Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session ***April 3, 2018***

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School District 51
MESA COUNTY VALLEY
Every student, every day, learning for life!

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Present Absent	x	x	x	x	x	WORK SESSION	6:00 p.m.

1. Presentation on District 51 Libraries, Ms. Becky Johnson (National Library Month)
   - Mr. Parrish read a proclamation declaring the month of April, 2018, as "School Library Month".
   - Ms. Johnson, East Middle School Librarian, introduced the school librarians who were present at the meeting: Mrs. Catherine Gardner, Grand Mesa Middle School; Ms. Sarah Shelp, Central High School; Ms. Pam Middlemas, Grand Junction High School; Ms. Becky Pitman, Orchard Mesa Middle School; Ms. Patti Carlson, West Middle School and Mrs. Ronda Scroggins, Palisade High School.
   - The librarians and Ms. Shelly Fratzke, Librarian Specialist shared information and a short video on various activities happening in our school libraries. The librarians are all certified teachers and all carry a master's degree. Librarians not only help students to find information through books, articles, other libraries, and electronically, they also teach students how to filter the information to determine credible sources and to find reading materials the students will enjoy. Librarians teach students how to communicate on social media, so they can comment politely, and learn what information can be shared and what information is restricted by copyright or other laws. The libraries are not only a place to learn, but a place to have fun with book clubs, working with robots, 3D printers and other activities.
   - The librarians noted studies have linked fully staffed libraries with student achievement. In 2011 library budgets were severely cut, and the librarians would like to see some if not all of the funding reinstated. The additional funding would enable the libraries to add additional staff, so the librarians could go into classrooms to assist, or teach small groups in the library. Along with additional, funding the librarians would like to see a funding piece added to their budget for professional development.

2. Robotics Program, Ms. Julie Christianson, Central High School Teacher
   - Ms. Christianson turned the presentation over to Central High School students, Cora Perkins, Dylan Wardle, Josue Acevedo, Thomas Winnefeld and Ryan Wilson. These Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students introduced their robot, Ally, and gave a brief demonstration and explanation of Ally's abilities. The students shared their passion for learning and knowledge from the STEM and Robotics Programs. The STEM Program has given them the mindset to use acquired information effectively to solve problems, and the understanding to know a mistake is just another opportunity to learn. They feel the STEM Program mirrors the District 51 Learning Model in giving students the mindset and desire to learn. The students shared how the Robotics Program has grown and how they partner with business sponsors in the community.

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- The Board and superintendent thanked the students, their advisors, Ms. Christianson, Mr. Phil Johnson and Central High School Principal, Mr. Lanc Sellden for the great work.

[Recess 7:12 p.m. Resume Meeting 7:22 p.m.]

3. Bond and Mill Money Update, Mr. Peter Icenogle, Blythe Group + Co., Mrs. Pamela Blythe, Blythe Group + Co.
   - Mr. Icenogle displayed floor plans and drawings of the new Orchard Mesa Middle School (OMMS). He elaborated on various features of the building and design layout such as separate entry points for students, bussing and service vehicles, secured entryways and building overhangs to provide shaded areas. He noted the design package was sent to the general contractor for cost analysis. Blythe Group will be holding a public meeting at the current OMMS for parents and the general public to review the design plans.
   - Mrs. Blythe has been working with school staff for insight into classroom needs. She pointed out the locations, on the floor plan, of exploratory and core classes, common areas and the library. She showed drawings and photos of furniture designs to allow for flexibility within the classrooms. The current OMMS has a capacity for 500 students and the new building will have a capacity for 720 students with the ability to add additional classrooms and expand the core areas.

4. Update on District 51 Summer Technology Expo, Mr. Randy Dalton, Executive Director, Technology; Mr. Dan Burke, Technology Manager, Customer Service & Support
   - Mr. Dalton and Mr. Burke shared details for the District 51 Summer Technology Expo. The Expo will be held on Wednesday, July 25, at the R-5 High School from noon to six p.m. The Expo will feature over thirty-five vendors / activity booths, and offer technology training sessions. The Expo will give:
     - Parents and community members an opportunity to view some of what the District's technology department offers.
     - Vendors the opportunity to share their products.
     - Staff the opportunity to ask questions of vendors and technology, and attend professional development sessions.

     The technology department has secured community sponsors to cover the cost of the Expo and have reached out to other western slope school districts to give them an opportunity to be a part of the Expo. Schools with twenty-five percent of teacher attendance will receive an additional ten chrome books for their school.

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					5. Report on District 51 Learning Model, Mrs. Leigh Grasso, Executive Director of Academic Achievement and Curriculum; Mrs. Rebecca Midles, Executive Director, Performance Based Learning Ms. Grasso and Mrs. Midles gave a brief overview of the work which is currently being done to implement the District 51 Learning Model. Schools are working on the teaching and learning frameworks and have set up a vision related to the District's vision. They are working on self-awareness and self-management and building knowledge of growth mindset. Next schools will be focusing on social awareness and social management and continue work on the teaching and learning framework and growth mindset. 6. Summer School Information, Mrs. Cathy Ebel, Prevention Services Coordinator, Ms. Leigh Grasso, and Mr. Danny Medved, Director, Professional Learning ➢ Mrs. Ebel, Ms. Grasso and Mr. Medved gave an overview of this year's summer school opportunities. This year's extended learning opportunities will be combined with the Extended School Year (ESY) Program and the Migrant Program. For students grades K-8 the focus will be on getting struggling learners some additional learning time and enhance the skills of the teachers and administrators. The program will focus on literacy in the morning and enrichment activities in the afternoon. The students attending will be by invitation only and students must qualify under the Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act. The sites for students grade K-4 will be Dos Rios, Chatfield, Nisley and Rim Rock Elementary Schools. The locations for students in grades 5-8 will be Fruita 8/9 School and Bookcliff Middle School, with transportation and lunch being provided at locations for K-8 grade students. ➢ Mr. Matt Diers, Executive Director of High Schools, shared all the high schools will be offering some type of acceleration classes, with Palisade High School being the only location offering wellness classes and AP physics. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for classes through their high school counseling offices. Transportation and lunches will not be provided to high school students and some classes will require a fee to cover class materials. Adjourn 8:40 p.m.	Adjourn

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Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary
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