

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

May 4, 2021

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						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present Absent	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	BOARD WORK SESSION ➤ Dr. Davis joined the meeting virtually. ➤ Mr. Parrish read a resolution to recognize the importance of the work teachers perform. Teachers play a vital role in preparing young people to become contributing members of our community, thereby strengthening democracy. The Board proclaimed May 3 through May 7 as Teacher Appreciation Week and encouraged everyone to join in with personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work. [Resolution: 20/21: 72] 1. Discussion of Possible Central High School Project ➤ Board discussion took place around the possibility of using some of the remaining savings from the 2017 Bond to move forward with the Phase I Project at Central High School (CHS). Phase I would entail replacement of the north wing, at a cost of approximately \$30 million. The north wing of CHS is one year younger than Grand Junction High School. The north wing is not compliant with the Americans Disability Act (ADA) and is not accessible to students in wheel chairs. The Board feels it is important to take the necessary steps to move forward in completing the items noted in the long-range plan and to be transparent in the process. The Board discussed the need to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the bond dollar amount the public would be comfortable in supporting? • Will the community support a one-item bond? • What does the Board need to do to show good stewardship to sway conservative voters, as indicated in the recent poll? • What does the Board need to put in place to sway conservative voters, as indicated in the recent poll? • What is the definition of fiscally prudent and what does that look like for the District? The Board members would like to have the following items take place before moving forward with a decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the results of the engineering forensic report on Grand Junction High School. • Have the Advisory Committee review the engineering reports on CHS and hear from the Advisory Committee's on their thoughts on moving forward with Phase I at CHS. 2. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds Update ➤ Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, and Mrs. Melanie Trujillo, Finance Director, reviewed information on COVID relief funds. The initial funds received by the District were from the COVID Relief Fund (CRF) Grant. Mr. Onofrio handed out a spreadsheet showing funds received and expenditures paid from the CRF Grant. They shared information on the amounts applied for and received from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds. There are three phases of ESSER funds, with each phase	6:01 p.m.

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						<p>having specific restrictions on usage and timelines for expenditure. The timeline for expanding ESSER funds for Phase II and III are December 2023 and December 2024, respectively. ESSER funds will be used to offset expenses relating to COVID-19, with the majority of emphasis on helping students with their social emotional needs and recovering learning losses.</p> <p>3. Budget Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Trujillo and Mr. Onofrio briefed the Board on the legislators' proposed timeline for completing the School Finance Act and state budget. The hope is that legislators will have the School Finance Act finalized next week, prior to negotiations. Mrs. Trujillo reminded the Board, the District's proposed budget must be completed in time to allow for two public budget meetings, prior to adoption. The District is required to have the budget adopted by June 30. Mr. Onofrio reviewed options available in possibly paying off the Certificates of Participation (COPs) used to build the R-5/Summit School building. The COPs are due to pay off in 2035, but paying them off now could save the District around \$11 thousand per month. <p>[Recess 8:13 p.m. Resume Meeting 8:27 p.m.]</p> <p><u>BUSINESS MEETING</u></p>	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. Call to Order/Roll Call	8:27 p.m.
Absent							
Motion	x					B. Agenda Approval	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				C. Resolution to Approve Lease for Grand River Academy [20/21: 88]	Adopted
Second			x			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. John Williams, General Counsel, noted the building, to be leased, is the same building where Valley Community School was located. The lease is a two year lease with a one year extension option. Rent for the building will be paid using ESSER Funds as the building will house high school students in the District Online School and Grand River Academy. 	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion	x					D. Personnel Actions	Adopted
Second			x			D.1. Non Renewals [Resolution 20/21: 103]	
Aye	x		x	x	x	D.2. Administrative New Hires [Resolution 20/21: 104]	
No						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Pitton abstained from voting because his name was listed on the Non Renewal document. 	
Abstain		x					
Motion	x					E. Executive Session	Moved
Second		x				To discuss various real estate matters regarding the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a). Motion to move to executive session.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present at the executive session: Mr. John Williams, General Counsel, Dr. 	
No							

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Motion	x					➤ Diana Sirko, Superintendent (attended virtually), Dr. Brian Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Eddie Mort, Maintenance Assistant Director, Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer and board members, Dr. Amy Davis, Mr. Doug Levinson, Mrs. Trish Mahre, Mr. Tom Parrish, and Mr. Paul Pitton. Time spent in executive session: 50 minutes ➤ Motion to adjourn	Adjourned
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	F. Adjournment 9:19 p.m.	Adjourned
No							
Motion	x						
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						Bridget Story, Secretary Board of Education	

Approval of Lease for Grand River Academy

Board of Education Resolution 20/21: 88

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WHEREAS, the District will be integrating students who are in the on-line program in 2020-2021 and who wish to remain in a virtual learning environment from the current on-line learning platform to the Grand River Academy hybrid model starting in the fall of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the current Grand River Academy facility is not large enough to accommodate the anticipated number of students; and

WHEREAS, the District searched available rental facilities in the District and located a suitable lease space owned by Fargo Grand, LLC located at 2387 Paterson Road, Grand Junction, ,CO 81505; and

WHEREAS, the District has negotiated terms of a lease with the owner of the desired facility that are acceptable to the District; and

WHEREAS, the term of the lease is for two years and requires approval of the Board of Education; and

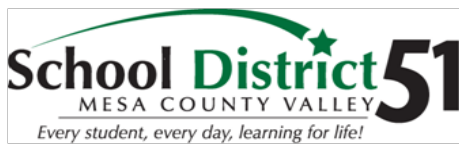
WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education have received a copy of the proposed lease and have had the opportunity to review the same; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education hereby approves of the lease agreement negotiated between Fargo Grand, LLC., Owner and the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to sign said lease on behalf of the District.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on May 4, 2021.

*Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education*



Temporary, Part-Time and Full-Time Probationary Teacher/Counselor Non-Renewal

ALIRE, ELIZABETH
ALLEN, OXANA
ALLEN, SUSAN
ALLENDER, KATIE
AXTELL, EMILY
BEASON, RABECCA
BETZEM, SAMANTHA
BRANDON, SYDNI
BURNETT, BRITTANY
CHRIS, LINDSEY
CIOCCO, TERI
CRAVEN, CONSTANCE
CRIPPEN, CASSIDY
CUSTER, KRISTY
DAEHN HARVEY, VERONICA
DIMAS, ADAM
GALLANT, JOHN
GASS, SHANNON
GORMAN, MATTHEW
HALE, STEVEN
HICKS, JAMIE
HOOD, TRACY
JOHNSTON, AMY
KNOB, JORDAN
LARSEN, DEANNE

LIPIC, MARGARET
LUHRS, KAYLA
MACDONALD, RUSSELL
MAXWELL, ROGER
MCCORMICK, LILLYAN
MCGEE, WILLIAM VERNON
MIXON, SHAN
MORENO, PAUL
LARSEN, DEANNE
MORENO, PAUL
NOLL, TARYN
OHARA, STEPHANIE
PITTON, PAUL
PURCELL, OLIVER
RICHARDSON, LINDA
ROTH, ANNA
SIEMENS, DAVID (.33 reduction only)
SILVANO, LILIANA
STRAW, BETSY
STROBEL, JACQUELINE
TULIN, LLISA
WALTERS, TRACY
WARD, BETH
WILLIAMS, ANDREW
WOOD, KATELYN

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 May 4, 2021.

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Board of Education*

Board of Education Resolution: 20/21: 104

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Amy Shepherd-Fowler	Clifton Elementary School Principal
<p>Ms. Shepherd-Fowler comes to this position with a wealth of knowledge and experience having served as Assistant Principal at Mesa View and Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary Schools for the past four years. She has held many positions over the course of her career including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mesa View & LOM, Assistant Principal - 2017-2021● Professional Learning Specialist - 2015-2017● Instructional Coach - 2013-2015● Pomona Elementary Teacher - 2000-2013● Broadway Elementary Teacher - 1999-2000 <p>Ms. Shepherd-Fowler received her B.A. Degree in English with a minor in Elementary Education in 1999 from Colorado Mesa University and she received her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado in 2003.</p>	

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