

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

September 6, 2016

Work Session Minutes

A - Doug Levinson B - Paul Pitton C - John Williams D - Tom Parrish E - Greg Mikolai						Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board Work Session: September 6, 2016 Adopted: October 25, 2016	
	A	B	C	D	E		
						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present		x	x	x	x	BOARD WORK SESSION. A. Amy Attwood, District 51 Lobbyist ➤ Mr. Schultz introduced Mrs. Attwood and stated she would provide the Board with a legislative preview of the 2017 session. Mrs. Attwood stated it is an honor and pleasure to represent District 51. She said potential bills next year may include: 1. Hospital Provider Fee Bill 2. Bill to take corporal punishment off the books, but allow staff to use physical restraint to protect a student or others 3. Bill which would not allow pre-school or possibly early elementary students to be expelled 4. Bill which would give charter schools mill levy dollars Four different groups (maybe more) are planning bills which would study ways to change the School Finance Act of 1994 or re-write the act to more fairly distribute dollars to school districts throughout the state. Mrs. Attwood stated school finance will be a hot topic in the legislature this coming year. She recommended districts to pivot from speaking against the Negative Factor, which is unlikely to go away, to asking lawmakers to at least hold funding steady or provide more funding for at-risk and special needs students. Mrs. Attwood stated a lot could change depending on the 2016 election. She plans to present an update to the Board after the election in November. The Board thanked Mrs. Attwood. B. Data Review ➤ Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Steve States, School Leadership Support, Mrs. Debbie Bailey, School Leadership Support, reviewed the Colorado Legislative Changes for last year. They received CMAS scores from the Colorado Department of Education in English, Language Arts and Math. District 51 saw growth from last year in ten tests (mostly math) and decreases year-over-year in six tests (mostly ELA). The results should be reviewed with a few key factors in mind. CMAS went from two test periods to one in 2016 and the amount of testing changed at the high school level. Participation grew from 2015-2016 within the District, but local participation in CMAS remains well below the state average. The results do not reflect the entire student population.	
Absent	x						
Present		x	x	x	x	BUSINESS MEETING 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Approval	
Motion				x			
Second					x		
Aye		x	x	x	x		
No							

A - Doug Levinson B - Paul Pitton C - John Williams D - Tom Parrish E - Greg Mikolai						Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board Work Session: September 6, 2016 Adopted: October 25, 2016	
	A	B	C	D	E		
						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Motion Second Aye No		x	x	x	x	➤ Mr. Williams called for a motion to revise the Agenda to add item four, a Resolution for Federal Mineral Lease District Grant.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No		x	x	x	x	2. Resolution for Constitution Week [Resolution: 16/17:12] ➤ This resolution, regarding Constitution Week, encourages all Mesa County Valley District 51 teachers, students and parents to honor and observe Constitution Week in our public schools. Constitution Week will be September 16-23, 2016.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No		x	x	x	x	3. Resolution for Colorado High School Athletic Association [Resolution: 16/17:13] ➤ The Board approved a resolution recognizing District 51 employees Mr. Paul Cain, Mr. T.J. Cox, Mr. Greg Hawkins, Ms. Meaghan McDowell, Mr. Randy Powell, Ms. Carol Sams and Mr. Denny Squibb as members of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Board or committee members.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No		x	x	x	x	4. Resolution for Federal Mineral Lease District Grant [Resolution: 16/17:14] ➤ The Board reviewed a resolution to apply for a Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District grant on behalf of the John McConnell Math and Science Center of Western Colorado. The grant, if received, would help the center purchase equipment and furnishings for the new location on the Colorado Mesa University campus.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No		x	x	x	x	5. Adjournment	Adjourn – 7:52 p.m.
						Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education	



Mesa County Valley School District 51 Constitution Week Resolution

Board of Education Resolution: 16/17: 12

Adopted: September 1, 2016

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution is Friday, September 16; and,

WHEREAS, Colorado, and the rest of the Nation, celebrates Constitution Day on Friday, September 16, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Constitution Week is an American observance to commemorate the adoption of the United States Constitution. The observance will be from September 16 through September 23, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution is one of the most important documents in the United States history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education encourages all Mesa County Valley School District 51 teachers, students and parents to honor and observe Constitution Week in our public schools.

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 September 6, 2016.

*Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education*

**Colorado High School Activities
Association (CHSAA) Resolution**

Board of Education Resolution: 15/16: 013

Adopted: September 6, 2016

WHEREAS, the high schools of the School District are members of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) and Western Slope & Southwestern Leagues pursuant to resolutions adopted by this Board, and

WHEREAS, the CHSAA is an instrumentality of the public schools of the State of Colorado serving the important governmental purpose of administering the interscholastic activities of its members,

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that, service as a member of the Board of Directors of the CHSAA or as a member of other CHSAA committees, Legislative Council or interscholastic activity league committees under the auspices of CHSAA is deemed to be within the scope of employment of School District personnel and within the performance of such personnel's duties as employees of the School District. In particular, the Board of Education, recognizes the services of the following individuals to be within the scope of this resolution.

<u>Name</u>	<u>CHSAA Position</u>
• Paul Cain	Board of Directors
• Carol Sams	Classification/League Organization Committee & Hall of Fame Committee
• Greg Hawkins	Football
• T.J. Cox	Golf
• Meaghan McDowell	Speech
• Denny Squibb	Appeals
• Randy Powell	Baseball/Legislative Council

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 at a Board Business Meeting on August 18, 2015.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education

**Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
Federal Mineral Lease District Grant
McConnell Math and Science Center**

Board of Education Resolution: 16/17: 14

Adopted: September 6, 2016

WHEREAS, the District currently provides rent-free space in its New Emerson School, 2660 Unaweep Avenue, Grand Junction, to the John McConnell Math & Science Center of Western Colorado, Inc., (“Center”), a Colorado nonprofit corporation that fosters learning and discovery in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

WHEREAS, the Center provides important benefits and services to the District and its students and staff, including, but not limited to, hosting field trips that enrich District science and math programs, offering after-school programs and other unique learning opportunities, assisting District teachers in developing elementary schools science curricula and inspiring local students to discover, develop and sustain their interest in science and math; and

WHEREAS, the Center desires to expand its operations and relocate to a new facility on the campus of Colorado Mesa University, which plan will, if funded, further improve the educational opportunities for District students, as well as free up the Center’s space at the New Emerson School for use to meet other school needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (“MCFMLD”) awards semiannual grants to school districts and other local governmental entities based on revenue Mesa County receives due to federal mineral leasing activities on public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Center has asked the District to apply for an MCFMLD grant on its behalf in the amount of \$250,000 to fund its expansion and relocation plan, and the administration has recommended in favor of such request; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to pursue an appropriate agreement or memorandum of understanding with the Center and take other action as necessary to apply for and receive the MCFMLD grant funds and pass them through to the Center for use in connection with the aforementioned plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Superintendent and his designee(s) to apply to the MCFMLD on behalf of the Board of Education during the fall 2016 grant cycle for the aforementioned grant in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, which if awarded would be passed through to the Center for use in effectuating its expansion and relocation plan, and to represent the Board of Education in all discussions, presentations, matters, hearings and other proceedings held or conducted in connection with the preparation, submittal or deliberation regarding such application; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is further authorized and directed to negotiate and present to the Board of Education for approval such agreements or memoranda of understanding with the Center and with the MCFMLD as are necessary to apply for, obtain and administer the MCFMLD grant for the use and benefit of the Center as described above.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on September 6, 2016.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education