like to invite Mr. Petie Pope to the front.

Mesa County Valley School District 51 recently renewed its status as a Gold Leader in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Environmental Leadership Program. This status is granted to businesses, government entities and organizations who work to create a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable Colorado.

District 51 would not have achieved this status without the work of our Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Mr. Petie Pope. The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is a statewide environmental recognition and reward program which offers benefits and incentives to members that voluntarily go beyond compliance with state and federal regulations and are committed to continual environmental improvement. There are three tiers of awards, bronze, silver and gold, each with unique requirements and expectations.

Gold Leaders must have in place a fully operational, facility-specific Environmental Management System, with goals to achieve environmental excellence. These goals are review annually in order to track progress towards continuous improvement goals. Organizations must meet the beyond-compliance requirements for the Gold Tier and have no serious violations for three years. By renewing this status, District 51 continues to be recognized as a leader in environmental efforts. District 51 is also one of only three school districts with this distinction.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to thank Mr. Pope for ensuring the safety of our staff and students through safe environmental practices, and paving the way for the District to achieve and retain the status of a Gold Leader with the Department of Public Health and Environment.

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Recognition of Outstanding Staff:
Tanya Marvin, Lisa Sharp, Terry McDowell
Petie Pope, and Pete Apodaca

Board of Education Resolution: #20/21: 18 Presented: September 15, 2020

The Board recognizes that with the onset of COVID-19, all staff, students, and parents have been affected and have had to make changes. The Board would like the thank everyone for helping get through these crazy times, and would love to be able to recognize all staff members, parents and students. Due to time restrains and limited seating, the Board can only formally recognize a limited number, and acknowledge that these individuals represent the efforts of a larger community dedicated to the safety of our staff and students.

At this time the Board would like to invite to the front of the room, several individuals whose workloads have dramatically increase and who have stepped up to meet the added demands and challenges related to the health and safety of our schools. Would Mrs. Tanya Marvin, Mrs. Lisa Sharp, Mr. Terry McDowell, Mr. Petie Pope, and Mr. Pete Apodaca please step forward.

Mrs. Tanya Marvin, Nursing Coordinator, has helped design a tracking system for staff and students, created flow charts for staff to follow, assisted in hiring of additional health assistants, and spent numerous hours consulting with the Mesa County Health Department and District administration all in an effort to protect the health of our students and staff. Mrs. Marvin along with the District's RNs and health assistants have been working tirelessly in making sure tracking is completed and protocol is being followed.

Mrs. Lisa Sharp, Purchasing Director, and her department have spent an incredible amount of time researching and reviewing purchasing proposals and tracking down needed Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Mrs. Sharp has not only spent hours ordering and arranging for delivery of supplies, she has also assisted in physically loading and unloading supplies.

Mr. Terry McDowell, Warehouse Supervisor, and all the warehouse personnel have been doing an outstanding job of getting the needed PPE supplies to all the schools and administration buildings. The job of having to add numerous new supplies to the warehouse inventory, finding room to store those supplies, and equitably delivering those supplies is huge.

Mr. Petie Pope, Environmental Health and Safety Advisory, deserves recognition for his help in researching PPE products and assisting in training of staff on how to safely use and store cleaning and disinfecting

products. His work is highlighted by the recent renewal of District 51 as a Gold Leader in the Environmental Leadership Program offered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Mr. Pete Apodaca, Custodial Coordinator, and his entire custodial crew should be applauded for the work they have done and continue to do on a daily basis to make sure schools and administrative buildings are clean and sanitized. Often Mr. Apodaca can be found assisting in the cleaning and disinfecting of classroom, offices and common areas to ensure staff and students have a clean environment in which to work.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to recognize and thank all of these individuals and the personnel they supervise in helping to make sure everything was in place for students to return to buildings and for all they do on a daily basis to keep students and staff in a safe and healthy environment.

Recognition of Nomination for the Nightingale Award and National Recognition of Work Accomplished, Ms. Heather Shuman and Ms. Sheri Campbell

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The Board would like to invite Ms. Heather Shuman and Ms. Sheri Campbell to the front of the room.

Ms. Shuman and Ms. Campbell, registered nurses for the District, were both nominated for the prestigious awards in nursing: The Nightingale Award. The Nightingale Award honors Colorado nurses who best exemplify the philosophy and practice of Florence Nightingale. Through a regional nomination process, nurses are selected as Luminaries in the areas of Advocacy, Innovation, or Leadership in either a Clinical Practice or as an Administrator, Educator, or Non-Traditional Nurse.

Ms. Shuman was nominated in the category of Advocacy for her work with training school nurse RNs across the western slope to assist students with diabetes. Ms. Campbell won in her category of Innovation for the mock drill pilot project. Mock drills are common in a medical setting, but uncommon in an educational setting. Both these nurses have been instrumental in starting the pilot program to train and improve performance of non-medical staff to respond to medical emergencies like seizures, hypoglycemia, CPR and AED usage. This pilot program has been in place for five years and the data collected from the mock drills has been used to create standard operating procedures. These two women were selected to present their program and data in the form of a poster at the National Association of School Nurses Conference.

As you can see from the poster, the work performed by these two nurses is extensive. The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to congratulate these nurses for their accomplishments and recognition at both the state and nation level, and thank them for their dedication to the health of District 51 students.

Communications Update
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Includes

Earned Media Coverage

Paid Media Coverage

Electronic Direct Communication

Social Media Reports

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Media Coverage

The Daily Sentinel

Aug 15, School board holds special meeting

Aug 18, Back to School

Aug 18, Some bus drivers choose not to return amid pandemic

Aug 19, D51 Board talks in school and online learning starts

Aug 27, Supplies in stock, masks on and spirits high: Back to school a success so far for D51

Aug 28, Stuff the Bus check presentation

Sept 1, District 51 to decide on semester shifts this week

Sept 2, School district discusses need for reassigning teachers to online learning

Sept 3, Teachers will be reassigned by next week, Sirko says

Sept 4, District 51 taking steps to address mental health during return to school

Sept 9, High school football could return this fall

Sept 10, D51 meal program extended

KREX

Aug 14, Teachers storm of out BOE meeting

Aug 17, Mesa County District 51 students return to school

Sept 9, Mosquitos in Fruita area

KKCO/KJCT

Aug 17, School District 51 monitoring air quality for students

Aug 17, First day of school

Aug 25, First week of school

Aug 25, D51 online begins

Aug 27, Stuff the Bus check presentation

Colorado Public Radio

Aug 17, What Colorado's first day of school looked like in a pandemic

Sept 1, Mesa County's largest school district has too many online students, not enough teachers

Paid Media

Indoor Billboards

The following ads appeared on indoor billboards owned by Local Focus at various places in the community, including Mesa Mall, Kidsplex, Glacier Ice Arena, Graff Dairy, Bananas Fun Park, etc.

Welcome Home Packages

Each month, 100 Homeowners who move into a new home in the Grand Valley receive a package that includes two branded stickers and pens, a printed infographic with more information about District 51.

TV Ads

KREX does a monthly segment highlighting a teacher who receives the KREX "Golden Apple Award." The channel advertises the award to bring awareness to D51, and to garner nominations. KJCT provides audience targeting to supply relevant information to demographics who may benefit from our information as they browse the web.

Electronic Communications

Board Briefs

- Sent to all District 51 staff, families, media, and community members who have signed up at www.d51schools.org
- Includes a summary of what was presented/discussed/adopted at the Board of Education meeting
    - September 1 Work Session
    - August 18 Business Meeting

Staff Newsletter

- Sent to all District 51 staff
- Includes a video update from Dr. Sirko, previous board briefs, information about the COVID-19 symptom tracker, information about the process followed after a positive case is identified, the back to school videos, a recap of the summer graduations, a highlight of Monument Ridge Elementary, TRIAD Employee Assistance Program information, a feature on the Central High School school-based health center, a spotlight on D51 nurses, information about online volunteer options, mental health resources for the community, an update from the D51 Foundation, and information about meals for students.

Family & Community Newsletter

- Sent to 19564 parents and community members
- Includes previous board briefs, a video update from Dr. Sirko, information about the COVID-19 symptom tracker, information about the process followed after a positive case is identified, the back to school videos, a recap of the summer graduations, a highlight of Monument Ridge Elementary, TRIAD Employee Assistance Program information, a feature on the Central High School school-based health center, a spotlight on D51 nurses, information about online volunteer options, mental health resources for the community, an update from the D51 Foundation, preschool application information, text-opt in details, school events, and information about meals for students.

The Communications Department produces, edits, and sends the bi-weekly Superintendent Video, and facilitates the distribution of the weekly Superintendent letters on alternate weeks.

Each letter, video caption, etc. is also translated into Spanish with the help of Jesus Raffo.

Social Media

A full social media report is available upon request.

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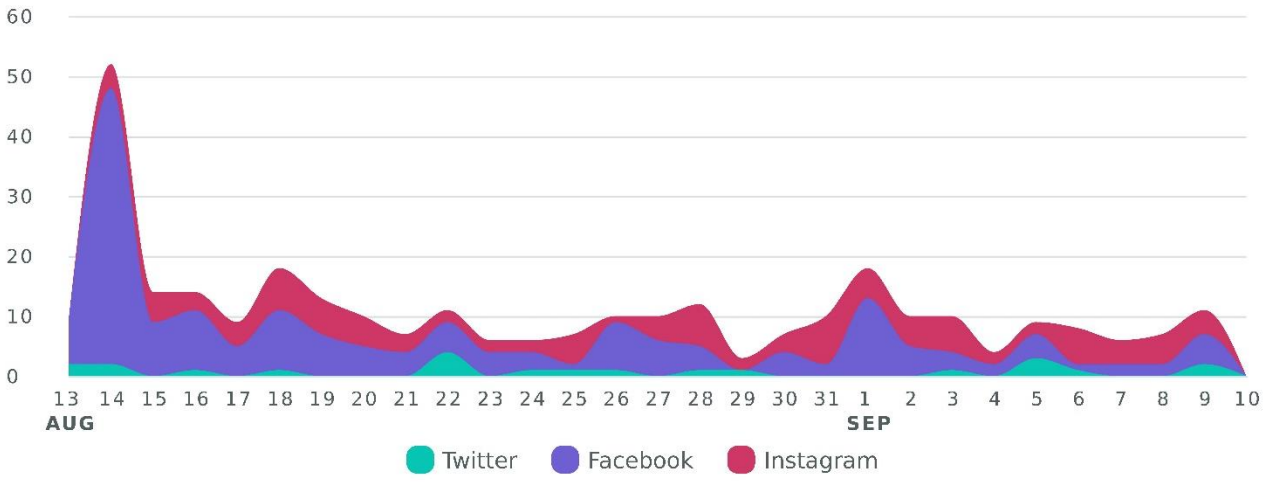
Cross-Network Profiles

Review your aggregate profile and page metrics from the reporting period.

Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)
Reporting Period Aug 13, 2020 - Sep 10, 2020	**20,796** ↗ 1%	**212** ↘ 61.3%	**118** ↗ 49.4%	**513,206** ↗ 4.6%	**75,416** ↘ 7.5%	**14.7%** ↘ 11.5%
Compare to Jul 15, 2020 - Aug 12, 2020	**20,588**	**548**	**79**	**490,811**	**81,529**	**16.6%**
Mesa County Valle...	13,926	123	61	460,946	72,424	15.7%
School District 51	3,583	85	18	30,182	1,896	6.3%
School District 51	3,287	4	39	22,078	1,096	5%



Audience Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Audience	**20,796**	**↗ 1%**
Total Net Audience Growth	**212**	**↘ 61.3%**
Twitter Followers Gained	22	↗ 22.2%
Facebook Page Likes	178	↘ 56.2%
Instagram Followers Gained	112	↘ 45.9%

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Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action

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Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			
Resignations/Termination			
BEAMAN, LARKIN D	EAST	7TH GR MATH	8/11/2020
GIBSON, GINGER G	FRUITA 8-9	SPED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/21/2020
HAMAKER, KAYLI ANN	THUNDER MTN	MUSIC	8/18/2020
STAFFORD, JOEY E	BOOKCLIFF	MUSIC	8/4/2020
WARD, ALEXANDRA H	ORCHARD MESA	MUSIC	9/25/2020
Leave of Absence			
ESPINOZA, EMMYLOU C	DUAL IMMERS ACD	MUSIC	9/2/2020
New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)			
ALLENDER, KATIE H	R-5	INTERVENTIONIST	8/14/2020
BAKER, TAMMI D	D51 ONLINE/ SHELLEDY	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
BETZEN, SAMANTHA GRACE	DIA/ THUNDER MTN	MUSIC	8/13/2020
BOUMAN, ELIZABETH C	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
BRADSHAW, BONNIE LYNN	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
BROWN, AUTUMN C	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
BURKEY, NELSON CARLIN	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
CARMICHAEL, KYLE P	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
CASTANEDA, KALENA S	CENTRAL	COUNSELOR	8/17/2020
CASTRO, TEAGAN P	NISLEY	GRADES K-1-2	8/4/2020
CHAVEZ, VICTORIA G	CENTRAL	TECH ED/INDUSTRIAL ARTS	8/4/2020
CHIPCHASE, AMANDA MAE	BOOKCLIFF	MUSIC	8/11/2020
CHIPCHASE, JOHN T	CENTRAL/ NEW EMERSON	MUSIC	8/11/2020
COSBY, CANDIS L	D51 ONLINE/ TOPE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
CRAVEN, CONSTANCE L	FRUITA 8-9	TECH ED/INDUSTRIAL ARTS	8/25/2020
CUSTER, KRISTY L	EAST	6TH GR MATH	8/14/2020
DAEHN HARVEY, VERONICA E	FRUITA MS	7TH GR LANGUAGE ARTS	8/26/2020
EDWARDS, DAVID J	D51 ONLINE	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - K-12	8/13/2020
GASS, SHANNON PAUL	MT GARFIELD/ BOOKCLIFF	GIFTED & TALENTED	8/14/2020
GORMAN, MATTHEW S	CENTRAL	CLD-HS	9/8/2020
HAYDEN, LAUREN E	POMONA	GRADES K-1-2	8/13/2020

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HURSHMAN, KELSEY M	D51 ONLINE/ FRUITA MS	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
JONES, REBECCA J V	EMERSON	SPC,CURRICULUM/LEARNING DESIGN (.25 FTE)	8/24/2020
KNOB, JORDAN L	RIM ROCK	COUNSELOR	9/8/2020
LARSEN, DEANNE M	SUMMIT PROGRAM	SPED-SNB	8/4/2020
LIPIC, MARGARET M	CENTRAL	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	8/14/2020
LUHRS, KAYLA D	LOMA	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/13/2020
MCCLURE, MELISSA A	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
MCGEE, WILLIAM VERNON	CENTRAL	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/31/2020
MEISTER, JANINE	MESA VIEW	INTERVENTIONIST	8/31/2020
MICHELS, DANNA LYNN	HIGH SCHOOL DEPT	SPED-MODERATE NEEDS	9/4/2020
MOHLER, ELIZABETH JANE	D51 ONLINE/ CLIFTON	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
PANIAGUA, NICHOLE	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	8/4/2020
RALSTON, MAEGAN LEANNE	ORCHARD AVE	INTERVENTIONIST/ SPED-MODERATE NEEDS	9/4/2020
SHAW, JERRI ANN	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
SIEMENS, DAVID R	WEST/MGMS	VOCAL MUSIC	8/12/2020
STRAW, BETSY L	DOS RIOS	INTERVENTIONIST	8/17/2020
TANKERSLEY, GAYLA S	D51 ONLINE	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
THORNTON, CARRIE L	D51 ONLINE	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	8/25/2020
THORNTON, SHANNON F	D51 ONLINE/ APPLETON	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
WALL, CAROLYN A	D51 ONLINE/ REDLANDS	SPECIAL EDUCATION	9/4/2020
Return from Leave			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on September 15, 2020.

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Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education

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GIFTS

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Donor	Melinda Hanson
Gift	Cash
Value	$250.00
School/Department	Nutrition Services / Unpaid lunch fees

Donor	White Oak Formal Boutique
Gift	New formal and casual wear
Value	$5,000.00
School/Department	Grand Junction High School / Tiger Boutique (Free clothing for students in need)

Donor	Certek Heat Machine USA LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	$250.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / General SBA account

Donor	Gil Sanchez
Gift	Drum Set
Value	$400.00
School/Department	Music Education / Bookcliff Middle School Band

Donor	Donors Choice
Gift	Classroom supplies
Value	$578.22
School/Department	Chipeta Elementary School / Ms. Luna' second grade class

Donor	Nancy Miller
Gift	Two $50 Walmart gift cards
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Pomona Elementary School / Families in need

Donor	Raisha Quinn
Gift	Costumes
Value	$350.00
School/Department	Grand Junction High School / Theater Productions

Donor	Rottman Eye Care
Gift	Cash
Value	$520.00
School/Department	Pomona Elementary School / Personalized masks for staff

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Donor	Enjoy Church
Gift	Cash
Value	$600.00
School/Department	Thunder Mt. Elementary School / Student needs

Donor	Nicole Quintana
Gift	Microwave Oven
Value	$44.00
School/Department	Appleton Elementary School / 5th grade students

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education, in accepting the donations listed above, extends their appreciation and acknowledges these important partnerships within the community which support learning for all students.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on September 15, 2020.

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Secretary, Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

Resolution For Approval of Contract for Exchange of Land with City of Grand Junction

Board of Education Resolution: 20/21: 22

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WHEREAS, the District owns property adjacent to Pomona Elementary School and abutting Grand Junction Fire Station #3, all within the City of Grand Junction, a Colorado home rule municipality ("City") and known as Mesa County Tax Parcel #2945-101-00-171, as depicted on the Mesa County Assessors Card attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City owns property located adjacent to Pomona Elementary School where Grand Junction Fire Station #3 is located; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to build a new fire station to replace the aging Fire Station #3 and has requested that the District agree to exchange a portion of the Property for land owned by the City so that the resulting City parcel will better accommodate the new fire station; and

WHEREAS, a drawing of the land to be exchanged is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the District, the City has agreed to include in the exchange a small parcel owned by the City that is in close proximity to the Dual Immersion Academy that the District uses for parking, a depiction of which is attached as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS. the Property to be traded by the District is not needed in the operation of Pomoma Elementary School or for any other purpose in the District, and the property to be received by the District will be valuable to the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the City have entered into a Letter of Intent which sets forth the basic terms of the exchange of the properties and which calls for a formal contract to be negotiated and executed based on the terms of the Letter of Intent with the addition of the City parcel next to Dual Immersion Academy to be included; and

WHEREAS, the Letter of Intent is attached hereto as Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems the proposed exchange of the properties with the City of Grand Junction to be in the best interests of the District, provided that the District and the City agree to terms of a formal real estate contract and execute the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares that the Property to be conveyed to the City is not needed by the District; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the terms of the Letter of Intent attached as Exhibit A to be modified with the inclusion of the City parcel next to the Dual Immersion Academy to be included in land going to the District; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent to enter into and to execute the Real Estate Contract on behalf of the Board, as soon as the Real Estate Contract is finalized and complete and the District's legal counsel has approved the same; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Operations Officer is authorized to take such further steps in conjunction with legal counsel and execute such other documents as may be required to close the transaction subsequent to the execution of the Real Estate Contract.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on September 15, 2020.

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Secretary, Board of Education