

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

August 2, 2016

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	BOARD WORK SESSION Board Open Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. John Williams asked representatives from Wingate Elementary to speak about a family night event to raise money for their school. They came forward and handed out flyers for their event. Mr. Williams spoke about the custodians' picnic at Pomona Elementary. They had a good time. He encouraged everyone to attend next year. Mr. Mikolai reported on the Palisade High School Car Wash Fundraiser. Mr. Parrish reported on the New Teacher Orientation. He felt it was very positive and he was impressed with the excitement. Mr. Pitton met with Ms. Carol Hedges, Colorado Financial Institute to talk about ways to get more money into District 51. Mr. Mikolai did a "shout-out" for the PBL Summit. Kudos to the certified staff for showing up on their own time. Very interactive and productive. Mr. Schultz reported State School Board Member, Mrs. Joyce Rankin, will be in our District next week for a State School Board Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, August 10 and 11. She will be here on Tuesday to attend the R5/Summit Open House. <p>A. Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) – Ms. Heidi Ragsdale and Ms. Therese Moran, Mr. Rick Peterson.</p> <p>➤ MESA is an after school activity based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Information was provided and updated on the approximately 200 middle and high school students who participate in MESA each year and thrive in this program. This club has monthly competitions ranging from an egg drop to a solar car race. They participate in field trips and national activities such as the Air Force-backed Stellar Explorers and the Cyber Patriot hack-a-thon. This group has a lot of hands on competitions and would like to participate in more technology activities. The club's next activity is Aviation Day on Friday, August 19, at Dominguez Hall on the Colorado Mesa University Campus. The Board thanked them for their work.</p> <p>B. Instructional Update</p> <p>➤ Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer, Mrs. Leigh Grasso, Learning System Design Team, Mrs. Rebecca Midles, Performance Based Systems, Mr. Matt Diers, School Leadership Support Team, presented updates on Performance Based Learning, District structure and shaping plans for the future of the District. Mr. Tony Giurado stated Growth Mindset and Habits of the Mind Instruction will help continue to lay the foundation for a culture conducive to Performance Based Learning and shape a shared vision. Mrs. Midles stated classrooms district-wide will delve deeper into the concepts of Growth Mindset and Habits of Mind this year. As for shaping a shared vision, Mr. Diers stated a series of meetings with staff, parents, community groups and students showed stakeholders wanted to see social-emotional trails woven into instruction, consistent accountability for students, improved teacher salaries and increased collaboration time and</p>	

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						<p>technology and building updates. Community engagement will continue this year to help the District form a plan for the next several years. This year's work will also include moving into phase three of Performance Based Learning implementation, transparency and alignment. This step includes demonstration schools piloting Learning Management Systems this year, continued work on Teacher Learning Frameworks and creating rubrics for various grades and subjects. These rubrics will help teachers and students know exactly what students have to show they have learned in order to move on in curriculum. More than 70 educators from a variety of backgrounds and experience levels started working on the rubrics in May. Additionally, Mr. Schultz shared changes in District leadership structure. The District will have eight interdependent teams and a Coordinating Council of representatives from each team (plus the Superintendent, Mesa Valley Education Association and the Communications Department), who will work on tactical issues to make sure all teams are supported. The changes were made without adding positions and absorbed a few vacant positions, which were not filled. Mr. Schultz stated the reorganization will help teams collaborate across departments.</p> <p><u>BUSINESS MEETING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order/Roll Call 2. Resolution Approving Memo of Understanding with Colorado Mesa University for Student Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The School Board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with Colorado Mesa University to establish the amount and management of a new scholarship program. The Board received \$2,500 from the Colorado Association of School Boards for being named the 2015 School Board of the Year and committed the money to the creation of five scholarship awards. CMU will match the amount and award the scholarships to five District 51 graduates who will attend CMU. 3. Adjournment <p style="text-align: right;"> _____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education </p>	<p>Adjourn – 7:52 p.m.</p>

Memorandum of Understanding
(2015 All State School Board of the Year Scholarship)

Board of Education Resolution: 16/17: 01

Adopted: August 2, 2016

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated November 17, 2015, the Board of Education ("Board") approved using a \$2500 gift it received in connection with its 2015 All State School Board of the Year award to establish, with \$2,500 in matching funds from Colorado Mesa University (CMU), a scholarship fund for certain District students who plan to pursue degrees in education at CMU, and directed the Superintendent to develop and enter into a memorandum of understanding with CMU to memorialize the scholarship arrangements; and

WHEREAS, after discussing a proposed memorandum of understanding with CMU and the CMU Foundation, the administration and the District's legal counsel recommend that the Board alter the purpose of the Scholarship in order to offer need-based scholarships to any District student who plans to pursue a degree in the education field at CMU and who aspires to teach in schools serving minority and/or low-income students; and

WHEREAS, the attached memorandum of understanding with CMU and the CMU Foundation reflects this recommended change in purpose, specifies the criteria for selection of scholarship recipients, and provides for administration of the Scholarship by the CMU Foundation and selection of scholarship recipients by the CMU Financial Aid Office; and

WHEREAS, CMU and the CMU Foundation have indicated their willingness to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding, and the administration recommends that the Board approve it as well; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the purpose of the District's 2015 All State School Board of the Year Scholarship shall be to offer need-based scholarships to any District student who plans to pursue a degree in the education field at CMU and who aspires to teach in schools serving minority and/or low-income students, and that Board's Resolution dated November 17, 2015 is hereby modified accordingly. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the same on its behalf.

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 August 2, 2016.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education