

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Board Work Session Minutes*

*September 5, 2017*

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### **Board Work Session Minutes**

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|                                                                                                  | A | B | C | D | E |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | <b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>ACTION</b> |
| Present                                                                                          | x | x | x | x | x | Mr. Williams requested the Board begin with the business portion of the agenda and conclude with the work session in order for all members to vote on the business items.                                                                                                                                             |               |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | <u><b>BUSINESS MEETING</b></u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6:02 p.m.     |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | A. Call to Order / Roll Call                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| Motion                                                                                           |   |   |   |   | x | B. Agenda Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |
| Second                                                                                           |   |   |   | x |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| Aye                                                                                              | x | x | x | x | x |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| No                                                                                               |   |   |   |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| Motion                                                                                           |   |   |   | x |   | C. Juniper Ridge Contract [17/18: 11]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Adopted       |
| Second                                                                                           |   |   |   |   | x | ➤ Mr. Parrish reported the recent reports received from the Colorado Department of Education shows Juniper Ridge is no longer under an improvement plan status.                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| Aye                                                                                              | x | x | x | x | x | ➤ Mr. Williams advised Juniper Ridge to take advantage of the assistance, offered by District 51, even though their school performance level had improved.                                                                                                                                                            |               |
| No                                                                                               |   |   |   |   |   | ➤ Mr. David Price, Attorney for the District, clarified there was a resolution before the Board to approve the Juniper Ridge Contract. The resolution recommends the Board approve the contract subject to completion and finalization of the exhibits and final review and approval of the District's legal counsel. |               |
| Motion                                                                                           |   |   |   |   | x | ➤ Motion to amend the previous motion to strike the word contract and instead approve the resolution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Amended As    |
| Second                                                                                           |   |   |   | x |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| Aye                                                                                              | x | x | x | x | x |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| No                                                                                               |   |   |   |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| Motion                                                                                           |   |   |   | x |   | D. Resolution to Approve Mineral Lease Grant [17/18: 10]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Adopted       |
| Second                                                                                           |   | x |   |   |   | ➤ Mr. Williams noted this grant is similar to a grant the District previously applied for in conjunction with the John McConnell Math and Science Center.                                                                                                                                                             |               |
| Aye                                                                                              | x | x | x | x | x |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| No                                                                                               |   |   |   |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| Motion                                                                                           |   |   |   |   | x | E. Adjournment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6:11 p.m.     |
| Second                                                                                           |   |   |   | x |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| Aye                                                                                              | x | x | x | x | x |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
| No                                                                                               |   |   |   |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | <u><b>BOARD WORK SESSION</b></u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | 1. Update from Mrs. Amy Atwood, Lobbyist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | ➤ Mrs. Atwood gave the Board a booklet reviewing the legislative activity for the 2017 session, an overview of the state budget, highlights of some house and senate bills, and some possible bills coming forward in 2018.                                                                                           |               |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | ➤ Mrs. Atwood reported this year's session ended flat, with minimal changes to the negative factor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | ➤ Discussion took place concerning HB1375's requirements of ninety-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               |

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|                                                                                                  | A | B | C | D | E | AGENDA ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ACTION |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | <p>five percent of mill levy overrides be shared with all district students, or a plan needs to be in place to insure mill money is equitably split to support all students, including those in charter and innovation schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mrs. Atwood spoke about HB1340, a bill to create a ten-member committee to look at the total cost to educate a child. This committee along with several other groups will be looking at ways to change the school funding formula. She noted a few items that legislators will be looking at this next year, such as a state-wide standard mill levy override, teacher shortages, student discipline policies, low performing schools who have reached their five year benchmark, and the Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA).</li> <li>➤ The Board thanked Mrs. Atwood for the work she does in representing the District.</li> </ul> <p>[Mr. Mikolai and Mr. Williams departed at 6:43]</p> <p>2. Review of Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) Data; Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Matt Diers, Executive Director of Academic Achievement Secondary and Ms. Leigh Grasso, Executive Director of Academic Achievement Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Giurado gave a presentation reviewing the data recently released by the state for District 51 CMAS and PARCC testing in English language arts, math and high school level integrated math. He noted the data is mixed, showing an increase in six areas and a decrease in ten areas. Overall participation rates are up from the previous two years. Mr. Giurado noted the data is a reflection of the old teaching system and reinforces the District's commitment to the new D51 Learning Model.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Diers reviewed the data concerning SAT and PSAT showing the District scores lower than the state average. The data did showed a greater participation rate in these tests.</li> <li>➤ Ms. Grasso shared improvement strategies the District is implementing, such as looking at schools who are preforming well, studying their core instruction, comparing demographics with other schools and working with principals to make sure every school has a professional learning plan. The District is working to make sure educators understand the D51 Learning Model, are working through the rubrics and making sure the same level of expectations are at each building.</li> </ul> <p>3. Accreditation; Mr. Tony Giurado, Mr. Matt Diers, and Ms. Leigh Grasso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Giurado reported the state accreditation allows the community to see how their district is performing, based on consistent statewide measures. He explained the various levels of accreditation for districts and for individual schools and the factors used to determine the ratings. District 51's preliminary rating is Accredited with Improvement Plan: Low Participation. District staff will be reviewing the data received from the state to determine if there are grounds to appeal portions of the rating.</li> </ul> |        |

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|                                                                                                  | A | B | C | D | E | AGENDA ITEMS                                                                                                                      | ACTION    |
|                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | <div style="text-align: right;"> _____<br/> Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary<br/> Board of Education </div>                     | 7:50 p.m. |

**Approval of Charter School Renewal Contract**

**Juniper Ridge Community School**

Board of Education Resolution 17/18:11

Adopted: September 5, 2017

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WHEREAS, pursuant to a Charter School Contract effective as of March 11, 2013 (“Contract”), the District granted Juniper Ridge Charter School, now operating as Juniper Ridge Community School (“JRCS”), a charter to operate a charter school within the District for a term expiring June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the parties entered into successive Amendments to the Contract dated June 20, 2017, and August 22, 2017, to extend the term of the Contract to and including September 5, 2017, or until the date a new charter contract between the parties is in force and effect, whichever first occurs; and

WHEREAS, the administration has completed its negotiation with Juniper Ridge Charter School regarding a Charter School Renewal Contract (“Renewal Contract”), a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the attached Renewal Contract is not yet final and complete, as there are exhibits that need to be completed and finalized; and

WHEREAS, the administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached Charter School Renewal Contract, subject to completion and finalization of the exhibits and final review and approval of the District’s legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached Renewal Contract, subject to final review and approval of the District’s legal counsel, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to enter into and to execute on behalf of the Board a copy of same in form substantially similar to the attached copy, as soon as all the accompanying exhibits are finalized and complete and the District’s legal counsel has approved same.

*I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on September 5, 2017*

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Bridget Story  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

**Grant Application for Grant from  
Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District and the  
Completion of Safe and Secure Schools Program**

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 10

Adopted: September 5, 2017

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**Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for a Grant from the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District and the completion of Magnify Science Education Project**

- A. WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District 51 is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (“MCFMLD”); and
- B. WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District 51 has submitted a Grant Application for the Magnify Science Education Project requesting a total award of \$49,971/87; and
- C. WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District 51 supports the completion of the project if a grant is awarded by the MCFMLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education THAT:

- 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education.
- 2. The Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education strongly supports the Grant Application submitted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51.
- 3. If the grant is awarded, the Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education of the Mesa County Valley School District 51 strongly supports the completion of the project.
- 4. The Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the MCFMLD.
- 5. The project site is owned by Mesa County Valley School District 51 and will be owned by Mesa County Valley School District 51 for the next 25 years. The Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education of the Mesa County Valley School District 51 will continue to maintain Magnify Science Education project in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance annually.
- 6. If a grant is awarded, the Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to sign a Grant Agreement with the MCFMLD.

The effective date of this Resolution is the date passed and approved below.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: September 5, 2017

APPROVED BY: Bridget Story  
Name  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education  
Title