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Board of Education
Mesa County Valley School District 51
Business Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2018
Adopted: April 17, 2018

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	BUSINESS MEETING	6:00 p.m.
Absent						A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ➢ Mr. Parrish welcomed attendees to the February 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							
							Adopted
Motion					x	C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL	
Second	x					C-1. December 5, Board Business Meeting Minutes	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	C-2. January 9, Board Work Session Minutes	
No						C-3. January 23, Board Business Meeting Minutes	
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. Recognition for Kindness is Contagious Committee [Resolution: 17/18: 69]	
						➢ The Kindness is Contagious group is made up of District 51 high school students. The campaign is aimed at helping the Grand Valley Community focus on positivity and kindness, while also increasing awareness about mental health. Students from each high school formed a lead committee to plan a variety of school and community events. The campaign is entirely student led and included a day where student councils went to neighboring schools to pass out donuts, a compliment tree and a day to wear green for mental health awareness. These are a few activities this group coordinated throughout the community. The Board and Superintendent congratulated and recognized these students for their hard work and passion to empower students and promote kindness in the community.	
						D-2. Recognition for Central High school Green Ribbon Award from the Colorado Department of Education [Resolution: 17/18: 57]	
						➢ Central High School is one of two Colorado schools to receive the Green Ribbon Award from the Colorado Department of Education. Green Ribbon Awards are given to schools, which strive for 21st century excellence by highlighting promising practices and resources related to reducing environmental impact and costs, improving health and wellness of schools and providing effective environmental and sustainability education. Central High School has earned them a spot in a national recognition. They will be competing with other states for the national award from the U.S. Department of Education. The Board and Superintendent congratulated Central High School students and staff.	

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D-3. Recognition for Counselor of the Month, Ms. Misty Sellden, Palisade High School [Resolution: 17/18: 58]

- The Colorado Council of High School and College Relations recognized Ms. Misty Curtin-Sellden, a Counselor at Palisade High School, as the Colorado Counselor of the Month. Ms. Sellden was nominated by a group of her peers from around the state and was picked by the Council for her dedication to her students. The Board and Superintendent congratulated Ms. Curtin-Sellden for earning this recognition.

D-4. Recognition for National Board Recertification [Resolution: 17/18:61]

- Mr. Parrish invited Ms. Debra Roberts-Garske to come forward. Ms. Roberts-Garske, a teacher at Fruita 8/9, renewed her National Board Certification this past year. Renewal of National Board Certification is a personal and public statement about commitment to the teaching profession and to students. Accomplished teachers recognize their professional learning and growth never ends and pursue this National Certification. The Board and Superintendent congratulated Ms. Roberts-Garske on her renewed certification.

D-5. Recognition for Central High School State Wrestling Champion [Resolution: 17/18: 60]

- Mr. Levinson invited Myah Arrieta to come forward. Myah, a freshman at Central High School, recently won the State Championship in girls wrestling. Her title makes her, not only the first girls' state wrestling champion for Central High School, but also the first one on the Western Slope. Her dominant performance in the Colorado State title match, held at Thornton High School, was a standout in the tournament. Myah has wrestled since she was three years old. The Board and Superintendent are proud of the talent and discipline displayed in this young woman and congratulate her on her achievements.

E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

- Mr. Parrish discussed the Municipalities Dinner he attended. He praised the community and their governments for their hard work.
- Mr. Williams discussed his perception of the community feeling good about the collaboration between the school and community.
- Mr. Williams reported on seeing the Math and Science Center facility. He invited the other Board members to tour the Math and Science Center. Mr. Williams also reported writing a letter to the editor during the campaign inviting any community member to visit our schools. He went to Fruita 8/9 School with a constituent to visit classrooms. Mr. Williams criticized the Board and administration about cancelling the February 6 Board Work Session.
- Dr. Davis asked about the need for two meetings a month. She asked how many other school Districts have two meetings a month. She does not want to waste people's time just to have a meeting.

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						F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT ➢ There are six different Public Education Retirement Association (PERA) bills going through the legislation at this time. G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ➢ Mr. Parrish asked if anyone would like to comment to the Board. a) There were no comments. H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT H-1. Bond Update, Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Daniel Gartner, Chamberlin Architects, Mr. Roy Blythe, Blythe Architects, Mr. John Potter, Blythe Architects ➢ Blythe Architects reported about progress on the Orchard Mesa Middle School project (floor plans may be ready for the Board to review in the coming weeks). Discussion took place regarding the larger projects at schools. There will be drawings ready as soon as next month. Preparations are being made to begin work on the gymnasiums at Dual Immersion Academy and Palisade High School. There will also be a new entryway planned for Fruita Monument High School. H-2. Expulsion Report ➢ As of January 31, District 51 has expelled 18 students this school year, down from 22 student at the same time in 2016-2017. H-3. Communications Report/District Initiative ➢ The Communications Report highlighted numerous recent news stories, social media posts, advertisements, and other efforts to inform and engage the community.	
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: 56]	
No						I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 17/18: 87]	
						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. Policy Second Reading and Adoption	Adopted
Second		x				J-2-a. BE, School Board Meetings	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	J-2-b. BEC, Executive Sessions/Open Meetings	
No						J-2-c. BEDA, Notification of Board Meetings	

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						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION ➢ Mr. Parrish discussed having a Board Coffee. He would like to see monthly Board Coffees. ➢ Mr. Levinson discussed security and the bill allowing concealed carry. He would like to see the Board take a stand on this bill. ➢ Mr. Williams would like Mr. Tim Leon to report on Safety and Security and share a recent safety report, which was done in 2013-2014. ➢ Dr. Haptonstall discussed following the protocols, which are in place, regarding Safety and Security. ➢ Dr. Davis would like to see studies on safety in schools and studies on having firearms in schools. L. FUTURE MEETINGS ➢ Reviewed. M. EXECUTIVE SESSION ➢ None at this time.	
Motion	x					N. ADJOURNMENT	7:35 p.m.
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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Terri N. Wells, Secretary
Board of Education

Recognition: *Kindness is Contagious Campaign*

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 59 Presented February 20, 2018

The Board would like to invite the Kindness is Contagious group to come to the front of the room. Earlier this month, several District 51 high school students worked together to launch the Kindness is Contagious Campaign. The campaign is aimed at helping the Grand Valley community focus on positivity and kindness, while also increasing awareness about mental health. Students from each high school formed a lead committee to plan a variety of school and community events throughout the week.

The campaign was entirely student led and included a day where student councils went to neighboring schools to pass out donuts, a compliment tree, and a day to wear green for mental health awareness. They also coordinated with local coffee shops to invite the community to buy a "suspended coffee" which would be given to someone who needed a pick-me-up and an event where the community was invited to come write down goals or encouragement on "Bucket List Boards" downtown. The students also coordinated to have Austin Eubanks, an international speaker and Columbine shooting survivor, come to Grand Junction to tell his story. The students also spearheaded the promotional campaign, which included flyers, stickers, videos, social media posts, and more.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Haptonstall would like to recognize these students, who were heavily involved in the campaign, for their hard work and passion to "Empower" students, and to promote kindness in the community.

GJHS

Royanna Crawford
Anela Cronk
Maile Cunningham
Isabella McNutt

CHS

Trinity Cagle
Allexus Halladay
Brandon Holman
Jackson Holmes
Johneth Price
Kathryn Vroman
Zachrilynn Zelaya

FMHS

Faith Anderson
Lindsay Anderson
Trigg Hayward
Eric Hill
Brayden Kelley
Veniece Miller
Shani Reis
Nicholas Shaffer
Brielle Thomas
Riley Trujillo
Alexa Willms

Fruita 8/9

Audrey Geer
Ryenn Nolan

PHS

Kylee Casto
Mawusi Danso
Luiz Garcia
Aaliyah Maldonado
Victoria Mendoza
Keely Schmidt
Emad Shahnoushi
Ashtin Sparrow

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Recognition:
Central High School
Colorado Department of Education Green Ribbon Award

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 57

Presented: February 20, 2018

The Board would like to invite representatives from Central High School to come to the front of the room.

Last month, Central High School received the exciting news they are one of two Colorado schools to receive the Green Ribbon Award from the Colorado Department of Education. Green Ribbon Awards are given to schools that strive for 21st century excellence by highlighting promising practices and resources related to reducing environmental impact and costs, improving health and wellness of schools, and providing effective environmental and sustainability education. Central High School was selected as a standout school for their work with S.T.E.M education.

Central High School's distinction has earned them a spot in a national recognition. They are working on an application to submit next month, and will be in the competing with other states for the national award from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Haptonstall congratulate Central High School staff and students, along with help from District staff, who have achieved this distinction for their environmental efforts and S.T.E.M education.

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Recognition:
Misty Curtin-Sellden
Palisade High School PHS Counselor
Colorado Council of High School and College Relations
Counselor of the Month

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 58

Presented: February 20, 2018

The Board would like to invite Misty Curtin-Sellden to come to the front of the room.

Last year, the Colorado Council of High School and College Relations recognized Ms. Curtin-Sellden, a counselor at Palisade High School, as the Colorado Counselor of the Month. Ms. Curtin-Sellden was nominated by a group of her peers from around the state and was picked by the Council for her dedication to students.

According to her peers, Ms. Curtin-Sellden transferred to Palisade High School after spending several years at a different school. She immediately settled in with a great attitude and has been extremely helpful to students and staff since day one. She is warm and friendly with all of her students, making each one feel welcome in her office. Her involvement and genuine care for students has made a difference in many lives.

The Colorado Council of High School and College Relations is a volunteer member organization comprised of high school counselors and college admission staff in Colorado who help educate and assist students in achieving their higher educational goals.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Haptonstall congratulate Ms. Curtin-Sellden for earning this recognition, and thank her for her dedication to students in District 51.

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Recognition:
Debra Roberts-Garske
Fruita 8/9
2017 National Board Certified Teacher renewal

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 61

Presented: February 20, 2018

The Board would like to invite Debra Roberts-Garske to come to the front of the room.

Mesa County Valley School District 51 and the Board of Education are extremely proud of the many teaching professionals who continue to raise the bar for improving teacher effectiveness through pursuing certification in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The National Board Certification process is a powerful, rewarding and informative method to greatly expand and refine a teacher's content knowledge and classroom teaching practices. These teachers see the value of engaging in national certification and using their powerful teaching to improve student achievement and better prepare their students for college and careers. Research shows that students taught by Board-certified teachers consistently achieve higher gains in student achievement compared to peers who are not taught by Board-certified teachers, making learning gains equivalent to an extra one to two months in school.

Debra Roberts-Garske, a teacher at Fruita 8/9, renewed her National Board Certification this past year. Renewal of National Board Certification is a personal and public statement about your commitment to the teaching profession and to your students. Accomplished teachers recognize that their professional learning and growth never ends.

The Board of Education and Superintendent would like to congratulate Ms. Roberts-Garske on her renewed certification and thank her for the hard work and dedication it takes to be a National Board Certified Teacher.

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Recognition:
Myah Arrieta
Central High School
Colorado State Champion – Girls wrestling

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 60

Presented: February 20, 2018

The Board would like to invite Myah Arrieta to come to the front of the room.

The Board would like to recognize Myah Arrieta, a freshman at Central High School, for her recent state championship in girls wrestling. Her title makes her not only the first girls' state wrestling champion for Central High School, but also the first one on the Western Slope. Her dominant performance in the state-title match, held at Thornton High School, was a standout in the tournament. This was the second state competition for girls wrestling.

Myah has wrestled since she was three years old, and has closely followed in the footsteps of her brother, Chase, who was a wrestler at Grand Junction High School.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Haptonstall are proud of the talent and discipline displayed in this young woman, and congratulate her on her achievement at the local and state levels.

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Expulsion Report
2017-2018 School Year
As of January 31, 2018
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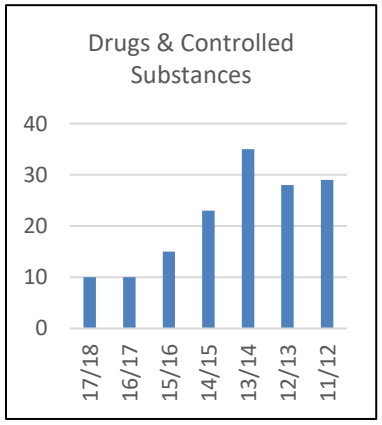
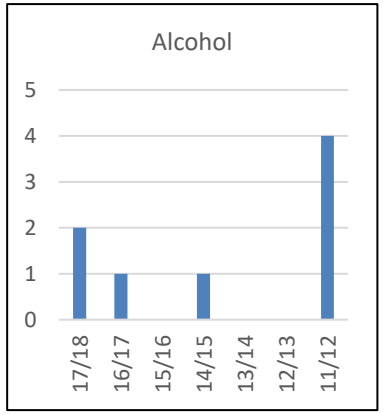
Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of January 31 of:				
	17/18		16/17		17/18		16/17		17/18		16/17		17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	10		7	3									10	10	15	23	35	28	29
200	2		1										2	1		1			4
300																			
400						1							1		1	1		2	
500			4				2							6	2	5	4		6
600																			
700															1			2	2
DSP																			
VOO	3	1	4		1		1						5	5	1	5	9	6	5
Total	15	1	16	3	1	1	3						18	22	20	35	48	38	46

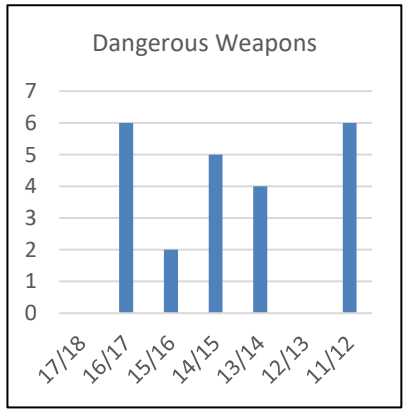
Category Description

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

January 18 – February 14, 2018

Includes

Earned Media Coverage

Paid Media Coverage

Electronic Direct Communication

Events

Social Media Reports

School District 51
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Engage, Equip, and Empower

Earned Media

The Daily Sentinel

Jan 19, Tent school deemed unsafe
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/tent-school-deemed-unsafe/article_2060e408-fdb0-11e7-b41c-10604b9f7e7c.html

Jan 19, Schools beat state average, aim higher
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/schools-beat-state-average-aim-higher/article_fabe27de-fce6-11e7-bd65-10604b9f1ff4.html

Jan 23, $450K grant will let District 51 participate in music initiative
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/k-grant-will-let-district-participate-in-music-initiative/article_9ff393b6-000b-11e8-bb67-10604b9f6eda.html

Jan 24, Construction on schools, gyms, expected to start this summer
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/construction-on-school-gyms-expected-to-start-this-summer/article_d7d92c90-00d4-11e8-89f8-10604b9f6eda.html

Jan 26, 2 district teachers join program with Space Foundation
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/district-teachers-join-program-with-space-foundation/article_b6f858e4-025e-11e8-9509-10604b9f7e7c.html

Jan 27, Outdoor class OK with parents
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/outdoor-class-ok-with-parents/article_bd0980fe-0345-11e8-92a5-10604b9f1ff4.html

Jan 30, Ex-principal to serve 10 days in hit-and-run accident
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/ex-principal-to-serve-days-in-hit-and-run-accident/article_c59c04c4-058b-11e8-b690-10604b9f7e7c.html

Feb 1, Surplus of students stresses Fruita Schools
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/surplus-of-students-stresses-fruita-schools/article_b6d251ec-0715-11e8-be06-10604b9f1ff4.html

Feb 5, 6 Career Center students earn top test scores
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/career-center-students-earn-top-test-scores/article_6047f246-0a3a-11e8-9c0d-10604b9f6eda.html

Feb 6, Elementary school lottery registrations take place this week
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/elementary-school-lottery-registrations-take-place-this-week/article_ef165892-0b0b-11e8-8a33-10604b9f6eda.html

Feb 8, Local prep athletes sign to continue education, sports in college
https://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/high_schools/local-prep-athletes-sign-to-continue-education-sports-in-college/article_4d6fee74-0c9e-11e8-a671-10604b9f7e7c.html

Feb 10, Solo and Ensemble Festival gives area students opportunity to shine
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/solo-and-ensemble-festival-gives-area-students-opportunity-to-shine/article_c60d04f4-0ef9-11e8-be25-10604b9ffe60.html

Feb 12, Week ahead dedicated to kindness
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/week-ahead-dedicated-to-kindness/article_ef97943c-0fc2-11e8-9eff-10604b9f6eda.html

Feb 14, Columbine survivor shares story of opioid struggle and triumph
https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/columbine-survivor-shares-story-of-opioid-struggle-and-triumph/article_44d8c194-1155-11e8-8afc-10604b9f6eda.html

Jan 18, Report: D51 leads state in graduation rates
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/470111293.html

Jan 23, Two D51 schools on alert after more student, staff illnesses
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/D51-warns-of-more-students-and-staff-getting-sick-470823543.html

Jan 23, Fundraiser to support technology in local schools, professional development
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Fundraiser-to-support-local-schools-470740343.html

Jan 24, Police: no attempted kidnapping occurred at Pear Park Elem.
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/470943733.html

Jan 25, GJHS football players want coach, assistant fired
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/GJHS-football-players-Coaching-change-is-needed-471211353.html

Jan 25, Tuition-Free Pre-K classes full across D51
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Tuition-Free-Pre-K-classes-full-across-D51-471186493.html

Jan 25, D51 Foundation donates nearly $10,000 to local schools
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/D51-Foundation-donates-nearly-10000-to-local-schools-471179033.html

Jan 26, After GJHS players call for coach to be fired, others offer support
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/After-GJHS-players-call-for-coach-to-be-fired-others-offer-support-471364464.html

Jan 29, Students learn about the importance of gratitude
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Students-learn-about-the-importance-of-gratitude-471691994.html

Jan 30, D51 spends extra time fighting the flu
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/D51-spends-extra-time-fighting-the-flu-471877983.html

Feb 2, Preregistration for kindergarten starting next week
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/Preregistration-for-Kindergarten-starting-next-week-472434493.html

Feb 4, District 51 teacher honored for going above and beyond her duties
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/District-51-teacher-honored-for-going-above-and-beyond-her-duties-472671683.html

Feb 7, D51 Foundation raises thousands of dollars from fundraiser
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/473225903.html

Feb 13, Columbine survivor shares story with D51 students
http://www.nbc11news.com/content/news/473987793.html

KREX

Jan 18, District 51 graduation rates beat state average
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/district-51-graduation-rates-beat-state-average/923866786

Jan 22, Take Note Colorado launches Music Match online resource
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/take-note-colorado-launches-music-match-online-resource/932948782

Jan 24, School District 51 Project Updates
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/school-district-51-project-updates/937775740

Jan 26, D51 bond construction hits snag – lack of construction workers in the grand valley
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/d51-bond-construction-hits-snag-lack-of-construction-workers-in-the-grand-valley/939553829

Jan 31, Rotarians investing in higher education
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/rotarians-giving-back-to-higher-education/947618686

Feb 3, District 51 fundraises for public schools
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/d51-fundraises-for-public-schools/950984835

Feb 6, Students spread kindness
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/students-spread-kindness/955882939

Feb 6, Local 5th grade student wins statewide literacy contest
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/local-5th-grade-student-wins-statewide-literacy-contest/955368543

Feb 7, National signing day 2018: Grand Valley athletes take the next step
http://www.westernslopenow.com/sports/local-sports/national-signing-day-2018-grand-valley-athletes-take-the-next-step/959131569

Feb 13, Third annual Kindness is Contagious week
http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/third-annual-kindness-is-contagious-week/972030607

GJ Daily Sentinel Ads

The following ads appeared in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel each Monday in the student/school section

January 15

School District 51
MESA COUNTY VALLEY
Achieving Monumental Success

Did You Know?

Bond measure-funded maintenance projects will begin in 2018

Thanks to the passage of Measure 3B, District 51 will start many top-priority maintenance projects this year. These are some of the projects coming to your schools!

District 51 School	Roofing	Flooring	Air, boiler, furnace	Electrical, plumbing	Parking, walkways
Appleton Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Broadway Elementary		✓		✓	✓
Career Center		✓		✓	✓
Central High	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chatfield Elementary	✓	✓		✓	✓
Clifton Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dos Rios Elementary		✓		✓	✓
Dual Immersion				✓	✓
East Middle	✓	✓			✓
Fruita 8/9		✓			
Fruita Middle	✓	✓		✓	
Fruita Monument High	✓	✓		✓	✓
Fruitvale Elementary		✓	✓	✓	
Gateway K-12 School	✓	✓		✓	
Grand Junction High	✓	✓		✓	✓
Grand Mesa Middle	✓	✓	✓		✓
Grand River Academy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Independence			✓		
Lincoln Orchard Mesa	✓	✓	✓		✓
Loma Elementary				✓	
Mesa View Elementary		✓	✓	✓	
Mt. Garfield Middle		✓	✓	✓	✓
New Emerson		✓	✓		✓
Nisley Elementary		✓	✓	✓	
Orchard Avenue	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Palisade High	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pear Park Elementary					✓
Pomona Elementary		✓	✓	✓	✓
Redlands Middle		✓	✓		
Rim Rock Elementary		✓			✓
Rocky Mt. Elementary		✓	✓	✓	✓
Scenic Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shelledy Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylor Elementary		✓		✓	✓
Thunder Mt. Elementary		✓		✓	✓
Tope Elementary	✓	✓		✓	✓
West Middle	✓	✓			
Wingate Elementary		✓	✓	✓	✓

*Additional projects include work on doors, walls, seating, windows and window treatments, entrances, fixtures, foundations, exteriors, and ADA compliance. Learn more at d51schools.org.

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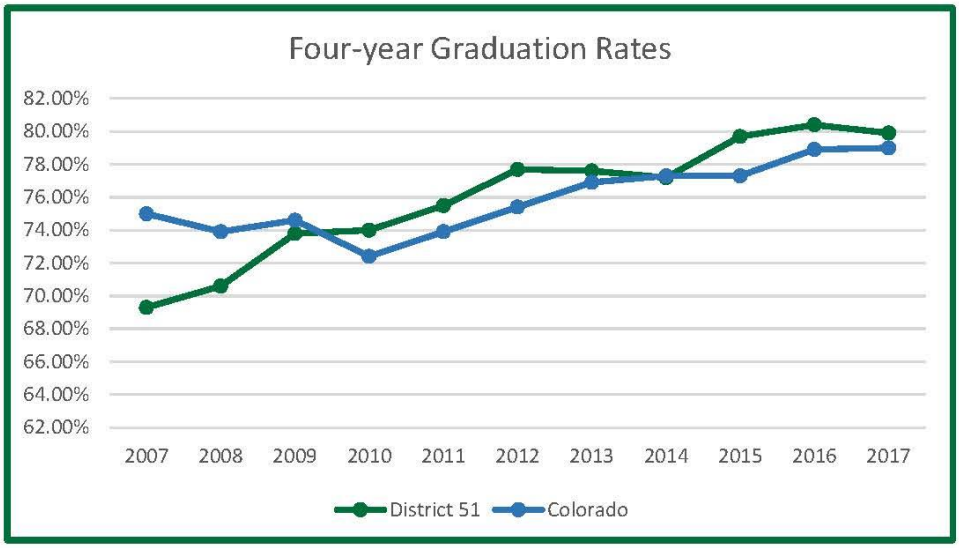
Did You Know?

District 51's Graduation Rate is higher than the state average



Three for three!

District 51 topped the state's four-year graduation rate for the third year a row in 2017 (and for the seventh time in eight years)!

- District 51 4-year graduation rate = 79.9%
- Colorado 4-year Graduation Rate = 79%

The four-year graduation rate tracks students who completed high school within four years of beginning high school. Not everyone finishes high school in four years, and not everyone learns in the same way. District 51 is committed to helping all students learn and succeed through a **D51 Learning Model** that:

- Appeals to all learning styles
- Values creativity
- Encourages students to take charge of their education
- Advances students based on what they know, not their age
- Prepares students for college and careers

Learn more at www.d51schools.org

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Did You Know?

District 51 has award-winning schools!

Four District 51 schools earned top honors from the Colorado Department of Education at the end of 2017. And the award(s) go to…

New Emerson Elementary School

John Irwin Schools of Excellence

This is the sixth time in the last seven years that New Emerson has won the John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award (no Irwin Awards were given in 2015 due to testing changes). The award recognizes the state's top-performing schools on CMAS tests.

Mesa Valley Community School

High School Academic Growth Award

Mesa Valley is one of just eight schools in the state to receive this award in 2017. The High School Academic Growth Award honors the high schools in each of the eight size classes used by CHSAA that show the greatest growth in test scores year-to-year.

Dual Immersion Academy & Taylor Elementary School

Colorado Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

The Distinguished Improvement Award goes to Colorado schools that exceed state expectations in growing Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) test scores year-over-year. Distinguished Improvement schools also meet or surpass state benchmarks for test score improvement in subgroups that typically struggle with CMAS testing.

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Did You Know?

District 51 has options for students across the Grand Valley

Most District 51 students go to a school in their neighborhood. New Emerson and Dual Immersion Academy students, however, come from across the Grand Valley. Parents from anywhere in District 51 who want to pre-register for kindergarten at Dual Immersion or New Emerson can do so this week. Pre-registered names will be drawn at random in a lottery next month to determine who can enroll this fall and determine positions on a wait list.

New Emerson

Enrollment: Approx. 140
Grades: K-5
Pre-registration: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 5-8, 8-11 a.m. Feb. 9
Lottery drawing: March 5

New Emerson School is a small kindergarten through fifth-grade school at 2660 Unaweep Ave. in Grand Junction. Students experience a STEAM curriculum that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math into all classroom learning and encourages STEAM-centric ways of learning, including problem solving, project learning, and creative solutions.

Dual Immersion Academy

Enrollment: Approx. 300
Grades: K-8
Pre-registration: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 5-8
Lottery drawing: March 9

Dual Immersion Academy offers elementary and middle school students a chance to develop fluency in both English and Spanish from an early age. The school enrolls both children who speak primarily Spanish at home and those who speak primarily English at home. Students immerse themselves in both languages and become bilingual together. Dual Immersion offers kindergarten through fifth-grade education in one building and middle school grades at its satellite location on the Bookcliff Middle School campus.

Learn about all District 51 options at www.d51schools.org.

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Did You Know?

An apprenticeship is a great way to get college- and career-ready

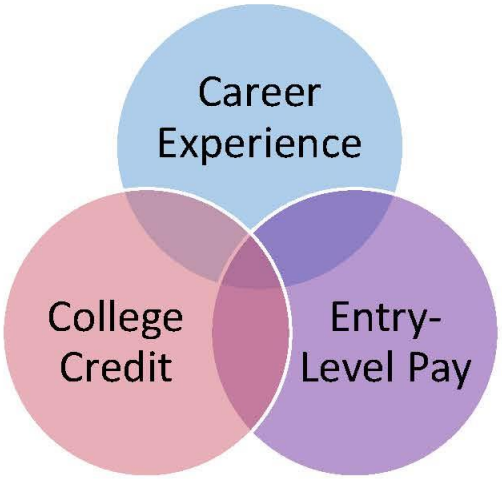
District 51 is one of a handful of school districts in Colorado offering apprenticeships through a public-private partnership with CareerWise. Three-year apprenticeships offer high school students a chance to gain job experience, a steady paycheck, and college credit, all while earning a high school diploma.

Perks of an apprenticeship

- Gain work experience
- Earn money
- Work up to three days per week
- Earn industry credentials
- Get college credit
- Looks great on a resume and college applications!

Apply for an apprenticeship in…

Health Care | Technology | Advanced Manufacturing | Business Operations | Financial Services



The deadline to apply is March 1, 2018.

How to Apply
Search for local apprenticeships at CareerWiseColorado.org. Apply for whichever jobs interest you.

Who Can Apply
High school students who will be juniors this fall (soon-to-be seniors can apply with special permission).

When to Apply
Any time between now and March 1.

Electronic Direct Communication

Parent Newsletter

District 51 Post

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Bond/Mill Project Update
The 2017 bond measure and mill levy override will pay for numerous maintenance, technology, and construction projects, plus curriculum, teacher training, and extra school days. Get the latest project update here and get updates regularly on the Bond/Mill web page.

D51 Graduation Rate tops the state for third year in a row
Nearly 80 percent of District 51 students in the Class of 2017 graduated within four years of starting high school as freshmen in August 2013. D51's graduation rate beat the state average by almost a full percentage point. Learn more here.

Reorganizing D51 administration
District 51 is shaking things up at the top to better serve students. Learn more about the moves coming up this summer here, and watch a video presentation here.

Interested in School of Choice?
The annual application window for School of Choice is March 5-30. Information will be posted in the next few weeks here.

KIC Week back for another year
The third annual Kindness is Contagious Week is Feb. 12-17. Each D51 high school will have a different theme/activity each day, and the public is invited to hear Columbine survivor Austin Eubanks speak about substance abuse and coping with emotional pain at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in the CMU Ballroom. Learn more about this student-led effort here.

Strength for suicide prevention
National trainers visited District 51 middle and high schools earlier this month to help students start or grow Sources of Strength programs. Sources of Strength groups ask peer leaders to promote resiliency and change school culture to combat suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. Trainers will be back next week to visit more D51 schools.

Learning in two languages
Check out this video to see how Dual Immersion Academy helps children learn in both English and Spanish.

Family Calendar

Jan. 26-27: Seussical: Theater for Young Audiences Version. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday. GJHS Auditorium.

Jan. 28: Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge, 2 p.m. Bookcliff Activity Center.

Feb. 5: Taste of the Grand Valley, 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CMU Ballroom.

Feb. 17: Kid Olympics. Open to all kids 12 and under from 1-2 p.m. Powderhorn Mountain Resort.

Kindergarten Roundup is coming up soon!
Is your child's little brother or sister ready to start kindergarten? Kindergarten registration events will begin March 9. Check with your neighborhood school for exact times, dates, and events.

Learn more about D51 preschool
District 51 offers preschool classes to 850 children in the Grand Valley. Learn more about District 51 preschool programming and see when and where you can find an open house here.

Loma Principal gets silly
Students at Loma Elementary got to spray silly string at their principal, Margaret Hofer, after winning a canned food drive contest through Burton Ortho.

GJHS Tigers mean business
Grand Junction High School of Business students beat the national average by double digits on semester-end marketing and business exams. The results are:

- 1st year exam average - 78.5% (GJHS), 61% (U.S.)
- 2nd year exam average - 73.6% (GJHS) 62% (U.S.)

New robotics team competes
Central High's ROBO Warriors robotics team competed in its first-ever regional meet last weekend, placing 10th out of 22 teams. The team will compete at another regional qualifier for the FIRST Robotics Challenge this Saturday at Coal Ridge High.

Take Note! Grant to benefit District 51 music programs
District 51 is one of five Colorado school districts that will get a portion of a $450,000 grant for music instruments and instruction. Learn more about the Take Note initiative here.

Benefit technology, teacher training at White Iced event
The District 51 Foundation's annual White Iced fundraiser will be from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, in the Meyer Ballroom at the Colorado Mesa University Center. The event will raise money for teacher training and technology and honor the Foundation's 2018 Outstanding Educators of the Year. See where past proceeds are going here.

Thank You! Grand Junction Lions Club pledges $112,000 to District schools and programs
The Grand Junction Lions Club will provide $112,000 to District 51 programs if they meet their goal for proceeds from the Lions Club Carnival next month. The pledged dollars will go to the following projects:

- $26,000 (plus $12,500 from D51) for Chromebooks at East Middle School, Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary School, Orchard Mesa Middle School, Rim Rock Elementary School, and Thunder Mt. Elementary School.
- $3,000 (plus $3,000 from D51) for uniforms and gear for the Central High School Girls Basketball Team.
- $2,600 (plus $2,600 from D51) for camping gear to help make it possible for all Bookcliff Middle School sixth-graders to attend Outdoor Wilderness Lab (OWL) Camp this year.
- $2,500 (plus $2,500 from D51) to install a marquee at the Career Center to promote events and products at the center.
- $2,900 (plus $2,900 from D51) for reading materials at Scenic Elementary School.
- $1,500 (plus $1,500 from D51) for a trailer for the Grand Junction High School Band. (not pictured)

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Staff Newsletter

District 51 Insider

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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).

Jan 9 Board Brief

Jan 23 Board Brief

Communications Report

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

D51 Foundation

Join us for the 6th Annual White Iced Celebration: February 3, 2018, 7-10 p.m. at the CMU Ballroom. Buy tickets here.

Jan 27, TEDX Grand Junction, CMU Love Recital Hall, $15-25. 9 am - 3:30pm

Feb 2, First Friday Art Reception, Art Center, Free. 6:30 - 9pm

Feb 3, Cello Day Free Concert, CMU Love Recital Hall, Free. 4pm

Feb 5, Taste of the Grand Valley, CMU University Center. Ticket info on website. 4 - 7pm.

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

Update from Superintendent Haptonstall

District 51 Reorganization

To learn more about the reorganization, click here for the presentation Superintendent Haptonstall gave to the Board of Education on January 9, 2018.

Bond and Mill Levy Override Updates

Interested in learning more about progress with the bond and mill levy override initiatives? Click here and here for recent updates.

Click here to sign up to recieve future updates.

Spotlight - District 51 Staff and Students

For the third year in a row, District 51 has earned a higher graduation rate than the state, according to data released by the Colorado Department of Education last week.

In 2017, 79.9% of high school seniors graduated within four years - almost a full percentage point higher than the state average of 79%.

Congratulations to all the District 51 staff and students who have been part of this journey of achievement in District 51! Learn more here.

District 51 Wellness Program

Wellness Employee of the Month

Lauri Baker, FMS - Lauri and her husband have both put in the extra effort to swim laps at the Fruita Rec Center each morning before starting their day with kids. She is a fabulous teacher that gives so much of her own time to students. It is great that she is doing something for herself that gives her positive health benefits along with more energy to continue inspiring kids in education.

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

T R I A D
Employee Assistance Program

Triad Newsletter: The Power of Listening

Click here for information on the Triad Employee Assistance Program.

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.

Click here to register for the 10-day Full Body Challenge (Jan 29-Feb 9)

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

CHP Insurance New Benefit - Virtual Visits

Have a sore throat, cough, sinus infection, rash, etc.? Rushed for time and can't get in to see your doctor?

Call Virtual Visits today to receive Online care from your phone, tablet or computer, provided by doctors at the University of Utah

9am-9pm, 7 days a week

Virtual Visits are $0 through your employer sponsored medical clinic partnership with Community Hospital

Click here for more information, or call 844-424-2172.

Caregivers Support Group

The District 51 Caregiver Support Group meets the last Thursday of every month in the Harry Butler Conference Room from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM. Next one will be Thursday, January 25. Click here for more information.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

YMHFA is designed for adults who regularly interact with young people and teaches how to help an adolescent (age 12- 18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis. The next training is February 23. Click here for more info.

Meditation App available for D51 Employees

Did you know that meditation can help reduce stress, improve concentration, increase self-awareness, increase happiness, and boost mind and body health? Headspace, an app that provides guided meditation segments, is available to D51 employees for free for one year. Click here to learn more about the benefits of meditation, Headspace, or to sign up for your free one-year subscription.

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

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Board Brief, January 23

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BOARD BRIEFS

January 23, 2018 Business Meeting

Bond and Mill Levy Updates - Where to Get Information About Projects, Contracts, and More
District 51 is committed to transparency. We want everyone to know how and when bond and mill levy override dollars are being spent. To get information about the history, progress, and plans for the 2017 Bond and Mill Levy Override, check the 2017 Bond and Mill Levy Override page at d51schools.org.

Preschool Report

District 51 Early Childhood Education Director Kim Self provided an update on the district's tuition-free preschool program. The program serves 850 preschool-age children who are at-risk, have special needs, or both. The at-risk students in the program meet one or more of the following criteria: eligible for free or reduced price school meals (281), poor social skills (229), in need of language development (201), relocate frequently (167), have a parent without a high school degree (89), have a parent with alcohol or drug abuse issues (74), homeless (60), come from an abusive home (24), are in foster care (17), have a parent in jail or prison (17), and/or have a parent who was unmarried and under 18 when they were born (6).

The wait list of families applying for the district's tuition-free preschool program has grown from 129 in 2015-16 to 145 in 2016-17 and 168 in 2017-18, but the district cannot serve more than 850 students at a time due to a lack of funding and classroom space. Funding for 425 of the preschool slots comes from the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) for at-risk students. Funding for 319 more students comes from state special education funding, 46 more slots are funded by Title I dollars, and the final 60 spots are paid for by ECARE - a state early childhood fund for at-risk preschool and kindergarten students.

District 51 has 27 public preschool classrooms, and encourages families on the wait list to apply for community programs or Head Start if they cannot afford tuition at a private preschool.

The D51 preschool program supports children with creative curriculum and support for social and emotional development. In 2016-17, at-risk students in D51 preschool classes improved from the start of the year to the end of the year in social and emotional, physical, language, literacy, math, and cognitive expectations. Also, at-risk students who participated in preschool performed better on CMAS reading and math tests when they reached third-grade than at-risk third-graders who did not attend preschool.

Recognitions
Board members marked the following honors at Tuesday's meeting:

* **MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) Program Advisors**, for earning the Middle School Teaching Award from the Colorado Association of Science Teachers. The advisors are: Kelly Bennet and Mike Warner, both of East; Larry Sanders and Mike Carroll, both of Grand Mesa; Dave Hamilton and Alanna Piccillo, both of Mt. Garfield; Heather Hawkins and Michelle Perea, both of Bookcliff; Darrell Kitzman and Liz Henrikson, both of Fruita Middle; Heidi Ragsdale and Therese Moran, both of West; Jerry Baker and Karen Franklin, both of Fruita 8/9 and Fruita Monument; Tori Hellman of Palisade; Laurie Krizman of District 51; and Victoria Chavez of Grand Junction High.

* Grand Junction High School Counselor **Serenity Santistevan**, named Colorado Counselor of the Month for April 2017 by the Colorado Council of High School and College Relations.

* Palisade High School Football Coach **Joe Ramunno**, named Class 3A Western Slope Conference Football Coach of the Year.

* Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award winners **Dual Immersion Academy** and **Taylor Elementary School**.

Bond and Mill Update
Chief Operations Officer Phil Onofrio, Maintenance and Operations Director Eric Nilsen, and Roy Blythe and John Potter from Blythe Group + Co. updated the board on progress with bond measure-funded projects.

Chamberlin Architects has been selected to design gyms at Dual Immersion Academy and Palisade High School and a package of projects at Fruita Monument, Asset Engineering Limited has been picked to build the PHS gym, and PNCI has been selected to build the DIA gym and complete projects at Fruita Monument. The gyms will likely be done by the end of 2018, and the FMHS projects should be done by the end of 2019. As many Priority 1 Maintenance Projects as possible will be done in 2018 through 2020, with possibly almost half of all bond maintenance and construction projects to begin in 2018 to save about half a million dollars on anticipated construction inflation costs of 6 percent per year.

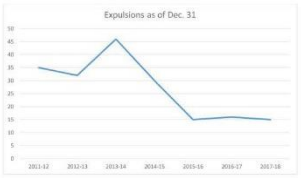
Last month, staff and the Blythe group toured several schools on the Front Range to gather design ideas for the new Orchard Mesa Middle School. Blythe and FCI, the general contractor for the OMMS project, are meeting weekly with an OMMS Design Advisory Group. FCI plans to begin construction of a new OMMS in August 2018. The target date to open the new school is December 2019. Opening the school next summer is not possible due to a decrease in local contractors since the last bond projects in 2005 and 2006, Mr. Blythe said.

Mr. Nilsen said the district plans to apply next month for a BEST grant to help with the cost of a new OMMS. The district applied for the grant last year but was denied due to a lack of confidence from the BEST grant committee that D51 could provide matching dollars through a bond measure. Now that a bond measure has passed, D51 may have a better shot at the grant.

* High School Academic Growth Award winner **Mesa Valley Community School.**

* January is **Board Appreciation Month.** Thank you to our D51 School Board members - Amy Davis, Doug Levinson, Tom Parrish, Paul Pitton, and John Williams - for all you do!

Monthly Expulsion Report
As of Dec. 31, 15 students have been expelled, down from 16 students at the same point last school year.



Business Items
Board members had first reading of changes to policies BE - School Board Meetings, BEC - Executive Sessions/Open Meetings, and BEDA - Notification of Board Meetings Policy, and adopted Board Policy HBA - Support Staff Bargaining Rights. The board also approved the following resolutions:

- Resolution to Issue Bonds
- Resolution to renew Mesa Valley Charter School charter for additional five years
- Resolution to renew Independence Academy Charter School charter for additional five years
- Resolution for Tope Property Line Agreement with Grand Junction Housing Authority
- Resolution for 2017-2018 Readopted Budget

Initiatives, Investment, and Communication Reports
In the finance and investment report, Budget Analyst Melanie Heath said the 2017-18 readopted budget takes into account the official student count from October and the mill levy certified in December. For the Communications Report, Public Information Officer Emily Shockley discussed the variety of topics covered in the weekly "Did You Know?" sections on Mondays in the Sentinel. In the Initiatives Report, Director of Educator Effectiveness Paul Jebe discussed Student Perception surveys and how the behaviors associated with the D51 Vision are being used.

Future Meetings

Jan. 26: Annual GJ Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 6 p.m., Two Rivers Convention Center.

Feb. 3: D51 Foundation White Iced VIP Dinner, 5 p.m., CMU Ballroom.

Feb. 6: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room.

Feb. 17: Kindness is Contagious Dinner, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room.

Feb. 20: Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room.

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BOND AND MILL PROJECT UPDATE

January 2018

Security and maintenance projects schedule in the works

The 2017 bond measure will fund hundreds of maintenance and safety projects in buildings across the district. Over the next few weeks and months, maintenance projects will be selected for the first phase of work that will be done this summer. Projects that involve complicated designs and engineering will be done in later phases, and projects that require asbestos abatement will need to take place in years two and three of the bond cycle.

While the schedule for the first group of projects is still at least a couple months away from being set, progress is already being made to get the right people in place for some high priority work. A management team from Blythe Group + Co. is overseeing security and maintenance projects that will be scheduled for completion over the next three years. Architects and engineers are being chosen now to perform design work for security vestibules and keyless entry systems and other maintenance projects, and contractors have been pre-qualified to bid on installation work.

Welcome to the new Bond & Mill Project Update newsletter!
Stay up-to-date on progress with bond measure projects and mill levy override purchases with this handy newsletter. We anticipate the newsletter will go out once each quarter. Feel free to share!

Timeline

Jan. 11, 2018 - FCI selected as general contractor for new Orchard Mesa Middle School building.

Jan. 11, 2018 - Asset Engineering Limited selected as general contractor for Palisade High auxiliary gym.

Jan. 11, 2018 - PNCI Construction chosen as general contractor for Dual Immersion Academy gym.

Dec. 5, 2017 - Chamberlin Architects selected to design Palisade High auxiliary gym and Dual Immersion Academy gym.

Dec. 1, 2017 - D51 signs contract with Blythe Group + Co. to be the architect for the new Orchard Mesa Middle School.

Nov. 7, 2017 - Voters say yes to Measures 3A and 3B.

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Social Media

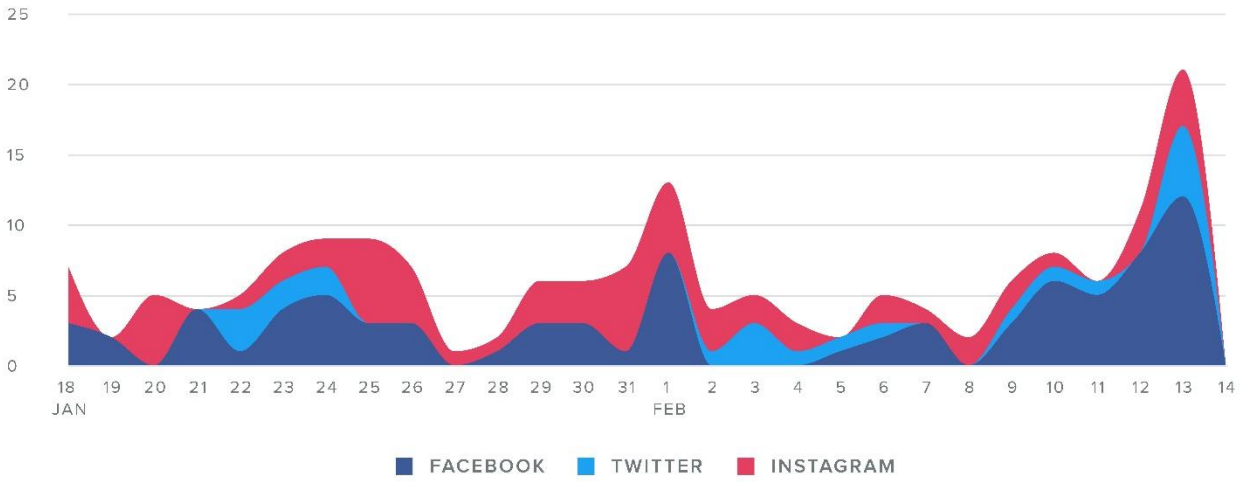
Our posts on Facebook reach 10,573 "fans." Posts include The Daily Sentinel's Student of the Week, school events and activities, information for Safe2Tell and crisis numbers, live-streamed board meetings, etc.

A full social media report is available upon request, or at this link:
Group Report (Mesa County Valley School District 51) Jan 18, 2018 - Feb 14, 2018.pdf

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	2,974	0.44%	21	14,556	693	287	13.7	40
Mesa C...District 51 Business Page	10,569	0.70%	101	410,521	4,065	6,504	64.4	2,710
School District 51 @d51schools	605	12.04%	10	–	–	319	31.9	–

AUDIENCE GROWTH, BY DAY



Audience Growth Metrics	Totals	Change
Total Fans	**14,148**	**▲ 1.1%**
New Facebook Fans	74	▲ 0.7%
New Twitter Followers	13	▲ 0.4%
New Instagram Followers	65	▲ 12.0%
Total Fans Gained	152	▲ 1.1%

Total followers increased by

▲ 1.1%

since previous date range

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Licensed Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 56

Adopted: February 20, 2018

Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
None at this time.			
Resignations/Termination			
Docter, Misty	CHS	SPED – SNN	January 11, 2018
Leave of Absence			
None at this time.			
New Assignments			
Smith, Wendy	CHS	Sped - SSN	February 6, 2018
Downing, Kristina	Summit	Sped - SNB	February 2, 2018
Goulet, Teryn	FMHS	Spanish	February 7, 2018
Storey, Stephanie	Rocky Mtn	Grade 2	February 6, 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 February 20, 2018.

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Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 57

Adopted: February 20, 2018

Donor	Flowers By Lorraine
Gift	Vases, baskets, containers and supplies
Value	$3,000.00
School/Department	Career Center / Floral classes

Donor	Bellco Credit Union
Gift	Pencil cup holders
Value	$50.00
School/Department	Appleton Elementary School / Students

Donor	Burton Orthodontics
Gift	Cash
Value	$500.00
School/Department	Pomona Elementary School / Classroom and student needs

Donor	Dalby, Wendland & CO, P.C.
Gift	Cash
Value	$1,500.00
School/Department	Central High School / Girls Basketball

Donor	Kroger
Gift	Cash
Value	$70.31
School/Department	West Middle School / General S.B.A. account

Donor	Craig Huckaby
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Alpine Bank Community Outreach
Gift	Cash
Value	$250.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Boys' Soccer

Donor	Little Kids Rock
Gift	Instruments
Value	$24,000.00
School/Department	Music Education / Elementary school music programs

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 57

Adopted: February 20, 2018

Donor	Howard Family Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	$300.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Dennis and Sonya McAfee
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Kari Sewell
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Carol McDaneld
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Jessica Klements
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Advance Leak Detection, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	$200.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Robert Asa and Barbara Jones
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	River City Consultants
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Board of Education Resolution: 17/18: 57

Adopted: February 20, 2018

Donor	R & K Staheli Farms
Gift	Cash
Value	$200.00
School/Department	Loma Elementary School / Kindness Week guest speaker

Donor	Chapter CYPEO
Gift	Cash
Value	$125.00
School/Department	Early Childhood Education / Books

Donor	Monarch Heating & Air Conditioning
Gift	Cash
Value	$250.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Scott Bowman
Gift	Cash
Value	$200.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Chuck and Kendra McDaniel
Gift	Cash
Value	250.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Louis Rollenhagen
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Steven O'Day, MD
Gift	Cash
Value	100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

Donor	Cheryl Wenzinger
Gift	Cash
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Baseball

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Donor	Gelu Italian Ice
Gift	Italian Ice
Value	$150.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Blood drive

Donor	Nicole Quintana
Gift	Kitchen Aid Refrigerator
Value	$3,500.00
School/Department	Appleton Elementary School / Staff Lounge

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 February 20, 2018.

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Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES SELECTION AND ADOPTION

Adopted: October 10, 1972
Revised: November 15, 1988
Revised: July 11, 2011
Tabled: November 13, 2012
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Revision First Reading: February 20, 2018

The Board of Education is by virtue of the Colorado constitution and statutes vested with the authority and discretion over the selection of Instructional Resources contained in the various schools throughout the district. Responsibility and approval for recommending Instructional Resources shall rest with the Superintendent or his/her designee, ~~Executive Designee~~ after input and recommendation by the Curriculum Resources ~~Adoption~~ Governance ~~c~~Committees ~~and the instructional team~~.

Instructional resources for school classrooms and school libraries shall be selected by the appropriate professional personnel in consultation with the administration, subject specialists and teachers. Selected resources shall be reviewed by the Curriculum Resources Governance Committee. Final decision on purchase shall rest with the Board upon recommendation from the superintendent or designee. All instructional resources and materials shall be aligned with the District's academic standards, support District identified practices and support the District's educational objectives. All instructional resources and library materials shall be made available for inspection by students, parents/guardians, and community members.

Instructional Resources Definitions:
Instructional Resources ~~is~~ are defined as a portfolio of materials both primary and supplementary, which engage learners in rigorous learning aligned to standards.~~content that conveys the essential knowledge and skills of a subject in the public schools curriculum through a medium or a combination of media for conveying information to a student.~~ The term can include~~s~~ but is not limited to ~~a~~ book~~s~~, periodicals, web based materials ~~supplementary materials, computer software, DVD, CD-ROM, computer online services, an electronic medium,~~ or other resources ~~means of conveying information to the student otherwise~~ contributing to the learning process ~~through electronic means, including open source materials~~.

~~"Open source instructional materials" is electronic instructional material that is available for downloading from the Internet at no charge to a student without requiring the purchase of an unlock code, membership, or other access or use charge, except for a charge to order an optional printed copy of all or part of the instructional material.~~

~~"Technical equipment" is hardware, a device, or equipment necessary for instructional use in the classroom to gain access to or enhance the use of electronic instructional materials or professional use by a classroom teacher.~~

Primary Resources: The main instructional resources used within a course, including a range of materials from textbooks to multimedia and technology.

Supplemental Resources: Those instructional materials that support or enhance but do not replace adopted curriculum and primary resources.

Incidental Resources: Those instructional materials used occasionally within classrooms at the discretion of a classroom teacher – for example, news broadcasts, newspaper articles, film and videos.

Instructional Resources shall be chosen according to the following criteria:

1. supports learning experiences that engage learners in rigorous learning aligned to standards
~~1~~2. ~~To advance the expectations of the~~aligns with District ~~unified~~ curriculum and Instruction Plan, and meets course goals and objectives ~~that are aligned to Colorado Academic Standards within the course or program.~~
~~2. To contribute toward continuity, integration, and articulation of the curriculum.~~
3. ~~To meet a wide range of~~considers individual student needs, ~~and~~ interests ~~in student~~and performance levels~~.~~

4. considers literary services and cultural analyses
5. presents information in an ethical manner
4. ~~To~~ considers student diversity~~fy in such areas as ethnicity, gender, national origin or handicapping conditions.~~
5. ~~To support teaching practices known to positively impact student learning~~.

In selecting Instructional Resources to be acquired, those persons exercising delegated authority under this policy shall be guided by principles and criteria which are enumerated in ~~both~~ this policy ~~and procedures~~.

~~Final recommendation of the program from the Curriculum and Instructional Resources Governance Committee shall be presented by the Superintendent or Designee to the Board of Education for formal action. Where the Board has taken formal action approving Instructional Resources, it shall not be necessary to again obtain approval from the Board in order to acquire later editions of the same resources so long as the later editions bear the same title, deal with the same subject matter and are in substantially the same format.~~

The Superintendent or his Designee is authorized to develop or cause to be developed appropriate and reasonable procedures for the implementation of this policy. Any such procedures developed for the implementation of this policy shall be subject to review by the Board of Education.

Legal References:

C.R.S. 22-1-104(2)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1) (t)
C.R.S. 22-32-110(1) (o), (p), (q), (r)
C.R.S. 22-53-108(2)

Cross References:

IB, Academic Freedom
IJL, Library Materials Selection
KEC, Public Complaints About Instructional Materials

Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 shall perform in accordance with all laws pertaining to public schools as specified by the United States federal government and the Colorado state government. The assistance of legal representatives and authorities may be used by members of the Board or their designee as deemed necessary and/or advisable by a majority of the Board.

All meetings of a quorum of three or more members of the Board at which any public business may be discussed or any formal action taken shall be open to the public at all times except for periods in which the Board is in executive session, but any person who disturbs good order may be required to leave.

A recording shall be made of regular and special meetings as required by law and at a minimum shall be an audio recording. Recordings shall be maintained for 90 days.

All meetings of the Board of Education shall be held in the Harry Butler Board Room, 455 N. 22 Street, Grand Junction, Colorado, at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise publicly announced.

1. Regular Meetings

    a. Work sessions for discussion of educational and business issues shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Business items may be added to the agenda when necessary.

    b. Business meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the November, December and May meetings, which may be scheduled on an alternative Tuesday to accommodate Election Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and/or high school graduations. No business meeting will be held during the month of July. Adjournment will be no later than 9:30 p.m., except for good cause.

2. Special Meetings

    Special meetings may be called by the president at any time, and shall be called by him/her upon the written request of a majority of the members.

    The secretary of the Board shall cause written notice of any special meeting to be mailed or delivered to each member of the Board stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting. If the notice is to be delivered, it shall be in the hands of the member no later than 24 hours prior to the hour set for the meeting, and if it is to be mailed, it shall be mailed no later than 72 hours prior to the hour set for the meeting.

    Any member may waive notice of the time, place and purpose of a special meeting before, during or after such meeting, and attendance thereat shall be deemed to be a waiver.

    No business other than stated in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted unless all members are present and consent to consider and transact other business.

The Board shall adopt an agenda setting forth the business and the order of business to be transacted, discussed or considered at each regular meeting of the Board.

At all regular and special meetings of the Board of Education, no new item shall be considered past the hour of 9 p.m. In the event the agenda has not been completed, the remaining agenda items will be considered at a special meeting set by the Board or be included on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Except as otherwise specified by state law or Board policies pertaining to its own operating procedures, the Board generally shall operate by the rules prescribed in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Electronic Participation

Board members may attend and participate by electronic means in regular or special meetings of the Board in accordance with this policy and state law. For purposes of this policy, “electronic means” shall be defined as attendance via telephone, video or audio conferencing, or other electronic device.

Board members may attend and participate by electronic means in a regular or special Board meeting only when extenuating circumstances prevent the Board member from physically attending the meeting. For purposes of this policy, “extenuating circumstances,” means the Board member’s job, family or military service requires the member to be outside of the District at the time of the meeting or inclement weather and/or unsafe driving conditions prevent the Board member from physically attending the meeting.

A meeting at which one or more Board members attend and participate by electronic means shall be open to the public, except for periods in which the Board is in executive session. A quorum of the Board shall be physically present at the meeting for a Board member to attend and participate by electronic means.

The electronic means used shall allow the public to hear the comments made by the Board member(s) participating by electronic means and allow the Board member(s) to hear the comments made by the public. A Board member participating by electronic means will be included in the recording of the Board meeting.

A Board member who seeks to attend and participate by electronic means in a Board meeting shall notify the Board president and superintendent at least three business days prior to the meeting and shall explain the extenuating circumstances that prevent the Board member from physically attending the meeting. If such notification is not possible, the Board member shall notify the Board president and superintendent as soon as is reasonably possible of the request to attend by electronic means.

A Board member may attend and participate by electronic means in a maximum of two Board meetings per calendar year, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

A Board member’s failure to comply with this policy may result in the Board’s refusal to allow the member to participate by electronic means in Board meetings.

Voting

All voting shall be by roll call with each member present voting "Aye" or "No" alphabetically. However, election of the president and vice president may be by secret ballot. A member may abstain from voting only if excused by the Board for good cause.

A Board member who has a personal or private interest in any proposed or pending matter which presents a conflict of interest in accordance with Board policy shall disclose such interest and shall not vote unless his participation is necessary to obtain a quorum or otherwise enable the Board to act. Under such circumstances, the member shall comply with the voluntary disclosure requirements set out in state law.

To pass, any motion must be approved by a majority of the members present except as state law or policies of this Board may require a majority of full membership.

Legal References:

C.R.S. 22-31-129 (board vacancies)
C.R.S. 22-32-104 (3) (president and vice president must be elected by majority of the entire membership)
C.R.S. 22-32-108 (board meetings)
C.R.S. 22-32-108 (6) (voting by roll call, excused for good cause)
C.R.S. 22-32-108 (7) (a) (a board member who participates electronically in conformance with the board's policy on electronic meeting participation is considered "present")
C.R.S. 24-6-401, et seq. (open meeting law)
C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(d)(IV) (outcome of a secret ballot vote must be recorded contemporaneously in the minutes
C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (a two-thirds majority of the quorum present is required to go into executive session)
C.R.S. 24-18-109 (3) (conflict of interest and voting)
C.R.S. 24-18-110 (voluntary disclosure of conflict of interest)

Cross References:

BCB, Board Member Conduct/Conflict of Interest
BEC, Executive Sessions/Open Meetings
BEDA, Notification of Board Meetings

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public except that at any regular or special meeting the Board may proceed into executive session upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum present.

The Board shall not make final policy decisions nor shall any resolution, policy or regulation be adopted or approved nor shall any formal action of any kind be taken during any executive session.

The Board may hold an executive session for the sole purpose of considering any of the following matters:

1. Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property. However, no executive session shall be held to conceal the fact that a member of the Board has a personal interest in such property transaction.

2. Conferences with an attorney for the District for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. The mere presence or participation of an attorney at an executive session shall not be sufficient to satisfy this requirement.

3. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state laws or regulations. An announcement will be made indicating the specific citation to state or federal law, which is the reason the matter must remain confidential.

4. Specialized details of security arrangements or investigations.

5. Determination of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, development of strategy for negotiations and instruction of negotiators except that negotiations relating to collective bargaining and negotiations for employment contracts, other than negotiations for an individual employee's contract, shall be discussed in a public meeting, unless an executive session is otherwise allowed.

6. Personnel matters except if an employee who is the subject of an executive session requests an open meeting. If the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees must request an open meeting. Discussion of personnel policies that do not require discussion of matters specific to particular employees are not considered "personnel matters."

   The Teacher Employment, Compensation and Dismissal Act shall prevail in teacher dismissal hearings. (It provides that a dismissal hearing shall be open unless either the administration or employees requests the hearing be closed.)

   Discussions concerning a member of the Board, any elected official or the appointment of a Board member are not considered "personnel matters".

7. Consideration of any documents protected under the mandatory nondisclosure provision of the Open Records Act, except that consideration of work product documents and documents subject to the governmental or deliberative process privilege must occur in a public meeting, unless an executive session is otherwise allowed.

8. Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved.

Prior to convening in executive session, the Board shall announce the topic of the executive session, including specific citation to the provision of the open meetings law authorizing the Board to meet in an executive session

and identification of the particular matter to be discussed in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized which, shall be reflected in the minutes.

Only those persons invited by the Board may be present during any executive session regardless of the topic of the session (including personnel matters).

The Board shall cause an electronic record to be made of the executive session, which shall be retained by the Board for 90 days following the session. The record must include the specific statutory citation to the executive session law that allows the board to meet in executive session and the actual contents of the discussion during the session. However, no record shall be required to be made of an executive session held for the purpose of discussing an individual student matter or of a session in which the discussion involves a privileged attorney-client communication, as provided by law.

Legal References:

C.R.S. 22-32-108 (5) (meetings of the board)
C.R.S. 22-32-108 (5)(d) (executive session minutes)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.4 (4) (board meeting "at which a collective bargaining agreement is discussed "must be open to the public)
C.R.S. 24-6-402 (open meeting law)

Cross References:

BEDG, Minutes
KDB, Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

Mesa County Valley School District 51
BEDA
NOTIFICATION OF BOARD MEETINGS

Adopted: September 15, 1987
Revised: October 15, 1996
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Adopted: February 20, 2018

The Board shall give full and timely notice to the public of any meeting of the Board at which business may be discussed or formal action taken, including special, regular or work session meetings and retreats.

Dates of regular meetings of the Board shall be provided in annual announcements and made available to the news media and public. At its first regular meeting of the calendar year, the Board shall designate the public place or places at which notice of all Board meetings shall be posted. In the event such action is not taken annually, the designated public places used in the previous year shall continue as the official posting sites.

At a minimum, the Board shall cause notice of regular and special meetings and work sessions to be posted at the Administrative Service Center, 2115 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, CO, no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. This notice shall include specific agenda information where possible.

Copies of the agenda shall be available to representatives of the community and staff and others on the District website and at the Administrative Services Center upon publication and dissemination to the Board.

Written notification of all special/rescheduled meetings shall be sent to the news media sufficiently in advance for the public to be notified when feasible. The news media shall be telephoned in event of emergency meetings.

The district shall maintain a list of persons who, within the previous two years, have requested notification of all meetings or of meetings when certain specific policies will be discussed. These individuals will be provided reasonable advance notification of Board meetings unless the meeting is a special meeting and there is insufficient time prior to the meeting to mail notice to persons on the list.

Communication to the Board

No later than 72 hours before the next regular meeting, the superintendent shall email the agenda, together with meeting materials and any minutes to be approved, to Board members for review.

Legal References:

C.R.S. 22-32-108 (2),(3) (meeting of the board)
C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(c) (notice of meeting “shall include specific agenda information where possible”)

Cross References:

BE, School Board Meetings