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						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
						<u>BUSINESS MEETING</u>	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. Call to Order	6:01 p.m.
Absent							
Motion			x			B. Agenda Approval	Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			C. Resolution to Select Interim Superintendent [Resolution: 18/19: 17]	Adopted
Second	x					➤ The Board selected Dr. Diana Sirko to serve as interim superintendent. Dr. Sirko was chosen from three finalists. The other two finalists were Mr. Matt Diers and Mr. Norman Ridder. Board members expressed difficulty in selecting between Mr. Diers and Dr. Sirko, but felt Dr. Sirko's experience made her the better choice.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						D. Amendment 73 Presentation, Ms. Tracy Rainey	
						➤ Ms. Tracy Rainey, Colorado School Finance Project Executive Director, presented background information regarding Amendment 73 and the benefits to District 51 with the passage of the Amendment. If passed, District 51 could see additional funding of 29.3 million, based on current enrollment numbers. Revenue generated from the Amendment would be for education only with language in place to prevent the state from routing funds to other budge items or from decreasing other funding already allocated to education. The Colorado Association of School Boards is encouraging districts to support Amendment 73 by adopting a resolution detailing how the additional revenue would be spent, within their district.	
						E. Resolution to Support Amendment 73 [Resolution: 18/19:16]	Tabled
						➤ Resolution tabled to allow time to research oppositional information and to review the language in the resolution regarding how additional funds would be spent and the need to have transparency in spending.	
Motion			x			F. Adjournment:	7:11 p.m.
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						<u>WORK SESSION</u>	7:27 p.m.
						1. Bond Update, Mr. Andy Anderson and Mr. John Sisco, Blythe Group & Co.	
						➤ Mr. Andy Anderson, Mr. John Sisco and Mr. Eric Nilsen, Director of Maintenance and Operations, gave a brief overview of current construction projects. Projects have been completed at five schools and continuing at five schools. Security vestibules have been installed at twenty-one schools, and all are scheduled to be operational by the end of the month. Currently,	

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						<p>construction projects are on, or ahead, of schedule and under budget. The group presented photos of the completed gym floor at Grand Mesa Middle School and projects at Dual Immersion Academy, Palisade High School and Fruita Monument High School.</p> <p>2. Professional Learning, Mr. Danny Medved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Danny Medved, Professional Learning Director, and Instruction Coaches Coordinators, Ms. Mary Biagini and Ms. Heather Flick, reported to the Board on Professional Development. This year's focus is on working with learning design to shift practices of teachers and coaches. The shift in practices will place emphasis on teacher application and transfer of learning through the use of Professional Learning Communities, instructional coaches and video trainings. Professional Learning is being developed with feedback from teachers and aligns with the D51 Learning Model. Handouts were given to the Board showing outcomes for the high, middle and elementary levels. Content Specialists, Coaches and Coaches Coordinators plan and deliver Professional Learning to elementary teacher leaders once a month with those leaders taking the information back to their buildings and sharing with other staff the next day. High and middle school Coaches and Content Specialist work with whole staff, Learning Communities, Vertical Alignment, grade level teams and one-on-one with teachers to deliver Professional Learning. Professional Learning is being developed with input from teachers and site leaders. ➤ Ms. Melissa Turner, Curriculum Director, updated the Board on the work of the Curriculum and Learning Design Team. Six Content Specialists and the Curriculum and Learning Design Team collaborate with teachers to organize curriculum and design rubrics to measure the standards. As curriculum tools are designed to pair the curriculum with resources to align with the D51 Learning Model. She shared highlights of curriculum and resources being implemented in first and second grade on next generation science genders, middle school implementation of Schoology and a phonics pilot study; which incorporates social emotional learning for kindergarten through second grade. <p>3. BOCES/Concurrent Enrollment Update and Discussion, Ms. Cheryl Taylor, and Ms. Andrea Bolton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Cheryl Taylor, College Career Readiness Director, and Ms. Andrea Bolton, College Career Readiness Assistant Director, reviewed four types of concurrent enrollment offered as an opportunity for students to obtain college credits prior to graduating high school, at no cost to the students. The four options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Scholars: Students attend a half day at Western Colorado Community College and can earn high schools credit or technical college credit. The District currently has 500 seats available, per semester, but are not utilizing all the seats. • High School Scholars: Students attend college level courses at their high school. Each high school offers some type of college level courses. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Scholars: Students take courses at Colorado Mesa University aligned with their chosen pathway. • Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT): District 51 is allotted twenty-five slots, from the state, for students to attend classes at a college or university. Students attending must have already earned twelve college credits. This year District 51 was able to fill all twenty-five slots. <p>➤ Discussion took place regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to fill all the seats at Western Colorado Community College or pursue a way to pay for only those seats used. • Working with counselors to encourage more students to participate in the concurrent enrollment opportunities. <p>4. Adjournment</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <hr/> Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary Board of Education </div>	8:45 p.m.

Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
Resolution Appointing a Finalist as Interim Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education Resolution 18/19:17

Adopted October 2, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered the candidates included in District's list of finalists for the position of Interim Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has selected a finalist to appoint as Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Board declared its finalists at least 14 days before the Board of Education makes this appointment pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-6-402(3.5).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

That Dr. Diana Sirko shall be appointed to the position of Interim Superintendent for the District, provided that an acceptable employment contract with the appointee can be promptly negotiated and presented to the Board for approval.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board President, with the assistance of the District's legal counsel, is authorized and directed to proceed with all deliberate speed to negotiate on behalf of the Board an employment contract with Dr. Diana Sirko for consideration by the Board.

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 October 2, 2018.

Bridget Story
Board of Education, Assistant Secretary

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

***Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
Resolution To Support Amendment 73***

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 16

Presented/Tabled: October 2, 2018

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education believes that every student should have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential and to participate meaningfully in the civic and economic life of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado way of life provides every student the chance to succeed regardless of their zip code or their learning needs; and

WHEREAS, quality public education develops a competitive workforce that will drive a vibrant Colorado economy for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is experiencing a teacher shortage crisis and many teachers in rural districts do not make enough salary to meet the cost of living; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's investment in education is lagging behind other states — Colorado ranks 48th nationally in personal income invested in education; and

WHEREAS, education funding has not recovered from the recession; in the 2018-19 school year alone, Colorado schools are underfunded by \$672.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the loss to the Mesa County Valley School District 51 has been over \$182.5 million since 2009, which could have been used for implementation of the D51 Learning Model, teacher salary increases and reinstatement of reading aides; and

WHEREAS, reduced funding is directly impacting the District's ability to provide meaningful educational opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, the reduced funding also limits the Board's ability to respond to parents and community input on the District's programs and services, despite the Board's great desire to engage with and respond to its community; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 73 builds on the successes of Colorado's public schools by expanding students' educational opportunities to prepare them for success in college, career and life; preparing a qualified workforce for decades to come; and ensuring that Colorado's economic prosperity is shared with every community from corner to corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 73 will bring Colorado's investment in public education closer to the national average by raising \$1.6 billion dollars annually; provide sustainable support for schools by stabilizing school property taxes; provide additional funding for all students and address the most pressing needs of Colorado's public schools — specifically, funding for full-day kindergarten and a significant increase in funding for Early Childhood programs, Special Education programs, At-Risk students, English Language Learners and Gifted & Talented students; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 73 gives local school boards greater ability to respond to parent and community input and provide programs and services to meet the needs of all their students; and

WHEREAS, if Amendment 73 passes, the Board commits to focusing on the following priorities Special Education, Gifted & Talented, Career Technical Education and teacher salaries, while acknowledging that priorities will evolve as community engagement is an ongoing process and revenue from Amendment 73 is annual funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board declares that Amendment 73 is a matter of official concern;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education officially declares its support for Amendment 73 for the purpose of increasing funding of public education in the State of Colorado; and

The Board authorizes the expenditure of District funds to distribute a factual summary regarding Amendment 73, in accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. 1-45-117.

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 October 2, 2018.

*Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*