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Board of Education
Mesa County Valley School District 51
Business Meeting Minutes: December 5, 2017
Adopted: February 20, 2018

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	BUSINESS MEETING	6:01 p.m.
Absent						A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ➢ Mr. Parrish welcomed attendees to the December Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, *under Item G, Audience Comments*.	
Motion				x		B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL	
						D. RECOGNITIONS D-1. Palisade High School Marching Band Award [Resolution 17/18: 34] ➢ Mrs. Davis request Mr. Jeff Mason, Palisade High School Band Director and all band students present to come forward. The Palisade High School marching band placed second at this year's Colorado Bandmasters Association State Marching Band Competition. Since 2012, Palisade's marching band has placed in the top three positions in Class 3A. The Board and superintendent thanked Mr. Mason and the band students for representing District 51 well and congratulated them on their second place finish. D-2. Colorado Technology Association's 2017 Educator of the Year [17/18: 36] ➢ Mr. Levinson asked Central High School teacher, Mr. Phil Johnston, to step forward. Mr. Johnston is the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program coordinator at Central High School. This year Mr. Johnson was named Teacher of the year by the Colorado Technology Association for his achievements, leadership, perseverance, integrity and influence with students in the technology field. The Board and superintendent congratulated Mr. Johnston and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to his students. D-3. Western Slope League All Conference Softball Coach of the Year, Mr. Jeff DeCrow [Resolution 17/18: 35] ➢ Mr. Pitton introduced Mr. DeCrow and read the resolution recognizing him for being selected as the 2017 Western Slope League Softball Coach of the Year. Mr. DeCrow was selected, by his peers, as one of the finest in his field. The Board and superintendent congratulated Mr. DeCrow and thanked him for his dedication to his student athletes.	
						E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS ➢ Mr. Pitton reported on information he obtained at the Colorado Association of School Board's annual convention. He shared how, Ms. Linda Wayman, a principal at a Philadelphia school, voted as one of the most dangerous schools, was able to turn the school around through love and compassion.	

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Current statistics show 50% of teachers have had or are experiencing some type of trauma. The state is looking at the mental health of students, but there also needs to be steps taken to look at the mental health of teachers.

- Mr. Parrish reported on an action plan compiled by the Colorado Department of Education. The plan, located on their website, is to help districts hire and retain certified teachers. Last year Colorado produced 2800 teacher candidates but needed 5000 new teachers. With the shortage of teacher candidates, many rural districts are struggling to fill teaching positions.

F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- None at this time.

G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Mr. Parrish asked if anyone would like to comment to the Board:
  - Mr. Tom Keenan, 803 Elberta, Palisade, CO 81526
    Mr. Keenan spoke about the No Child Left Behind Act having a negative impact on higher achieving students. He requested the District group students by their learning level in math and other academic classes. He would like to see the District use any additional funds raised by the sale of bonds to go towards supporting the District 51 Learning Model. Mr. Keenan requested information regarding the dismissal of former principals at Clifton and Chatfield Elementary Schools.
  - Mr. Dennis Simpson, 2306 E. Piazza Place, Grand Junction, CO 81506
    Mr. Simpson is concerned with the District being transparent in regards to the passing of the bond and mill. He noted the District in considering premium bonds should have notified the public prior to the election.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

H-1. Audit Report, Ms. Cara Golden, D51 Operations Accountant and Mr. Mike Nelson, CPA/Audit Partner, Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co, P.C.

- Mr. Nelson handed out a booklet containing the full audit and letters to support the audit findings, to the Board. Mr. Nelson reviewed highlights of the audit noting the District received the Governments Finance Officers Association (GFOA) certificate again this year for accuracy and transparency in financial reporting. He reported some concerns regarding two charter schools, Mesa Valley Community School and Juniper Ridge. Mesa Valley Community School showed a $40 discrepancy in a billing paid and Juniper Ridge's accounting lacked clarity in the accounts from which funds were drawn.
- Ms. Golden presented information for Independence Academy's audit completed by John Cutler & Associates. Ms. Golden reported the audit showed some concerns around current billing practices for kindergarten and the collectability of the fees.
- Mr. Nelson and Ms. Golden answered questions concerning charter schools being independent of the District in their financial reporting, and the reasons for charging for all-day kindergarten.

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H-2. Mill Levy Certification, Mrs. Vi Crawford, Financial Service Director,

- Mrs. Crawford reviewed the Certification of Mill Levy Resolution. She explained how the assessment rates vary yearly and how the bond and mill levy override, approved in November, was reflected in the document.

H-3. Oak Leaf Energy Presentation, Mr. Eric Anderson, D51 Resources Conservation Manager, Mr. Michael McCabe, Oak Leaf Energy

- Mr. Anderson gave the Board a brief history of the District's first solar garden, which began producing energy November of 2012, and the amount of credits the District receives from the garden. He has been approached by several other companies, since 2012, regarding additional solar gardens, but Oak Leaf Energy was the first to work with the terms being requested by the District. The proposed solar garden would be located on a twenty-acre parcel of land next to Rocky Mt. Elementary School. The land is currently being leased in exchange for keeping the weeds down.
- Mr. McCabe gave a brief history of Oak Leaf Energy whose clients are mainly school districts and universities. The proposed solar garden would use around twelve acres and be comprised of ten different subscribers, made up of municipalities and housing authorities. The solar garden cannot be larger than twelve acres, but there is the possibility of placing two gardens on the property.
- Discussion with the Board clarified, during construction there would need to be designated work access and times to avoid disruption of neighboring properties. Once completed the solar garden would be completely fenced. The project would require working with the county planning department and a notice would need to be given to area residents, so they would have an opportunity to voice concerns. The projected savings are one million dollars over twenty years.

H-4. Planning for Technology Purchases from Bond/Mill, Mr. Randy Dalton, Executive Director, Technology Services, Mr. Dan Burke, Manager, Technical Enterprise Operations, Mr. Rob Witt, Manager Technical Training and Support

- Mr. Dalton gave the Board a summary of proposed steps for the next three to five years, noting materials needed and projected costs, to provide equitable access to technology resources for all students and staff. The goals is to improve computer access to a two to one ratio, and to equip teachers with devices and trainings to support a 21st Century classroom. The District will be purchasing Chromebooks and, when the laptops' leasing period ends, replacing each laptop with two Chromebooks. Mr. Dalton reviewed the last five years of infrastructure upgrades the District has made to get to the point of being able to support the additional electronic devices.
- Mr. Witt shared next steps for implementing staff trainings by hiring a training analyst and campus support specialists. There will be a support specialist assigned to each of the four traditional high schools to assist with hardware, software and staff trainings. The specialist will also give support to the high school's feeder middle schools.

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						➢ Discussion with the Board covered the possibility of students using their own electronic devices, incentives for parents to purchase Chromebooks, using internet based software, which is accessible to all devices, using the devices as a learning management system and using more eBooks. H-5. Mesa Valley Charter School Contract, Intent to Renew Information, Dr. Ken Haptonstall ➢ Dr. Haptonstall reported Mesa Valley Community School and Independence Academy are seeking to renew their charter school contracts. H-6. Expulsion Report ➢ Reviewed ➢ Dr. Haptonstall asked to add an additional item to his report. He reported the District has selected Blythe Group + Co as the contractor for the new Orchard Mesa Middle School. Board policy allows the superintendent to enter into contracts without going to the Board, but he will be contacting the Board prior to signing any contracts and the District will try to work with local contractors. H-7. Communications Report/District Initiatives ➢ Ms. Leigh Grasso updated the Board on initiatives including twenty-two classes completed with 877 participants, and twelve classes still planned. Educators are using the on-line feedback tool, which is helping to refine the rubrics. The majority of rubrics are in place with high school math and physics classes starting to design rubrics along with some middle school music classes. Work has begun to help educators understand the social and emotional learning standards prior to designing those rubrics.	
Motion			x			I. CONSENT AGENDA	Adopted
Second	x					I-1. Personnel Actions	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	I-1-a. Licensed Personnel [Resolution: 17/18: 37]	
No						I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 17/18: 33]	
						J. BUSINESS ITEMS J-1. Policy First Reading J-1.a. HBA, Support Staff Bargaining Rights ➢ Dr. Haptonstall clarified the change in the policy would allow the psychologist to vote to join Mesa Valley Education Association (MVEA).	
Motion			x			J-2. Resolution for Certification of Mill Levy [Resolution 17/18:38]	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION Discussion took place regarding the current committees Board members attend and future committee needs. There is a need to form a short term committee to revise next year's school calendar, a committee to draft	

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						calendars beyond next year and a long range planning committee for future bond measures. ➢ Mr. Pitton would like to see about setting up some Board Coffees following the Christmas break. He would also like updated information, including cost, relating to a later start time for high school and middle school students. L. FUTURE MEETINGS ➢ Reviewed. ➢ Mr. Williams reminded everyone of the D51 Foundation's White Iced event on February 3, 2018, at the Colorado Mesa University Ballroom. M. EXECUTIVE SESSION ➢ None at this time.	
Motion			x			N. ADJOURNMENT	8:02 p.m.
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary
Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Recognition: Palisade High School Marching Band
2nd place 2017 Colorado Bandmasters Association State Marching Band Competition

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 34 Presented: December 5, 2017

The Board would like to invite Mr. Jeff Mason to the front.

Earlier this year, The Colorado Bandmasters Association State Marching Band Championship took place at Echo Park Stadium in Parker, Colorado. The Palisade High School marching band, directed by Jeff Mason, competed with nine other 3A bands from across the state. After being scored on music performance, visual performance, and general effect, Palisade High School placed second in the state with a score of 71.8.

Palisade's marching band has placed in the top three bands in the state in Class 3A every year since 2012.

Congratulations to this team of musicians and their director on such a great achievement at the state level. Thank you for representing District 51 well in the state. The Board, Superintendent and District 51 are proud of your accomplishments.

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Recognition:
Phil Johnston, Central High School
Colorado Technology Association 2017
Educator of the Year

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 36

Presented: December 5, 2017

The Board would like to invite Phil Johnston to the front.

On November 8, the Colorado Technology Association held its annual APEX Awards ceremony in Denver, Colorado. The awards recognize Colorado's excellence in technology, and highlight remarkable leaders and innovators. This event brings the technology community together to celebrate exceptional people and their accomplishments for the year.

Each year, the association presents an "Educator of the Year" award. The award recognizes an educator's effort to make a real and measurable impact on students and their understanding of technology. After being considered in the areas of achievement, leadership, perseverance, integrity, and influence, Mr. Phil Johnston, a teacher and STEM program coordinator at Central High School, won the award this year. He was also a finalist for this award in 2015.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Haptonstall would like to congratulate Mr. Johnston for earning this award, and commend him for his hard work and dedication to students and technology. Congratulations.

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Recognition:
Jeff DeCrow, Palisade High School
2017 Western Slope League All Conference Softball Coach of the Year

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 35

Presented: December 5, 2017

The Board would like to invite Mr. DeCrow to the front.

The Board would like to congratulate Palisade High School Softball Coach Jeff DeCrow on his selection as the 2017 Western Slope League Softball Coach of the Year.

It is a distinct honor to be chosen by your peers as one of the finest in your field. The Board of Education and Superintendent congratulate Jeff on his hard work and dedication to District 51 students. Thank you Jeff.

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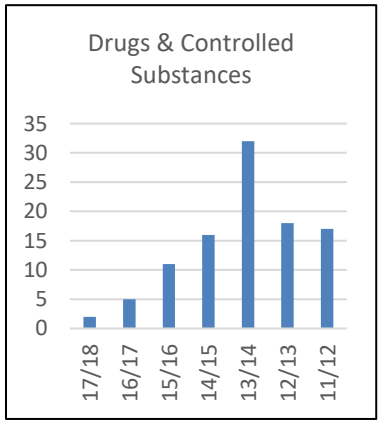
Expulsion Report
2017-2018 School Year
As of November 30, 2017
Presented: December 5, 2017

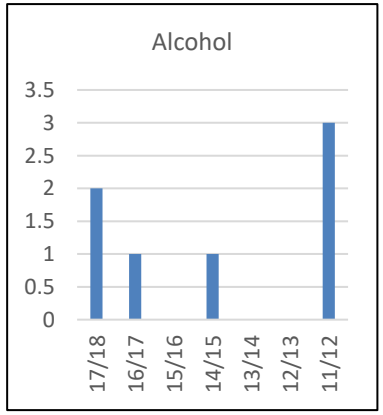
Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of November 30 of:				
	17/18		16/17		17/18		16/17		17/18		16/17		17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	6		4	1									2	5	11	16	32	18	17
200	2		1										2	1		1			3
300																			
400						1							1		1	1		1	
500			3				2							5	2	3	3		5
600																			
700																		2	1
DSP																			
VOO	1		3		1		1						2	4		4	5	3	3
Total	9		11	1	1	1	3						11	15	14	25	40	24	29

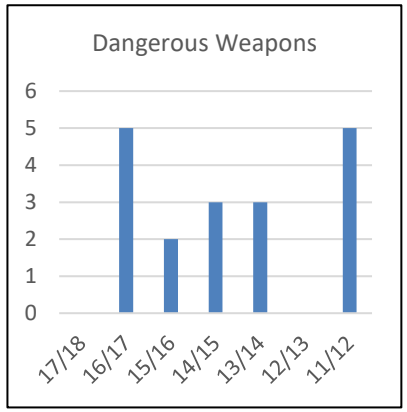
Category Description

100 - drug or controlled substance
200 - alcohol
300 - tobacco
400 - felony assault
500 - dangerous weapons
600 - robbery
700 - other felonies
DSP - destruction / defacement of school property

V00 - other violations







Communications Update

November 9 - 28, 2017

Includes

Earned Media Coverage

Paid Media Coverage

Electronic Direct Communication

Events

Social Media Reports

School District 51
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Earned Media

The Daily Sentinel

Nov 15, District 51 adds premium of $26M to bond
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/district-adds-premium-of-m-to-bond/article_51b159e4-ca0b-11e7-81e2-10604b9ffe60.html

Nov 18, Pockets of dissension emerge from election
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/pockets-of-dissension-emerge-from-election/article_f88e45a8-ccf7-11e7-ad38-10604b9f6eda.html

Nov 18, A grassroots victory
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/a-grassroots-victory/article_f8b2b6f4-ccf7-11e7-ad3c-10604b9f6eda.html

Nov 18, Education tax increase, bond could help steer more business to Western Slope
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/business/education-tax-increase-bond-could-help-steer-more-business-to/article_f3a492c2-ccf7-11e7-b7a5-10604b9f6eda.html

Nov 28, A bittersweet farewell for D51 board member
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/a-bittersweet-farewell-for-d-board-member/article_f28c9e32-d401-11e7-b77a-10604b9ffe60.html

KKCO/KJCT

Nov 8, Orchard Mesa Middle celebrates election results
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/456245583.html

Nov 8, Experts: local housing market to benefit from 3A, 3B
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Local-real-estate-agent-says-housing-market-will-benefit-from-3A-and-3B-passing-456283283.html

Nov 13, Young entrepreneurs at R-5 High School pitch business ideas
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/457336413.html

Nov 14, 2 D51 schools get new laptops in honor of former superintendent
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/457339243.html

Nov 15, Fruita Middle School tackles bully prevention
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/457855103.html

Nov 17, Suspect shoots at local school bus, MCSO says; no children on board
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Suspect-shoots-at-local-school-bus-MCSO-says-no-children-on-board-458227593.html

Nov 17, Fruita Middle School safety precautions
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/458352833.html

KREX

Nov 8, Chipeta Elementary honoring veterans
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/chipeta-elementary-honoring-veterans/853953180

Nov 8, How schools will change now that 3A and 3B have passed
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/how-schools-will-change-now-that-3a-and-3b-have-passed/853740538

Nov 9, Shelledy Elementary School celebrates our local veterans
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/shelledy-elementary-school-celebrates-our-local-veterans/854751386

Nov 13, R-5 high school entrepreneurs
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/r-5-high-school-entrepreneurs/856943883

Nov 13, School District 51 donates 64 chromebooks to local schools
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/school-district-51-donates-64-chromebooks-to-local-schools/856944403

Electronic Direct Communication

Parent Newsletter

District 51 Post

School District 51 Family and Community Newsletter | November 2017

The election is over - now what?
District 51 voters passed both a bond measure and a mill levy override on Nov. 7, 2017. The money raised from these two measures will be used in specific ways, including for maintenance and technology. Learn more about where they money will go and how you can track its progress here, and check out the video and survey below.

Take This Survey

Pear Park first-grader becomes newest GJHS Tiger football star
Aden Lake, who has had 23 major surgeries, including a heart transplant, may never be able to play football in high school. But on Nov. 4, the team made his dream come true when he joined the team for their final home game. Way to go, Aden!

Central teacher named Educator of the Year by tech association
Phil Johnston, Central High School teacher and coordinator of the CHS STEM Program, has been named the 2017 Educator of the Year by the Colorado Technology Association! Learn more here.

FMHS debuts AP Seminar
Fruita Monument High School students are getting a head start on the group work, presentations, and research involved in a college class. Learn more about how Advanced Placement Seminar will help students boost their chances of success in college here.

Chromebooks
East Middle and Central High students received a total of 64 Chromebooks recently from the D51 Foundation and Western Colorado Community Foundation. The foundations have expanded learning opportunities for D51 students by donating more than 300 Chromebooks to numerous schools. Learn more here.

Letting students lead learning with supports from teachers
Mt. Garfield Middle School teacher Paula Cooper discusses the D51 Learning Model and how it offers a different approach to learning.

Fun for the Whole Family!

Nov. 17: Downtown GJ Holiday Tree Lighting. 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. 4th & Main streets.

Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break.

Nov. 24: Grand Junction Turkey Trot 5K and Little Gobbler Run. 9:30 a.m. Starts and ends at Two Rivers Convention Center.

Dec. 2: Parade of Lights. 5 p.m. Downtown GJ.

2017 Calendar Contest winners
Congrats to all 13 winners of the Bank of Colorado's annual calendar contest! Students who came in first place will have their art featured either on one of the months of the calendar or its cover, plus a $300 savings account. See the winners' names here and check out their art here.

D51 Foundation hosts Book Fair
Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 5, when the D51 Foundation will host a Book Fair at 6 p.m. at Barnes & Noble. The fair will have holiday songs by D51 students, free gift-wrapping by FMHS students, local author and D51 Music Coordinator Kathy Joseph, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Learn more here.

Sports honors
There are some terrific coaches and athletes in School District 51! Check out who's being honored:

- Southwestern League Softball
- Western Slope League Softball
- Western Slope League Soccer

How to stay informed during an emergency at your kid's school
Learn more about lockdowns, shelters-in-place, and reunification and how you can stay in the know during a situation at school here.

Getting more for less with bond premium
Originally, the district thought the average homeowner would pay $9.89 per month for the bond and mill levy override. Turns out, it will be $9.42 per month, even with a premium needed to sell the bonds. Find out more here.

FMHS has two pageant winners
Fruita Monument junior Chloe Zambrano (left), the new Miss Colorado Teen USA, and FMHS graduate Chloe Brown, Miss Colorado USA, were honored at Tuesday's School Board meeting. Read the proclamation here.

Honoring Greg Mikolai
This Tuesday's D51 School Board meeting was Greg Mikolai's last meeting as a member of the board. New District E representative Amy Davis will be sworn in Nov. 29. Learn more about Mr. Mikolai's eight years on the board here.

Students honor veterans
Students across District 51 marked Veterans Day last week with events ranging from a musical program at Shelledy Elementary to students wearing red, white, and blue at Loma Elementary.

Fruita 8/9 service learning class donates 6000 socks to homeless
It took just three days for a Fruita 8/9 service learning class to collect 6,000 socks. The sock drive was so successful that local shelters cannot take them all, so the class is sending hundreds to homeless shelters across the West Slope.

Holiday laughter and learning
Some schools marked Halloween with science experiments (like New Emerson, pictured above). Others had costume parades, visited nearby senior living homes, or dressed up for book reports. Each school does holidays differently, so check with your school for policies.

Central, Fruita Monument, Grand Junction, Palisade marching bands compete at state championship
All four District 51 high school marching bands qualified to participate in the Colorado Bandmasters Association State Championships this year! Click here for results from the state qualifier that took place Oct. 19 in Grand Junction, and click here for results from the State Championships Oct. 27-28 and Oct. 30.

Staff Newsletter

District 51 Insider

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Nov 14 Board Brief

Recognize!

Do you know a student, staff member, or school that has received a State or National award? Send us some information so we can recognize them at the next Board of Education Meeting (if applicable).

View this video from Superintendent Haptonstall about the 3A & 3B results.

Communications Report

Every month, the Communcations Department puts together a brief snapshot of what we've been up to. Read the current report here.

EVENTS

Nov 17, Downtown GJ Holiday Tree Lighting. 4th & Main Street. 5 - 7 p.m. Free.

Dec 1 & 2, Olde Fashioned Christmas. Downtown Palisade, vendors, food, music, crafts, etc.

Dec 2, Downtown GJ Parade of Lights. Main Street. 5 p.m.

Dec 9, Fruita Parade of Lights and Holiday craft fair. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parade at 5:30 p.m.

Dec 15, Opening day at Powderhorn. See website for pricing details.

Help Us Out

Do you know of any **Discounts for D51 employees?** *(gym memberships, technology, subscriptions, retail discounts, etc.)* Please send us an email so we can make information available to staff!

Click here to see what we have so far!

Overwhelmed by all the

Update from Superintendent Haptonstall

Thank you Mesa County voters!

On November 7, Mesa County voters passed 3A and 3B, the mill levy override and bond measures for District 51. The bond will go towards capital projects (Priority 1 maintenance projects, technology upgrades, security upgrades, a new Orchard Mesa Middle School, and new gyms at Dual Immersion Academy and Palisade High School). The mill levy override will add 5 student contact days to the 2018-19 calendar, instructional materials and educator training, ongoing maintenance projects, and create additional technology support jobs.

Learn more about the bond and mill levy, and how the money is being used, at the District website. Also, please take the 3-question survey below to help us create strategic communications for bond and mill levy updates.

Take the survey

Human Resources
Did You Know?

With the weather changing, HR would like to remind staff of the Hazardous weather policy:

Hazardous Weather – This policy has been updated for 2017-18 to include the following changes:

1. Employees who are ready and able to work will be paid for a normal workday in the event of a snow day, late start, or early release day. Those already scheduled for leave will not (vacation, sick, personal)
2. Principals are able to designate school secretaries as emergency response personnel for weather situations (they will then be paid 1 ½ times their regular pay).

For more information about hazardous weather and a list of HR contacts visit the HR section on the district webpage:

www.d51schools.org ->Employment->Current Employees

Acronyms and Jargon? *(What's an IEP? Or PBL?)* Check out this list, and let us know if we're missing any!

D51 Prevention Services

Welcome to the Prevention Services Corner! Every month we will be featuring a regular column addressing some of these questions, providing tips, and giving updates on exciting, celebratory and preventative services happening in the District. Click here to learn more about who we are and what we do.

Stay Connected

D51 Community - Local events and promotions.

D51 News - Primary source for things happening in District 51.

Staff News - Exclusive information for D51 staff.

D51 Classifieds - A forum for D51 staff to search for or post items for sale.

D51 Communications - Help us get the word out about great things happening in D51!

Give and Grab - Where D51 staff can post items they need for school use, or have items a fellow staff member could use.

Staff Spotlight

Congratulations to Kathy Daniels, a Fruita Middle School teacher, who was named the Crimestoppers USA Board Member of the Year! Ms. Daniels joined the Crime Stoppers of Mesa County in 1994 and has been an active member ever since. Her partnerships with Colorado Mesa University and School District 51 have been instrumental in the work of CrimeStoppers Mesa County. Congratulations, Kathy!

D51 Foundation Update

Join the D51 Foundation for Storytime with Santa at Barnes and Noble on Dec 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Students from Wingate Elementary will be singing holiday songs and National Honor Society students from Fruita Monument High School will be doing complimentary gift wrapping.

Save the Date for the 6th Annual White Iced Celebration: February 3, 2018, 7-10 p.m. at CMU.

District 51 Wellness Program

Click here for a D51 Wellness Program update

Click here to nominate a coworker for the Wellness Employee of the month!

Click here to log in to your wellness portal,

Questions? Forgot your username or password? Contact Gussie Nishi.

'Tis the season for hazardous weather

Click here for information on procedures to follow during extreme weather situations, and click here for FAQ's. Bottom line, **use your best judgement and be safe during weather situations.**

To recieve text messages the district sends out during emergencies or weather situations, please text YES to 67587. You will automatically receive a call and/or email if those are sent out.

Did we miss something?

We want to hear from you! Staff are welcome to ask questions about the information you read, or provide suggestions for future articles.

Submit your ideas/feedback/comments to Cat Foster

Board Brief, November 14

School District 51
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Achieving Monumental Success

BOARD BRIEFS

November 14, 2017

Unified Improvement Plan Presentations

Principals from schools on either a priority improvement or turnaround plan presented the board with their plans for improvement within their schools. The schools are Central High School; Fruita 8/9 School; and Fruitvale, Nisley, Pear Park, and Tope elementary schools. You can watch the schools' detailed presentations in the video at the bottom of the board's meeting page. Highlights of each presentation include:

Central High School - Principal Lanc Sellden said the school's test participation rates are likely to increase this year with a greater focus on PSAT/SAT and the elimination of CMAS/PARCC ninth-grade testing.

Fruita 8/9 - Principal Jason Plantiko said teachers are trying to give students a growth mindset about math so students know they can learn math, even if takes some extra time.

Fruitvale Elementary - Principal Angela Galyon said behavior referrals are on track to halve year-over-year thanks to having more counseling and behavior support for students, restorative practices, team-building time in classrooms, weekly character education, and staff book study.

Nisley Elementary - Principal Crystal Stephenson said trauma is a huge root cause for some academic issues, and that the school will address that issue by offering a safe environment in which to learn.

Pear Park Elementary - Principal Dan Bunnell said teachers are learning more about the depth of English Language Arts standards, working on foundational skills, and getting more math training.

Tope Elementary - Principal Carrie Bollinger said the school needs a coordinator for its new STEAM model, as well as additional technology, support for growing special education needs, and more qualified subs.

Discussion of Psychologists Joining MVEA

The board voted unanimously to move forward with plans to let District 51 psychologists join the Mesa Valley Education Association. Policy language will have to be changed to make that possible. New language will be brought back to the board for approval at a later date.

Bond Discussion

Investment bankers have told the district that bonds without premiums are not in demand in today's market. If the district issued $118.5 million in bonds without premiums, they would be unlikely to sell. The alternative is to attach a $26 million premium to $118.5 million in bonds, then put them on the market. The cost to taxpayers would still be under $10 per month on a $200,000 home for both the bond and mill levy override, at $9.42 per month. Additionally, the savings from issuing premium bonds could be used to pay off other building projects. The board voted Tuesday to have D51's chief operations officer move forward with premium bonds. The board voted to have any proceeds from the premiums first pay off construction of the R-5 High School/Summit School Program building, which was built in 2016 using certificates of participation.

District Accountability Committee Membership

The board approved a slate of people to serve on the District Accountability Committee for 2017-18: Lee Carleton, Brenda Chandler, Vickie Fay, Arthur Gardner, Jeffrey Hansen, Rob Harris, Deb Lamb, Amanda McQuade, Jessica Mulvey, Andy Nikkari, Tisha Petelo, Ellen Price, Allison Ripple, Gary Roahrig, and Shawn Wilson.

Expulsions

There have been eight expulsions so far this school year, as of Oct. 31, 2017. There had been nine expulsions by the same point in the 2016-17 school year.

Board Recognitions

The board recognized the following people on Tuesday:

* Central High School Softball Coach Scott Else, 2017 Southwestern League All-Conference Softball Coach of the Year, and Jordyn Hays, 2017 SWL All-Conference Softball Player of the Year.

* Fruita Middle School teacher Kathy Daniels, recognized nationally by Crime Stoppers USA as Board Member of the Year.

* Fruita Monument student Chloe Zambrano, Miss Colorado Teen USA State Champion, and FMHS graduate Chloe Brown, Miss Colorado USA.

* Citizens for D51 Campaign Committee members Angela Christensen, Kelly Flenniken, and Nathan Steele.

* D51 School Board member Greg Mikolai, in honor of his eight years of service.

Board Policies

The board voted to adopt Board Policies GCD: Administrator Leaves and Absences and GDC: Support Staff Leaves and Absences. The board also voted to rescind Board Policy GDQE: Support Staff Severance Pay.

Future Meetings

Nov. 29 - 7:30 a.m., Special Meeting, BTK.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 - CASB Winter Conference, Colorado Springs

Dec. 5 - 6 p.m., Board Business Meeting, Harry Butler Board Room

Social Media

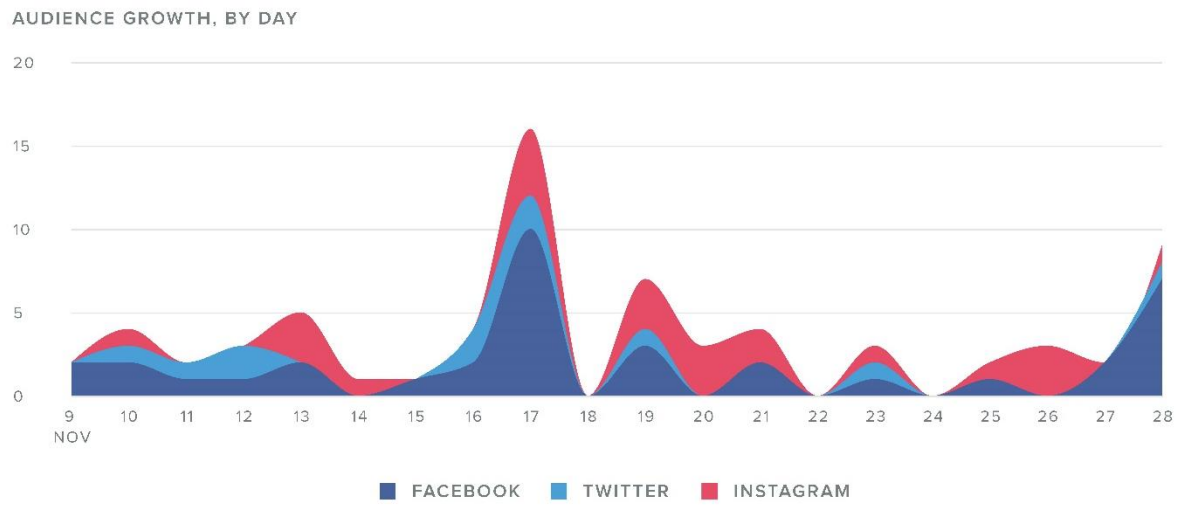
Our posts on Facebook reach 10,309 "fans." Posts include The Daily Sentinel's Student of the Week, school events and activities, information for Safe2Tell and crisis numbers, live-streamed board meetings, etc.

A full social media report is available upon request, or at this link: District 51 Report, November 9 - 28

Group Stats by Profile/Page

Profile/Page	Total Fans / Followers	Fan / Follower Increase	Messages Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Post	Engagements	Engagements per Post	Link Clicks
School District 51 @district51	2,945	0.14%	10	5,941	594	91	9.1	44
Mesa C...District 51 Business Page	10,310	0.27%	62	244,236	3,939	3,150	50.8	1,289
School District 51 @d51schools	439	4.77%	2	–	–	58	29.0	–

Group Audience Growth



Audience Growth Metrics	Totals	Change
Total Fans	**13,694**	▲ 0.4%
New Facebook Fans	32	▲ 0.3%
New Twitter Followers	4	▲ 0.1%
New Instagram Followers	20	▲ 4.8%
Total Fans Gained	56	▲ 0.4%

Total followers increased by

▲ 0.4%

since previous date range

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Licensed Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 37

Adopted: December 5, 2017

Name	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements		
None at this time.		
Resignations/Termination		
Pacheco, Jennifer	Loma/Gifted and Talented	October 31, 2017
Leave of Absence		
None at this time.		
New Assignments		
Beagley, Tammy McGuire	Wingate/Counselor	November 7, 2017
Clem, Julie	BMS/Behavior	November 27, 2017
Cook, Ryan	PHS/SPED SSN	November 16, 2017
Miller, Brooke	Fruita 8/9/Agriculture	January 8, 2018
Perryman, Willie	GMMS/SPED SNB	November 16, 2017
Vermeulen, Karin	Emerson/Psychologist	November 1, 2017

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 December 5, 2017.

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Bridget Story,
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 33

Adopted: December 5, 2017

Donor	Trish Bjornson
Gift	Bundy Clarinet
Value	$250.00
School/Department	Music Education / Grand Mesa Middle School band

Donor	Gerlach Family
Gift	Turkey's and fixings
Value	$355.00
School/Department	Appleton Elementary School / Families in need

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.

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HBA
SUPPORT STAFF BARGAINING RIGHTS

Related: HBA-R
Adopted: July 21, 1987
Revision First Reading: December 5, 2017

The Board of Education declares its commitment to the collective bargaining process as one of several methods available for formulating policies affecting classes of support staff employees of the district.

The Board declares its willingness to recognize a duly elected agent for the purpose of collective bargaining for those classes of support staff employees, which are not represented by a bargaining agent and covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Support staff employees who are not members of a class represented by a bargaining agent and who do not wish to be so represented, are herein advised that the Board declares its willingness to meet and confer with such employees through its administrative representatives.

~~The Board further declares that it will not recognize as bargaining agent for the support staff or any class of the support staff the same association or organization which would simultaneously act as bargaining agent for certificated personnel, whether as a part of the same unit or as agent for separate units under separate collective bargaining agreements.~~

The superintendent shall formulate and publish appropriate administrative procedures, which implement the foregoing policy, including procedures for the election, recognition and decertification of bargaining agents for support staff groups.

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Certification of Mill Levy
(Including Full Abatement)

Board of Education Resolution 17/18: 38

Adopted: December 5, 2017

WHEREAS, Section 22-40-102(1)(b), C.R.S., requires that the Board of Education certify to the Board of County Commissioners by December 15, 2017, the amount to be raised from levies against the valuation for assessment for the General Fund, Bond Redemption Fund, Transportation Fund, and Special Building Fund.

WHEREAS, the following has been certified by the Mesa County Assessor for property within the boundaries of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51:

Assessed Valuation	$1,674,830,529
Taxes Collected on Omitted Property by November 29, 2017	$6,599.05
Tax Abatements Refunded as of November 29, 2017	$454,136.56

WHEREAS, Section 39-10-114(1) (a) (I) (B) provides:

> Any taxing entity may adjust the amount of its tax levy authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 29-1-301, C.R.S., by an additional amount which does not exceed the proportional share of the total amount of abatements and refunds made pursuant to the provisions of this section. After calculating the amount of property tax revenues necessary to satisfy the requirements of the *Public School Finance Act of 1994*, article 54 of title 22, C.R.S., any school district shall add an amount equal to the proportional share of the total amount of abatements and refunds granted pursuant to the provisions of this section prior to the setting of the mill levy for such school district.

WHEREAS, the board wishes to avail itself for the provision of Section 39-10-114(1) (a) (I) (B).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 does hereby certify to the Mesa County Commissioners the amounts of levies required against the valuation for assessment of all taxable property located within the boundaries of this school district for the General and Bond Redemption Funds for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 budget years.

	AMOUNT	MILLS
General Fund (Regular)	$40,554,346	24.214
Tax Abatement Credit	454,137	0.271
Override Election 1996	4,840,260	2.890
Override Election 2004	4,000,000	2.388
Override Election 2017	6,500,000	3.881
Total General Fund	56,348,743	33.644
Bond Redemption Fund	16,982,781	10.140
Transportation Fund	0	0
Special Building Fund	0	0
Total All Funds	$67,331,193	43.784

CERTIFICATION OF MILL LEVY

The deadline for the Board to certify the mill levy to the County Commissioners is December 15, 2017. The local mill levy is calculated by a formula which uses enrollment growth, inflation, prior year local property tax revenue and current year certification of valuation. The valuation certification from the County Assessor's Office is as of November 29, 2017. The prior year General Fund levy was 29.596 mills including abatement. The current certification is 33.644 mills including abatement, which is 0.271. The Bond Redemption levy will be 6.557.

Mill Levy Summary

General Fund
By December 10th, the District receives notification from CDE of what the mill levy will be for the District for the next tax year. In other districts, the mill levy may be more or less than this rate depending on the assessed value per student. District 51's General Fund mill levy is 24.214 mills.

Tax Credit CRS, Section 39-10-114(1) (a) (I) (B)
The above referenced statutes allow school districts to add to the mill levy required for state equalization. This additional levy will allow for the recovery of districts' anticipated revenue that was abated or refunded by the County Commissioners. The amount of $454,136.56 (0.271 mills) was reflected on the certification from the county treasurer's office, and was based on an assessed value of $1,674,830,529.

Voter-Approved Override Election
In the November 1996 election, the voters of Mesa County authorized an additional levy to support the General Fund operating costs of the district. The mill levy is 2.890. In November 2004, voters approved an additional override to support the operating costs of the new schools. The mill levy is 2.388. In November 2017, voters approved an additional override to extend the school calendar, update instructional materials and educator training, support technology, and support additional building maintenance. The mill levy is 3.881.

Bond Redemption
The current mill levy of 6.557 mills will provide revenue to meet the current bond and interest obligations. In November 2017 voters approved a bond for capital projects, the mill levy will be 3.583 to meet 2017 bond and interest obligations.

	2016-2017	2017-2018	Difference
General Fund	24.214	24.214	0.000
Tax Abatement	0.163	0.271	0.108
Override Election 1996	2.848	2.890	0.042
Override Election 2004	2.371	2.388	0.017
Override Election 2017	0.000	3.881	3.881
Total	29.596	33.644	4.048
Bond Redemption	6.483	10.140	3.657
Total Mill Levy	36.079	43.784	7.705

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 December 5, 2017.

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Assistant Secretary, Board of Education