

A - Doug Levinson B - Paul Pitton C - John Williams D - Tom Parrish E - Amy Davis						Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51 Business Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2018 Adopted: November 13, 2018	
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						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present	x	x	x	x	x	BUSINESS MEETING	6:05 p.m.
Absent						A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
						➤ Mr. Parrish welcomed attendees to the October Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, <i>under Item G, Audience Comments.</i>	
Motion		x				B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL	Adopted
Second	x					C-1. September 4, 2018 Board Work Session	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	C-2. September 6, 2018 Board Special Meeting	
No						C-3. September 18, 2018 Board Business Meeting	
						C-4. September 27, 2018 Interim Interviews	
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. Family Career and Community Leaders of America Gold Medalist [Resolution: 18/19: 24]	
						➤ Mr. Pitton invited Jack Seriani, Daniella Boto and Bouiey Hin to the front of the room. These students researched information on resources available when choosing a college, how students can choose a college and factors to consider when choosing a college. From their research, they created a storyboard, skit and video and submitted their work to the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Digital Stories for Change Project. Their submission labeled "Life in Letters" won a gold medal at the FCCLA National Conference.	
						➤ The Board and Superintendent Sirko congratulated the students on their hard work and notable accomplishment.	
						D-2. SkillsUSA Gold Medalist [Resolution: 18/19: 25]	
						➤ Mr. Cam Wyatt, Career Center Principal, was present to accept the recognition certificates for Kennedy Cavanee, Jamie Martin, Nathaniel Doty and Trenton Oberding. These four students competed in the 2018 SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference in Colorado Springs. Jamie Martin and Kennedy Cavanee won a gold medal in the Promotional Bulletin Board Event. Jamie also won a gold medal in the Action Skills Event. Nathaniel Doty and Trenton Oberding competed in the Power Equipment Technology Event with Nathaniel earning a silver medal and Trenton earning a gold.	
						➤ The Board and Superintendent thanked Mr. Wyatt for being present to receive the certificates and congratulated him and his students on their achievements.	

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						E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Pitton recommended everyone read the blue book, provided by the state, to review the pros and cons of the upcoming ballot issues. ➤ Mr. Williams shared his enjoyment in meeting with teachers and staff over the past few weeks. F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Pitton reported the Colorado Association of School Board is preparing to lobby the legislators on behalf of District 51. G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Parrish asked if anyone would like to comment to the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reverend Jeffrey Dodson, 856 Teller Ave., Grand Junction 81501 Reverend Dodson, father of three children, encouraged the Board to follow the recommendation of Together Colorado Western Slope Faith Leaders and approve a resolution in support of Amendment 73. H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT H-1. School Health Professionals Grant Program (SHPG), Mrs. Cathy Ebel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Margery Brennan, Prevention Coordinator, and Licensed Social Workers Ms. Melissa Fisher, Ms. Ariel Rendt-Padron, Ms. Sara Hammond and Ms. Courtney Flores reviewed the work being done through the School Health Professional Grant. The grant funds four full-time licensed social workers who work at eight schools. The non-renewable grant runs from the fall of 2017 through the spring of 2020. The grant's intention is to increase the presence of school health professionals, provide substance abuse and behavioral health care, implement substance abuse prevention education, provide evidence based resources and provide access to services through community-based organizations. The social workers work closely with school counselors, school psychologists and outside resources to avoid duplication of services and to work together as a team. ➤ Athena, a Bookcliff Middle School student, spoke on the help she has received from Ms. Rendt-Padron. Ms. Rendt-Padron has helped her to find a stable home environment and learn ways to work through her problems without breaking things, cutting herself or using drugs. The help Athena has received has been extremely beneficial and has given her someone she can trust and turn to. ➤ Ms. Jasmine Kennedy, a parent of a Grand Junction High School student, spoke on the assistance she and her son have received from Ms. Fisher. Ms. Fisher has earned the respect of Ms. Kennedy and her son and has assisted in getting her son the help he needs in dealing with attention deficit/-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Ms. Fisher also helped in getting the family grief counseling last year when they lost a family member. ➤ The Board thanked Athena and Ms. Kennedy for sharing their experiences and thanked the social workers for the work they do on behalf of students. 	

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						<p>H-2. Employee Benefits Update for 2019 Benefit Year, Ms. Sheila Naski, Mr. Rob Henderson</p> <p>Ms. Sheila Naski, Risk Manager/District 51, updated the Board on the District's self-funded insurance plan. The plan has not had a premium increase since 2015, has healthy reserves and will have lower deductibles and copays for the 2019 year. At this time, the Insurance Committee, which is made up of a diverse group of fourteen staff members, is requesting to add a benefit to the plan, a concierge service. The concierge service would assist employees in navigating the health care system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Rob Henderson, Quantum Insurance Services Representative, explained the services offered by Quantum. District employees would be able to work with an advocate to answer questions regarding insurance billings, copays, medical providers or questions to ask a physician prior to an appointment. Mr. Henderson reviewed the history of Quantum and shared comparisons with other companies. ➤ Discussion took place regarding the cost, comparisons of what other companies provide, contract liability and options available should there be a draw on reserve accounts. The cost to contract with Quantum, \$437 thousand per year, would be covered by the District's insurance reserves. Quantum anticipates those costs to be recaptured in savings the District would receive in eliminating duplicate services, correcting coding errors and building a culture of wellness by encouraging employees to participate in annual physicals and health screenings. District 51 will move forward to enter into a three-year contract with an opt out clause. <p>[Recess 7:22 p.m. Resume Meeting 7:32 p.m.]</p> <p>H-3. School Work Alliance Program (SWAP), Mrs. Marla Oppenheim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Marla Oppenheim, Director of Student Services, Mrs. Lisa Melchior, Special Education Director, Ms. Donna Whetstone, SWAP Coordinator and SWAP Specialists, Ms. Kehau Martinez, Ms. Julie Lovato and Ms. Tanny Gribble presented information and a video highlighting the SWAP program. SWAP is supported by the Colorado Department of Education to assist young adults, age 15 to 24, with disabilities in making the transition from school to employment. The SWAP office is open year round and on average, they work with 100 to 110 students per month; focusing mostly on juniors and seniors. They reviewed the many organizations in the Grand Valley who work with SWAP in offering training and mentorships for students. ➤ The Board thanked everyone for the work they do and for the inspiring video. <p>H-4. Business/Investment financials, Ms. Melanie Heath, Mrs. Vi Crawford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Vi Crawford, Financial Service Director, and Ms. Melanie Hearth, Financial Services Assistant Director, highlighted items from the Fiscal Oversight Committee and answered questions. They displayed information found on the District web site noting how the revenue is distributed. 	

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						H-5. Superintendent Search, Mrs. Nikki Jost ➤ Mrs. Nikki Jost, Human Services Executive Director, discussed the pros and cons of hiring a search firm to locate interested superintendent applicants. She discussed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and requested feedback in how the Board would review submitted proposals. The Board would like to move forward with the RFP's and will schedule a special meeting to review the proposals. H-6. Expulsion Report ➤ Dr. Scott Cooper, Assistant Superintendent reported expulsions are down from last year. H-5. Communication Report/District Initiatives ➤ Reviewed	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	I. CONSENT AGENDA I-1. Personnel Actions [Resolution: 18/19: 06] I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 18/19: 05]	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	J. BUSINESS ITEMS J-1. Resolution to Support Amendment 73 [Resolution: 18/19: 22] ➤ Mr. Pitton clarified an error in the Blue Book sent out by the State of Colorado. There is language in Amendment 73 to assure the middle class would be exempt from the tax by excluding the first \$150 thousand in salary earned. In the future, adjustments would be made to increase the salary exclusion accordingly. ➤ Mr. Parrish commented he is hesitant to support ballot initiatives but he has been waiting since 1992, for the right initiative, at the right time. This may not be the perfect solution, but he does not see enough political will for legislators to take action to find the right solution.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	J-2. Resolution to Approve Certificate of Participation Parameters for Mesa Valley Community and Juniper Ridge Charter Schools [Resolution: 18/19: 18] ➤ Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, referenced the note page detailing the important issues on the resolution.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	J-3. Resolution for Water Right Application, Gateway School [Resolution 18/19: 20] ➤ Mr. Williams reviewed the history of landscaping at the Gateway School and the need to acquire the rights to draw water from West Creek as the District does not have water rights to the Bartholomew Hatch Ditch.	Adopted
						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION ➤ Dr. Davis questioned the reason for having the Business Items listed at the end of the agenda, rather than the first of the agenda to be able to discuss the items when everyone is fresh. Discussion took place regarding the need to be respective of presenters' time, the desire to hear from District staff at the	

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Motion Second Aye No						meetings, and scheduling a Board retreat to discuss school staff meeting responses. L. FUTURE MEETINGS ➤ Reviewed. M. EXECUTIVE SESSION ➤ None at this time N. ADJOURNMENT	9:55 p.m.
						_____ Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary Board of Education	

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Second								
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		
No								
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The Board would like to invite Jack Seriani, Daniella Boto, and Bouiey Hin to the front.

Earlier this year, these students uploaded an online project called “Life in Letters” to the Digital Stories for Change project for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization. Students researched, drew up a storyboard, created a skit which they recorded on video, and edited the video before uploading it online for consideration.

The video aimed to educate and inform students about how they can choose a college, factors that should be considered when choosing a college, and resources that are available during the college search.

Their project, which can be found on the Fruita Monument Website, was selected as one of 15 teams from across the country to progress to the second level of the FCCLA National Conference.

The conference took place in Atlanta this summer, and while there, these students earned a gold medal for their online project.

These students are seniors this year, and are continuing their leadership in the FCCLA club which now includes 13 members.

The Board of Education would like to recognize and congratulate these students for their hard work that resulted in this notable accomplishment. Congratulations.

The Board would like to invite Kennedy Cavanee, Jamie Martin, Nathaniel Doty, and Trenton Oberding to the front.

Earlier this year, these students competed in the 2018 SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference in Colorado Springs. The conference includes competitive events that showcase the best Career and Technical Education (CTE) students in the nation. The event occupies a space equivalent to 16 football fields with thousands of contestants in 100 separate events.

Jamie Martin and Kennedy Cavanee competed in the Promotional Bulletin Board event, where judges examine displays created by students based on the annual SkillsUSA theme. The boards promote SkillsUSA, CTE, and related occupational information. Students document the development of their boards in a notebook, and give an oral presentation to judges. Both students earned a gold medal in this event.

Jamie also competed in the Action Skills event, where students give a five- to seven-minute demonstration of an occupational skill that a student is training for. Students use examples, experiments, displays, and practical operations to clearly explain their skills. Jamie took home a gold medal for this event also.

Nathaniel Doty and Trenton Oberding competed in the Power Equipment Technology event. This event tests students' skills and knowledge in both two- and four-cycle engines. Students demonstrate understanding of different aspects of engines, including drive trains, hydraulics, and wiring schematics; and also prove their customer service skills. Nathaniel earned a silver medal for this category, and Trenton earned a gold medal.

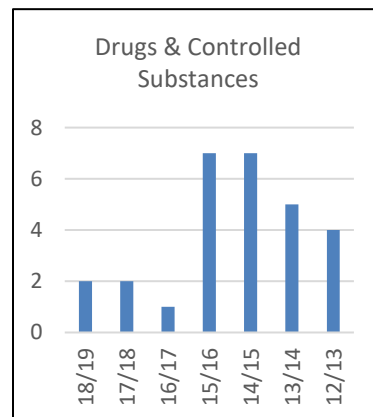
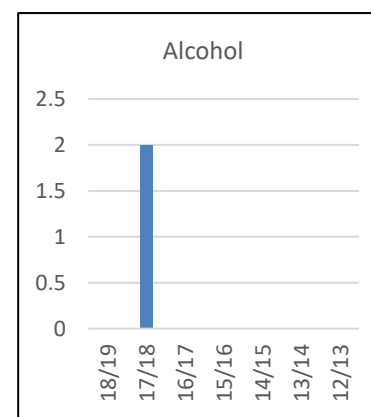
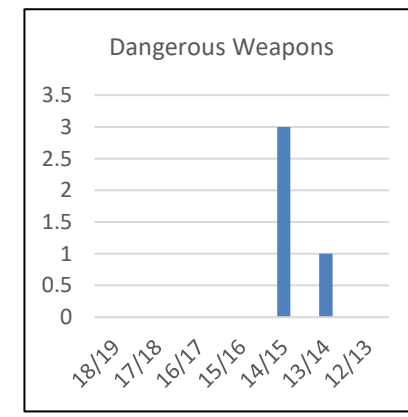
When students officially received their prizes a couple of weeks ago, they celebrated by throwing pies at Carol Cooper, a teacher at Career Center, and Cam Wyatt, the principal of Career Center.

The Board of Education is proud to recognize these students for the admirable achievements. Congratulations.

Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of September 30 of:				
	18/19		17/18		18/19		17/18		18/19		17/18		18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13
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400																1			1
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700																			
DSP																			
VOO	1												1						
Total	3												3	4	1	8	10	6	5

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
 VOO - other violations



Communications Update

September 13 – October 10, 2018

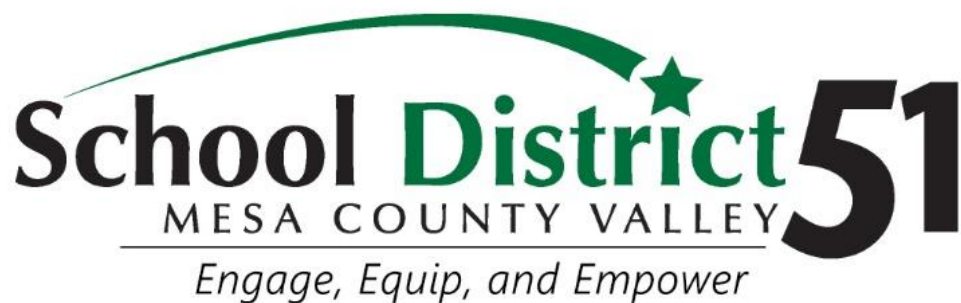
Includes

Earned Media Coverage

Paid Media Coverage

Electronic Direct Communication

Social Media Reports



Media Coverage

The Daily Sentinel

Sept 14, 9 schools improve on state ratings

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/schools-improve-on-state-ratings/article_557273fa-b89f-11e8-a9f9-10604b9ffe60.html

Sept 14, Andersen's arenas

https://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/high_schools/andersen-s-arenas/article_28196bc2-b7e4-11e8-875f-10604b9ffe60.html

Sept 20, Superintendent search involves community panel

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/superintendent-search-involves-community-panel/article_ecb9ce6e-bc07-11e8-b0fe-10604b9ffe60.html

Sept 25, Loma latest to provide a full day of kindergarten

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/loma-latest-to-provide-a-full-day-of-kindergarten/article_f2d5e334-c088-11e8-b812-10604b9ffe60.html

Sept 27, New program offers after-school Spanish classes at elementary school

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/new-program-offers-after-school-spanish-classes-at-elementary-school/article_7fd20388-c211-11e8-90c1-10604b9f7e7c.html

Sept 28, Selection of interim D51 boss Tuesday

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/selection-of-interim-d-boss-tuesday/article_10d8e98a-c2dc-11e8-a580-10604b9f7e7c.html

Oct 3, Sirko named interim superintendent

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/sirko-named-interim-superintendent/article_635b4e9c-c6cd-11e8-a211-10604b9f7e7c.html

Oct 3, Students to build Palisade hatchery

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/students-to-build-palisade-hatchery/article_64695cb6-c6cd-11e8-a763-10604b9f7e7c.html

Oct 7, Ex-superintendent gets prison

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/ex-superintendent-gets-prison/article_b1051080-c9f0-11e8-9927-10604b9ffe60.html

October 10, Campus changes coming?

https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/campus-changes-coming/article_bcb45036-cc51-11e8-b06f-10604b9f6eda.html

KREX

Sept 17, D51 Foundation grants \$10,000 to teachers

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/d51-foundation-grants-10-000-to-teachers/1455619428>

Sept 17, Palisade High School trying to help wildlife

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/palisade-high-school-trying-to-help-wildlife/1455628134>

Sept 18, Serving a dish of life skills

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/serving-a-dish-of-life-skills/1458684083>

Sept 19, Central High School honored in Washington

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/central-high-school-honored-in-washington/1460651304>

Sept 19, District 51 hosting community coffee

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/district-51-hosting-community-coffee/1460988256>

Sept 22, Coffee with the Board

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/coffee-with-the-board/1467423607>

Sept 21, Coffee cart for cooking class

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/coffee-cart-for-cooking-class/1469857320>

Sept 24, Loma Elementary moves to full day kindergarten

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/loma-elementary-moves-to-full-day-kindergarten/1472698658>

Sept 25, Golden Apple Award

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/golden-apple-award-20180926044123/1476053010>

Sept 26, A simple hello can go a long way

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/a-simple-hello-can-go-a-long-way-1/1478485913>

Sept 27, D51 Board interviews interim superintendent candidates

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/d51-board-interviews-interim-superintendent-candidates/1480804240>

Sept 27, Dozens of 1st graders surprised with free bikes

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Dozens-of-1st-graders-surprised-with-free-bikes-494561211.html>

Sept 28, Students get to be-bilingual

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/students-get-to-be-bilingual/1483656473>

Sept 28, D51 gets a glimpse into the STEM field

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/d51-gets-a-glimpse-into-the-stem-field/1483657876>

Oct 2, D51 interim Superintendent named

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/interim-superintendent-named/1493820910>

Oct 3, Chromebook celebration

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/chromebook-celebration/1496321646>

Oct 5, Free College Application Week

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/free-college-application-week/1501866969>

Oct 5, FMHS teacher put on leave

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/fmhs-teacher-put-on-leave/1500854121>

Oct 5, Report of gunman leads to school lockdowns

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/report-of-gunman-leads-to-school-lockdowns/1501942522>

Oct 9, Ballot measure hopes to change education funding

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/ballot-measure-hopes-to-change-education-funding/1508675733>

Oct 10, Financial fun for local elementary students

<https://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/financial-fun-for-local-elementary-students/1514459793>

KKCO/KJCT

Sept 17, D51 Foundation gives out \$10K in grants

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/493540561.html>

Sept 21, School zone concerns in Clifton

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/494002591.html>

Sept 21, Local 9-year-old drops off backpacks in Uganda

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/494003811.html>

Sept 27, New Emerson Elementary students "Start with Hello,"

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/494561741.html>

Oct 1, Students pie teachers to showcase leadership

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Students-pie-teachers-to-showcase-leadership-494857081.html>

Oct 2, Diana Sirko to serve as District 51 interim superintendent

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/494990261.html>

Oct 2, Young AmeriTowne comes to Grand Junction

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/494969211.html>

Oct 7, Former D51 superintendent sentenced for attempted child sex trafficking

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Former-D51-superintendent-sentenced-for-attempted-child-sex-trafficking-495388551.html>

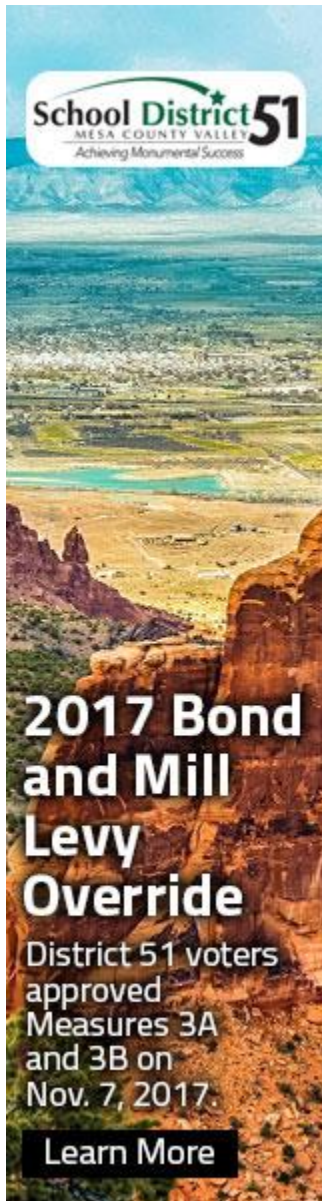
Oct 5, Police respond to call of man with gun, schools shut down

<https://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Police-respond-to-call-of-man-with-gun-schools-shut-down-495309481.html>

Paid Media

KJCT Audience Targeting

The following ads appeared on various websites for individuals who were online in certain areas around town (geofencing)



Mesa Mall

The Communications Department designed and posted its first poster at Mesa Mall in early April. The ad is located on the back of a mall directory outside of Target and will be posted for the remainder of the calendar year. The poster lists various academic options and explains the D5 Learning Model.



Indoor Billboards

An ad for the high school graduations 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. The ad was replaced with information about



Movie Theater Ads

The movie theater will show ads in April, May, and June, in the minutes before every movie at Regal Cinema. The current ad promotes the Lunch Lizard.

Welcome Home Packages

100 Homeowners who move into a new home in the Grand Valley during March, April, and May will receive a package that includes two branded stickers, 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 Direct Communication

Board Briefs, September 18

BOARD BRIEFS

Sept. 18, 2018 Business Meeting

Next Steps for Hiring Interim Superintendent

In a work session before Tuesday's business meeting, D51 School Board members discussed the selection process for an interim



superintendent. The board will interview three finalists for the position in an open session on Sept. 27, go into executive session to discuss the candidates, then return to open session to announce either their top pick or a decision to keep searching. Board members said they would like to ask each finalist about their plans for restoring trust, how they personally plan to communicate with staff and the community, what they know about the D51 Learning Model, and list their strengths.

The board also would like to gather a few stakeholders to meet with the candidates on the morning of Sept. 27 and have a representative from that group report back to the board with impressions from the group.



College & Career Readiness

College and Career Readiness Director Cheri Taylor and Assistant Director Andrea Bolton talked to the board about immersive college and career preparation programs within

District 51. Career Technical Education students in Colorado have a better chance of graduating high school in four years, going on to postsecondary education, and entering the workforce. Career and college readiness programming in D51 includes:

- **Tech Scholars** - students take classes at WCCO
- **Early Scholars** - students take classes at CMU
- **High School Scholars** - students take CMU classes taught by CMU-trained teachers at their high school
- **ASCENT** - students defer high school graduation for one year to take state-financed college classes on a college campus
- **Career Center** - students go from their high schools to the center for part of the school day to experience hands-on vocational programs from construction to animal care
- **Advanced Placement** courses for all high schoolers

Policy Adoptions

Board members had second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- **GBG** - Occupational Medicine
- **KHB-R** - School-Business Partnerships and Marketing



Construction Update

The board approved a resolution to move forward with a \$610,000 construction project for an east parking lot at Fruita Monument High School and \$220,000 in design fees for a new entryway remodeling project at the school. These projects will be funded by a portion of the \$4 million in savings from 2018 bond projects. After the entryway remodel design is complete, construction is expected to last from March to December 2019. Construction of the east parking lot will begin soon and is scheduled for completion this November. The new parking lot will help make up for the 40 parking spots going away with realignment and parking lot reconfiguration for easier pickup and dropoff in the north parking lot, and will offer spaces closer to the gym during games.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at PHS

CTE programming at individual high schools also includes:

- **Central:** STEM, computer information systems, and business education courses
- **Fruita Monument:** Agriculture education, family and consumer sciences, food sciences, media production, business education, computer information sciences, technology education, and ProStart
- **Grand Junction:** Business education/High School of Business, computer information science, technology education, journalism/broadcasting, design and merchandising, catering, food science, and family and consumer sciences
- **Palisade:** Business education, construction technology, food sciences, family and consumer sciences, and ProStart
- **R-5:** ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education)

Ms. Bolton and Ms. Taylor said they also want to increase CTE options for health care, start a teacher cadet program to "grow our own" teaching talent, have virtual job shadowing, offer more summertime internship options, and increase the number of interns and apprentices, from seven interns and nine apprentices last school year to 75 internships and 35 apprenticeships in 2019-20.

Legislative Update

Amy Attwood, contract lobbyist for D51, spoke with the board about the 2018 Election and some predictions for the 2019 state legislative session. The School Finance



Interim Committee has a new consultant that has put together a model that allows committee members to change factors in the school funding formula and see how it would affect districts and the state education budget. This should help the committee introduce five bills that will start to change the state funding formula. Also in legislative news, the next legislative revenue forecast is due out Sept. 20, there will be a bill about charter school waivers, a bill about not sending families to collections for lunch debts, and possibly a bill about flexibility in teacher evaluations.

The 2018 Ballot will include 13 measures. One, Amendment 73, would approve a tax increase for education. Ms. Attwood said the campaign is willing to make a presentation to the school board now that they're on the ballot. She added that the Blue Book was solidified Tuesday.



Recognitions

The board recognized the following teachers for their achievements:

- **Heidi Ragsdale** and **Mike Gregorich** of West Middle School for being named National Geographic Geo-Inquiry Ambassadors
- Bookcliff Middle School's **Mary Beth Prodromides**, first woman to win the CrossFit Games four times.



Future Meetings

Sept. 22 - Coffee with the Board, 9 a.m., Factory (750 Main St.)

Sept. 27 - Interim Superintendent Finalist Interviews, 3 p.m., BTK

Oct. 2 - School Board Work Session, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room

Oct. 16 - School Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room

Board Brief, October 2

BOARD BRIEFS

Oct. 2, 2018 Work Session



Board votes on Interim Superintendent

The District 51 Board of Education voted unanimously Tuesday night to begin negotiations with Dr. Diana Sirko with the intention of her becoming the district's interim superintendent.

Dr. Sirko has 43 years of experience as an educator in Colorado. She is the Leadership Program Coordinator and an instructor for Colorado Mesa University's Masters program in education leadership, formerly worked as deputy commissioner of education for the Colorado Department of Education, and served as superintendent of both Roaring Fork School District and Aspen School District.

Professional Learning Update

D51 Professional Learning Director Danny Medved, Curriculum Director Melissa Turner, and Instructional Coach Coordinators Mary Biagini and Heather Flick discussed the



current state of professional learning in the district. The focus this year is on shifting the practice of teachers and leaders to implement the D51 Learning Model. This shift in practice is being made possible through staff in each building working collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), instructional coaches helping teachers in buildings, increasing access to video as a reflection and training tool, and emphasizing use of workshopping (especially guided reading), the teaching and learning framework, and being transparent about what outcomes are expected at the elementary, middle, and high school level. Professional Learning supports this year include a guided reading tool developed last year, teacher leaders bringing professional learning back to the rest of the teachers in their building, different choices for teachers based on their needs, help with rubrics and the learning management system, having a feedback loop with teachers, and folding in new curriculum materials purchased through the 2017 Mill Levy Override.

Moving forward, the professional development team would like to see more instructional coaches, ensure the district calendar supports professional learning time, continue a focus on teacher and administrative induction, offer more choices in training, change the Aligned Professional Learning Units (APLU) process and increase course offerings, and enhance professional learning district-wide.



Concurrent Enrollment

Career and College Readiness Director Chen Taylor and Assistant Director Andrea Bolton presented the board with information about concurrent enrollment

opportunities for students in District 51. Concurrent enrollment gives high school students the chance to earn college credit before high school graduation by taking college coursework. Courses are paid for by the district, and students get to try out college before enrolling on their own.

The Tech Scholars program allows up to 500 students per semester to take classes at Western Colorado Community College and the Early Scholars program lets students take classes at Colorado Mesa University if the classes fit with their career and college plans. The High School Scholars program offers CMU classes at D51 high schools, and the classes are taught by CMU-trained teachers. The ASCENT program allows students to use their fifth year of high school to take college courses paid for by their school district.

See enrollment numbers for each concurrent enrollment program [here](#).



Bond Project Update

The district anticipates being \$4 million under budget for 2018 bond measure projects. So far, \$20 million has been spent on bond projects, and an additional \$11.6 million has been committed to projects. Ongoing projects include the east parking lot at Fruita Monument High School (scheduled for completion next month), the Palisade High School gym (scheduled for completion in February), and the Dual Immersion Academy gym annex (scheduled for completion Jan. 1). The design process for 2019 projects is already under way. The district is planning for an estimated \$20 million worth of work at as many as 25 schools next year.



Amendment 73

The board invited Tracie Rainey, executive director of Colorado School Finance Project, to speak about Amendment 73. Ms. Rainey said the ballot measure, if passed, would raise an estimated \$1.6 billion (including \$29.3 million for District 51) for K-12 education funding. The amendment would increase the income tax rate for people making more than \$150,000 and increase the corporate tax rate, while decreasing property tax rates for both residential and non-residential property. Board members said they would examine D51 priorities for spending money that could be raised by Amendment 73 and research opposition to the measure before deciding whether to endorse it.

District 51 Insider

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Communications Report

Every month, the Communications Department puts together a brief snapshot of what we've been up to. [Read the current report here.](#)

Sept 4 Board Brief

Sept 18 Board Brief



D51 Foundation

The D51 Foundation is pleased to announce the second round of Professional Learning Grants for Teachers and Principals. A total of \$10,016.00 in grants were awarded from the D51 Foundation to 21 District 51 teachers and principals. Each year, the D51F uses proceeds from its White Iceed Celebration and other fundraising efforts to fund specific needs in School District 51. This year, fundraising dollars will be used for technology for students and professional learning for teachers.

[Learn more about the grant and who received one here.](#)

Check out our website at www.d51foundation.org



Coffee with the D51 Board of Education

Join Board of Education members for coffee and snacks on Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m. at FACTORY. This is a good opportunity to ask questions and have a conversation with the board. This event will not be livestreamed.

What's next for D51 leadership

On Aug. 31, 2018, the District 51 Board of Education and Superintendent Ken Haptonstall agreed to a separation agreement. [Find out what that means, next steps, and more information about positions from the reorganization here.](#)

Human Resources Did You Know?

Human Resources often receives questions regarding Teacher Loan Forgiveness programs. The Colorado Department of Education has put together an awesome website with a lot of helpful information. If you are interested in learning more, [click here.](#)



Staff Spotlight - Mike Gregorich & Heidi Ragsdale

Congrats to West Middle School Teachers Mike Gregorich and Heidi Ragsdale for recently becoming Certified National Geographic Educators! [Learn more about their work and the certification here.](#)



Crossroads Fitness Business of the Month!

D51 is the Crossroads Fitness Business of the Month! All employees can get a 10 visit punch pass for free! [Click here to get your pass.](#)

District 51 Wellness Program

[Check out the new Wellness website here!](#)

Have you registered for your health screening yet? You'll need to sign up for the Wellness Portal first. [Click here for more information to do that.](#)

Health Screenings Have Arrived! If you are a School District Employee or Spouse covered under the SD insurance, you are eligible for a health screening.

[Click here for a schedule of employee health screenings.](#)

September D51Wellness Employee of the Month

Connie Robbins Brady - Connie has put so much effort in to her diet and exercise and has taken off many pounds. She is a great role model. You



Sept 21-23, Fruita Fall Festival, Downtown Fruita. Free Admission.

Sept 22, Free admission to National Parks.

Sept 22, Downtown Car Show, Downtown Grand Junction. 9am - 3pm. Free admission.

Sept 30, Color Sunday on the Grand Mesa and Powderhorn.

Oct 5 & 6, Downtown Art Festival, Downtown Grand Junction. 11am-3:30pm. Free admission.

Oct 6, Mesa County Public Library Comic Con Two Rivers Convention Center. 9 am-5pm. Free Admission with library card.

[Click here to see more events!](#)

Stay Connected

[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.

rock Connie! Keep up the good work.

Nominate an employee today!

If you see a co-worker being healthy (walking at lunch, eating healthy snacks, exercising, etc.) [nominate them today!](#)

Questions? Forgot your username or password? Contact [Gussie Boyd](#).



We love our substitutes!

Each month, we'll highlight some stellar substitutes who work so hard to support our district. This month, we'd like to thank MGMS subs Daryl Hoff, Mary Stewart, Mark Vana, Dean Prodromides, Kelly Weathers, and Melanie Roten for their dedication!



D51 teams compete in Men In Heels

Two teams of brave men from District 51 competed in the annual Men In Heels relay race to benefit the Latimer House. Check out the videos above, [or learn more about the event here.](#)

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 discount info we have so far!](#)

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



Watch the new School Safety Video

District 51, the Grand Junction Fire Department, and local law enforcement agencies joined forces to create an informative school safety video for parents, students, and the community. [Click on the video above](#) to learn more about what happens during a lockdown, shelter-in-place, and reunification, and find out how you can stay informed during a school incident.



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What's next for D51 leadership

Learn more about plans for moving ahead as a district with a reorganized staff and check out the finalists for interim superintendent [here](#). If you need to catch up on the topic, see the [separation announcement](#), view the [results of the investigation](#), and review [this article](#) about the reorganization.



Have coffee with the board

If you have questions for the District 51 School Board, come to the next [Coffee with the Board](#) event this Saturday, Sept. 22. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at Factory, 750 Main St.



Preparing for career and college

District 51 has a long list of classes, programs, and hands-on experiences that can help students pick their future career path or earn college credit. Learn more [here](#).



Bond construction update

The PHS and DIA gyms are on track to open in January. The new

Central earns U.S. Green Ribbon

Central High School's sustainability and environmental protection efforts were celebrated Wednesday at a ceremony for 2018 U.S. Green Ribbon Schools in Washington, D.C. Central is one of just two schools in Colorado to receive the honor this year. Learn more [here](#).



Onward march!

The 41st Annual Colorado West Marching Band Festival will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Lincoln Park. Get details about tickets and parking [here](#).



Fresh Side Cafe gets fresh look

The Coyote Cafe at the D51 Career Center is now the Fresh Side Cafe! Come check out the student-run restaurant from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at 2935 North Ave.



Protecting fish at Palisade High

Palisade High School is working to turn a storage room into a fish hatchery as early as this school year. Learn more about the project and how you can help [here](#).



Learning on the job

CareerWise apprenticeships help D51 students connect with a career before they graduate high school. [Learn more](#) about one Central student's apprenticeship.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 29 - Colorado West Marching Band Festival, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lincoln Park.

Sept. 22 - Coffee with the Board, 9 a.m. at Factory, 750 Main St.

Oct. 2 - School Board Work Session, 6 p.m. in the Harry Butler Board Room.

Oct. 16 - School Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m. in the Harry Butler Board Room.



Teachers granted \$10,000

The D51 Foundation awarded more than \$10,000 in grants for teachers this week. See where those grants will be used [here](#), and check out a podcast with D51 Foundation Executive Director Angela Christensen [here](#).



One tough teacher

Bookcliff Middle School physical education teacher Mary Beth Prodomides is the first woman ever to win four CrossFit Games! Check out her amazing stats [here](#).



The PHS and DIA gyms are on track to open in January, the new OMMS will start going vertical in the next month, and parking lot changes are coming this fall to FMHS. Track bond spending [here](#).



Preventing suicide with SOS

Students from District 51 middle and high school [Sources of Strength](#) groups discussed suicide prevention and handed out 500 frosty treats to passerby at last Thursday's GJ Farmers Market. Students also created the suicide prevention [PSA](#) below.



Air Force Awards

West teacher Therese Moran is this year's Air Force Association Local Chapter Teacher of the Year and Central teacher Rick Peterson has been named Air Force Association State Member of the Year! Both were honored at a ceremony in Colorado Springs on Aug. 25.



GJ Rockies visit Central High

GJ Rockies players who are learning English as a second language visited Central High last month to show off what they've learned from their tutors, including CHS teacher Mike Peitsmeyer. The players answered questions from CTies and student government in front of the entire student body.



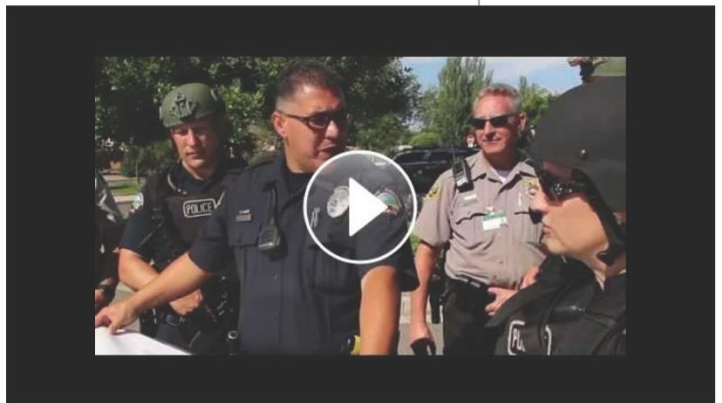
Ten from D51 compete in race

District 51 had two teams in this year's Men in Heels race in downtown Grand Junction. The 27 teams that participated in the race raised more than \$32,000 for Hilltop's Latimer House!



National Geography honors

West Middle School's Heidi Ragsdale and Mike Gregorich have been named Certified National Geographic Educators, which shows their dedication to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math strategies!



Watch the new School Safety Video

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Social Media

Our posts on Facebook reach 11,131 “fans,” an increase of 64 from last month. Posts include “Maintenance Monday” bond and mill updates, information for Safe2Tell and crisis numbers, live-streamed board meetings, school announcements, etc.

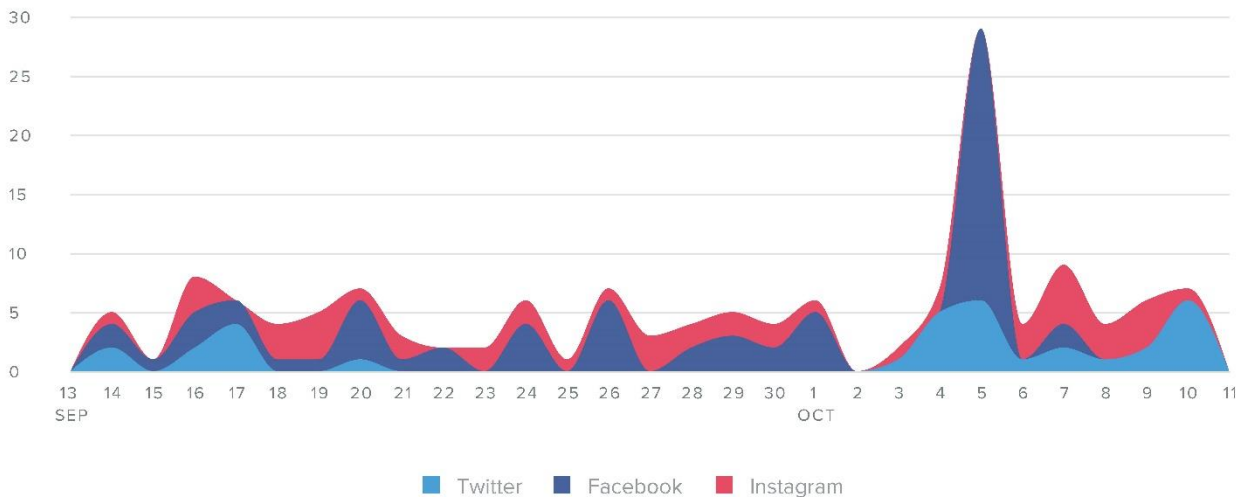
A full social media report is available upon request, or at this link: [September/October Social Media Report](#)

Group Stats by Profile/Page

Profile/Page	Total Fans / Followers	Fan / Follower Increase	Messages Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Post	Engage	Engagements	Link
 School District 51 @district51	3,012	0.94%	34	13.2k	389.1	354	10.4	64
 Mesa Coun...ool District 51 Business Page	11.1k	0.53%	131	269.3k	2,055	4,840	36.9	2,693
 School District 51 (Business) @d51schools	1,115	4.5%	10	9,317	931.7	368	36.8	—

Group Audience Growth

AUDIENCE GROWTH, BY DAY



Audience Growth Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Fans	15.3k	↗ 0.9%
New Twitter Followers	28	↗ 0.9%
New Facebook Fans	60	↗ 0.5%
New Instagram Followers	48	↗ 4.5%
Total Fans Gained	136	↗ 0.9%

Total followers increased by

▲ 0.9%

since previous date range



Mesa County Valley School District 51
Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 21

Adopted: October 16, 2018

Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
None at this time.			
Resignations/Termination			
Gist, Wende J	Career Center	Computer Tech	October 9, 2018
Leave of Absence			
Glassman, Elise M	BMS	Sped – Moderate Needs	October 8, 2018
New Assignments			
Cosby, Candis L	Tope	Sped - Moderate Needs	October 11, 2018
Gustafson, Janna Beth	Thunder Mtn	Gifted & Talented	October 1, 2018
Karp, Rodney T	EMS	Sped - Moderate Needs	September 28, 2018
Ohara, Stephanie Jo	Hawthorne	Adaptive PE	October 15, 2018
Robbins, Larry W	Grand River	Sped - Moderate Needs	September 14, 2018
Serrano, Gabrielle S	Loma	Kindergarten	September 18, 2018

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 16, 2018.

Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 19

Adopted: October 16, 2018

Donor	Qdoba
Gift	Meals
Value	\$289.00
School/Department	Art Heritage / Elementary School Coordinators

Donor	Nikki Duckworth
Gift	Tumble Forms
Value	\$1,000.00
School/Department	Hawthorne / Physical Therapy

Donor	Mt. Mesa Sports Inc. dba B & H Sports
Gift	Legwarmers, headbands, beanies, socks
Value	\$106.91
School/Department	Palisade High School / Boys' golf team tournament prizes

Donor	Carl A. Feghali, D.D.S. PC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Running With The Pack

Donor	Jolley Smiles, P.C.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Boys Soccer Team

Donor	Jan Maynard
Gift	Piano
Value	\$1,200.00
School/Department	Dual Immersion Academy / Music classes

Donor	Walmart
Gift	Cash
Value	\$2,500.00
School/Department	Central High School / Media - Productions

Donor	Christi Reece Group at Coldwell Bankers
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	East Middle School / Student of the Month Luncheons

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 19

Adopted: October 16, 2018

Donor	Zeynep Ozsoy Bean
Gift	Microwave
Value	\$55.00
School/Department	East Middle School / Students and staff for warming lunches

Donor	Patrick Clements
Gift	Drum set with cymbals and hardware
Value	\$400.00
School/Department	East Middle School / Band classes

Donor	Richard and Dianne Simpson
Gift	Baby grand piano
Value	\$5,200.00
School/Department	Central High School / Music Department

Donor	Office Depot
Gift	Printed flyers
Value	\$225.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Boys soccer fundraiser

Donor	Ronald C. Knipe, M.D., P.A.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Boys soccer

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 October 16, 2018.

Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

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

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 22

Adopted: October 16, 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, teacher and support staff salaries and full-day kindergarten, 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 16, 2018.

*Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SITE LEASE, A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS BY THE DISTRICT; APPROVING THE FORMS OF RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, Mesa County Valley School District No. 51, Mesa County, Colorado (the “District”), is a duly and regularly created, organized and existing school district, existing as such under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) has the power, pursuant to Section 22-32-110(1) (b) and (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, to lease or rent, with or without an option to purchase, undeveloped or improved real property located within or outside the territorial limits of the District on such terms as the Board sees fit for use as school sites, buildings or structures, or for any school purpose authorized by law, and to provide furniture, equipment, library books and everything needed to carry out the education program of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the power pursuant to Section 22-32-110(1)(f), Colorado Revised Statutes, to rent or lease district property not needed for its purposes for terms not exceeding ten years, provided that if the board anticipates that the District will become the subtenant of the property under a sublease, no finding that the property is not needed for district purposes is needed and the term of the lease may not exceed fifty years; and

WHEREAS, for the functions or operation of the District, it is necessary that the District construct, renovate, equip and install certain capital improvements for District educational purposes, including, but not limited to, new facilities for District charter schools (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the District owns, in fee title, a certain Site and the premises, buildings and improvements located thereon (the “Leased Property”), as further described in the Site Lease and the Lease (hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined, and now hereby determines, that it is in the best interest of the Board and its inhabitants that the District lease the Leased Property to UMB Bank, n.a., as trustee under the Indenture (the “Trustee”) pursuant to a Site Lease between the District, as lessor, and the Trustee, as lessee (the “Site Lease”), and lease back the Trustees’ interest in the Leased Property pursuant to the terms of a Lease Agreement (the “Lease”) between the Trustee, as lessor, and the District, as lessee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Lease, and subject to the right of the District to terminate the Lease and other limitations as therein provided, the District will pay certain Base Rentals and Additional Rentals (as such terms are defined in the Lease) in consideration for the right of the District to use the Leased Property; and

WHEREAS, the District’s obligation under the Lease to pay Base Rentals and Additional Rentals shall be from year to year only; shall constitute currently budgeted expenditures of the District; shall not constitute a mandatory charge or requirement in any ensuing budget year; and shall not constitute a general obligation or other indebtedness or multiple fiscal year financial obligation of the District within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory limitation or requirement concerning the creation of indebtedness or multiple fiscal year financial obligation, nor a mandatory payment obligation of the District in any ensuing fiscal year beyond any fiscal year during which the Lease shall be in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Trustee will enter into an Indenture of Trust (the “Indenture”) pursuant to which there is expected to be issued certain certificates of participation (the “2018 Certificates”) dated as of their date of delivery that shall evidence proportionate interests in the right to receive certain Revenues (as defined in the Lease), shall be payable solely from the sources therein provided and shall not directly or indirectly obligate the District to make any payments beyond those appropriated for any fiscal year during which the Lease shall be in effect; and

WHEREAS, the net proceeds of the 2018 Certificates are expected to be used to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, there has also been presented to this meeting of the Board the form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Continuing Disclosure Certificate”); and

WHEREAS, there will be executed and distributed in connection with the sale of the 2018 Certificates an Official Statement (the “Official Statement”) in substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statement (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) relating to the 2018 Certificates as approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-57-204 of the Supplemental Public Securities Act, constituting Title 11, Article 57, Part 2, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the “Supplemental Act”), provides that a public entity, including the District, may elect in an act of issuance to apply all or any of the provisions of the Supplemental Act; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Board and are on file at the District offices the following: (i) the proposed form of the Site Lease; (ii) the proposed form of the Lease; (iii) the proposed form of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be provided by the District (the “Disclosure Certificate”); and (iv) the form of Preliminary Official Statement (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) relating to the 2018 Certificates; and

WHEREAS, capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Lease and the Site Lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Ratification and Approval of Prior Actions. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution) by the Board or the officers, agents or employees of the Board or the District relating to the Site Lease, the Lease, the implementation of the Project, and the execution and delivery of the 2018 Certificates is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 2. Finding of Best Interests. The Board hereby finds and determines, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado that the acquisition, implementation of the Project and financing the costs thereof pursuant to the terms set forth in the Site Lease and the Lease are necessary, convenient, and in furtherance of the District’s purposes and are in the best interests of the inhabitants of the District and the Board hereby authorizes and approves the same.

Section 3. Supplemental Act; Parameters. The Board hereby elects to apply all of the provisions of the Supplemental Act to the Lease and the Site Lease and in connection therewith delegates to any member of the Board, the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer the authority to make any determination delegable pursuant to Section 11-57-205(1)(a-i), Colorado Revised Statutes, in relation to the Lease and the Site Lease, and to execute a sale certificate (the “Sale Certificate”) setting forth such determinations, including without limitation, the term of the Site Lease, the rental amount to be paid by the Trustee pursuant to the Site Lease, the term of the Lease and the rental amount to be paid by the District pursuant to the Lease, subject to the following parameters and restrictions:

- (a) the Site Lease Term shall not extend beyond June 30, 2054;
- (b) the aggregate principal amount of the Base Rentals relating to the 2018 Certificates shall not exceed \$11,000,000;
- (c) the Lease Term shall end no later than June 30, 2044;
- (d) the Lease shall be subject to prepayment at the option of the District as provided in the Sale Certificate, without prepayment penalty;
- (e) the purchase price of the 2018 Certificates shall not be less than 95% of the aggregate principal amount of the Base Rentals under the Lease;
- (f) the maximum annual (fiscal year) and maximum total amount of the Base Rentals (principal and interest) relating to the 2018 Certificates shall not exceed \$735,000 and \$18,400,000 respectively; and
- (g) the maximum net effective interest rate on the interest component of the Base Rentals relating to the 2018 Certificates shall not exceed 5.0%.

Pursuant to Section 11-57-205 of the Supplemental Act, the Board hereby delegates to the any member of the Board, the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer the independent authority to sign a contract for the purchase of the 2018 Certificates or to accept a binding bid for the 2018 Certificates and to execute any agreement or agreements in connection therewith. In addition, any member of the Board, the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby independently authorized to determine if obtaining an insurance policy for all or a portion of the 2018 Certificates is in the best interests of the District, and if so, to select an insurer to issue an insurance policy, execute a commitment relating to the same and execute any related documents or agreements required by such commitment. Any member of the Board, the

Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer are also each hereby authorized to independently determine if obtaining a reserve fund insurance policy for the 2018 Certificates is in the best interests of the District, and if so, to select a surety provider to issue a reserve fund insurance policy and execute any related documents or agreements required by such commitment.

The Board hereby agrees and acknowledges that the proceeds of the 2018 Certificates will be used to finance the costs of the Project and to pay other costs of issuance.

Section 4. Approval of Documents. The Site Lease, the Lease, and the Disclosure Certificate, in substantially the forms presented to the Board and on file with the District, are in all respects approved, authorized and confirmed, and the President, or in his or her absence, the Vice President of the Board is hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the District to execute and deliver the Site Lease, the Lease, and the Disclosure Certificate in substantially the forms and with substantially the same contents as presented to the Board, provided that such documents may be completed, corrected or revised as deemed necessary by the parties thereto in order to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

Section 5. Approval of Official Statement. A final Official Statement, in substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statement presented to the Board and on file with the District, is in all respects approved and authorized. The President or the Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver the final Official Statement in substantially the form and with substantially the same content as the Preliminary Official Statement on file with the District, with such changes as may be approved by any member of the Board or the Chief Financial Officer. The distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the final Official Statement to all interested persons in connection with the sale of the 2018 Certificates is hereby ratified, approved and authorized.

Section 6. Authorization to Execute Collateral Documents. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest all signatures and acts of any official of the District in connection with the matters authorized by this resolution and to place the seal of the District on any document authorized and approved by this resolution. The President, Vice President, the Secretary and other appropriate officials or employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, executing, attesting, authenticating and delivering for and on behalf of the District any and all necessary documents, instruments or

certificates and performing all other acts that they deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the transactions and other matters authorized by this resolution. The approval hereby given to the various documents referred to above includes an approval of such additional details therein as may be necessary and appropriate for their completion, deletions therefrom and additions thereto as may be approved by bond counsel prior to the execution of the documents. The execution of any document or instrument by the aforementioned officers or members of the Board shall be conclusive evidence of the approval by the District of such document or instrument in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof.

Section 7. No General Obligation Debt. No provision of this resolution, the Site Lease, the Lease, the Indenture, the 2018 Certificates, the Preliminary Official Statement, or the final Official Statement shall be construed as creating or constituting a general obligation or other indebtedness or multiple fiscal year financial obligation of the District within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory provision, nor a mandatory charge or requirement against the District in any ensuing fiscal year beyond the then current fiscal year. The District shall have no obligation to make any payment with respect to the 2018 Certificates except in connection with the payment of the Base Rentals (as defined in the Lease) and certain other payments under the Lease, which payments may be terminated by the District in accordance with the provisions of the Lease. Neither the Lease nor the 2018 Certificates shall constitute a mandatory charge or requirement of the District in any ensuing fiscal year beyond the then current fiscal year or constitute or give rise to a general obligation or other indebtedness or multiple fiscal year financial obligation of the District within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation and shall not constitute a multiple fiscal year direct or indirect debt or other financial obligation whatsoever. No provision of the Site Lease, the Lease or the 2018 Certificates shall be construed or interpreted as creating an unlawful delegation of governmental powers nor as a donation by or a lending of the credit of the District within the meaning of Sections 1 or 2 of Article XI of the Colorado Constitution. Neither the Lease nor the 2018 Certificates shall directly or indirectly obligate the District to make any payments beyond those budgeted and appropriated for the District's then current fiscal year.

Section 8. Reasonableness of Rentals. The Board hereby determines and declares that the Base Rentals due under the Lease, in the maximum amounts authorized pursuant to Section 3 hereof, constitute the fair rental value of the Leased Property and do not

exceed a reasonable amount so as to place the District under an economic compulsion to renew the Lease or to exercise its option to purchase the Trustee's leasehold interest in the Leased Property pursuant to the Lease. The Board hereby determines and declares that the period during which the District has an option to purchase the Trustee's leasehold interest in the Leased Property (i.e., the entire maximum term of the Lease) does not exceed the useful life of the Leased Property. The Board hereby further determines that the amount of rental payments to be received by the District from the Trustee pursuant to the Site Lease is reasonable consideration for the leasing of the Leased Property to the Trustee for the term of the Site Lease as provided therein.

Section 9. Waiver of Board Policy DFC relating to Certificates of Participation for Charter Schools. The Board hereby waives the requirements of Board Policy DFC with respect to the execution and delivery of the Certificates. Specifically, the Board waives the following requirements: (i) the charter school has been in existence for a minimum of five years and is expanding to a new site, or is refinancing debt for which COPs have previously been issued; (ii) the charter school has realistic enrollment projections, a minimum of 350 students which provides enough per pupil revenue (PPR) so that the lease payments for the COP will not exceed twenty percent (20%) of charter school revenues; and (iii) the charter school has completed five (5) consecutive years of financial and academic success, as shown by audited fund balance in an amount equal to at least 5% of its expenditures, maintenance of an accreditation rating by the Colorado Department of Education that is either Accredited with Distinction, Accredited, or Accredited with Improvement.

Section 10. No Recourse against Officers and Agents. Pursuant to Section 11-57-209 of the Supplemental Act, if a member of the Board, or any officer or agent of the District acts in good faith, no civil recourse shall be available against such member, officer, or agent for payment of the principal, interest or prior redemption premiums on the 2018 Certificates. Such recourse shall not be available either directly or indirectly through the Board or the District, or otherwise, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute, rule of law, enforcement of penalty, or otherwise. By the acceptance of the 2018 Certificates and as a part of the consideration of their sale or purchase, any person purchasing or selling such 2018 Certificate specifically waives any such recourse.

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I, Terri N. Wells, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 (the “District”), in the County of Mesa and State of Colorado, do hereby certify:

(1) The foregoing pages are a true and correct copy of a resolution (the “Resolution”) introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) on October 16, 2018.

(2) The Resolution was duly moved and seconded and the Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of October 16, 2018, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board as follows:

Name	“Yes”	“No”	Absent	Abstain
Tom Parrish, President				
Paul Pitton, Vice-President				
Doug Levinson, Director				
John Williams, Director				
Dr. Amy L. Davis, Director				

(3) The members of the Board were present at such meeting and voted on the passage of such Resolution as set forth above.

(4) The Resolution was approved and authenticated by the signature of the President of the Board, or in his absence, the Vice President, sealed with the District seal, attested by the Secretary and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

(5) Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the notice of the regular meeting on October 16, 2018, which notice was posted in one place within the District at least 24 hours before such meeting as provided by law.

(6) There are no bylaws, rules or regulations of the Board which prevent the immediate adoption of the Resolution set forth in the foregoing proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said District, this October 16, 2018.

(SEAL)

Secretary

Exhibit A

(Notice of Meeting)

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**Gateway School
Water Rights Application**

Board of Education Resolution 18/19: 20

Adopted: October 16, 2018

WHEREAS, the District's Gateway School has historically relied upon the generosity of neighboring property owners to obtain water from the Bartholomew Hatch Ditch to irrigate the recreational field adjacent to the school; and

WHEREAS, the District has no legal right to obtain water from the Bartholomew Hatch Ditch, and cannot rely on the availability of water from this source to maintain its recreational field in good and usable condition, especially when drought conditions exist; and

WHEREAS, the District's administration has determined that by installing a pump on the Gateway School property, it can divert water from West Creek, a tributary of the Dolores River, for irrigation of the school's recreational field and for protection of the school property against fire hazards, provided water is available in the creek within the District's priority; and

WHEREAS, the District's legal counsel has prepared the attached draft "Application for Conditional Surface Water Right" to commence a proceeding in the state water court to obtain a decreed conditional water right with respect to the planned appropriation of water from West Creek for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by section 22-32-110(1)(a), C.R.S., to acquire and hold real property, including water rights, as may be reasonably necessary for any purpose authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that obtaining a water right in West Creek and taking steps to complete and perfect the appropriation of water as proposed in the Application is reasonably necessary for the proper operation, maintenance and protection of the District's Gateway School;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the District's legal counsel to complete, execute and file the attached Application, and to prosecute water court proceedings as necessary or appropriate to obtain a decree granting the District a conditional water right in West Creek for the benefit of the District's Gateway School as described above. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration shall take steps as needed to appropriate water as proposed in the Application and to perfect the water right sought therein.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on October 16, 2018.

Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education