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Present	x	x	x	x	x	WORK SESSION ➤ Dr. Davis attended electronically via Zoom 1. Kindness is Contagious Presentation ➤ Fruita Monument High School students Lindsay Anderson, Brayden Kelley, Eric Hill, Trigg Hayward, Grand Junction High School student, Alexzandria Canela and Fruita 8/9 School student, Chloe Thompson, shared the reason they volunteered to serve on the committee and showed a short video on the 2019 Kindness is Contagious activities. The Kindness is Contagious Committee organizes weeklong activities to promote kindness. The cost for the activities are covered by fundraiser proceeds and donations. This year's Kindness is Contagious Week was February 11 through February 16, 2019. Activities included donuts, stickers and flower giveaways and a movie night at Mesa Theater. Assemblies were held at each of the high schools with a guest speaker to share the importance of being kind to others. ➤ The Board and Superintendent Sirko thanked the students for their hard work and dedication and noted the importance of the message they are sharing. 2. Legislative Update, Ms. Amy Atwood ➤ Ms. Attwood, Lobbyist for the District, highlighted items on some bills to be considered this legislative session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bill to implement all-day kindergarten would allow kindergartners to be counted as one Full-Time Equivalency student (FTE), beginning the fall of 2019. Parents could still request a half-day kindergarten; however, districts could no longer charge tuition to parents for full-day kindergarten. Ms. Attwood reported the coalition supporting this bill has requested school Boards take a position on the bill. • A bill to adjust funding to lower the Negative Factor would move funds from the general fund and could pull funding from transportation and roads. • House Bill 1032, a sex education bill, has had a lot of press. The bill does not force a District or Charter School to offer sex education classes and it does not take away a parents right to opt out. • There are two bills proposed relating to the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant. House Bill 1008 would allow BEST Grants to support career and technical education construction. House Bill 1055 would add more money to the BEST Grant from reserves. • House Bill 1194 would allow Districts to suspend or expel a student in pre-kindergarten through second grade if the student is endangering the health or safety of others. Currently the draft has three days as the maximum number of days for suspension, but the committee is recommending five days. The bill also pushes to have a behavior 	6:00 p.m.

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						<p>psychologist intervene, but some districts do not have a behavior psychologist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are proposals coming forward to ask voters to repeal portions of the Gallagher Amendment and de-Bruce the state. Many municipalities in the state have already obtained voter approval to de-Bruce or waive spending restrictions. • A mill levy equalization bill would shift some revenue funding from the state to the counties. It would require many counties to ask voters to increase current mill levies. The Colorado Association of School Boards took a position of supporting this bill. • Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) Program would provide partial wage-replacement benefits to an eligible individual who takes leave from work to care for a new child or a family member. To fund the program employers would be required to pay in .002% of an employee's wage and the employee would contribute .002%. No one would be allowed to opt out. Proponents of the bill are hoping to get implementation within the next twelve to eighteen months. <p>➤ Superintendent Sirko spoke on Senate Bill 191. Current proposed changes would allow more flexibility in teacher evaluations and relieve some burden on administration. Teachers proven to be highly effective could move to a three-year evaluation schedule. The changes would make the evaluation process more meaningful and less rigorous.</p> <p>3. Wellness Committee Report, Ms. Amy Zortman, Ms. Lauren Cikara and Mrs. Kathy Daniels</p> <p>➤ Ms. Zortman, Wellness Coordinator and Content Facilitator for Health and Physical Education, is a part of the District's Wellness Advisory Committee. The committee is working to implement Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model and best practices in our schools and to update the District's wellness policy. The Wellness Advisory Committee's goal and mission is to empower the District 51 community through wellness policies and practice to ensure every child thrives. Ms. Zortman explained the committee goals are different from the District's Health Advisory Committee; which recommend standards-based sexual health curriculum. She reviewed, with educators, the trainings and workshops which have been completed for professional engagement. Fourteen schools have formed Wellness Teams to create and implement a School Health Improvement Plan for their buildings. Ms. Zortman demonstrated how to navigate the Healthy Schools website and pointed out data available on the website.</p> <p>➤ Ms. Cikara, Healthy Kids CO Survey Community and School Liaison, handed out information regarding Colorado Healthy Schools Smart Source, Healthy Kids Colorado Survey and Colorado youth tobacco and marijuana usage. Colorado Healthy Schools Smart Source is Colorado's inventory of best practices in school health. Schools and Districts use Smart Source to help inform programs and policies aimed to improve student health. In 2011, the Colorado Health and Environment Department and the Colorado Department of Education worked together to create one comprehensive health and</p>	

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Present Absent	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x		8:03 p.m.

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Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	b. Agenda Approval	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	c. School Start Times Approval	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	d. Resolution to Sell Fruita Property ➤ There are no contingencies in the contract to sell property in Fruita. The contract is for the current appraised value. The demography of the area does not support construction of a school at the property location. ➤	Adopted
						e. Executive Session – None at this time.	
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	f. Adjournment 8:09 p.m.	Adjourn
						<hr/> Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary Board of Education	

Board of Education Resolution 18/19: 62

Presented: March 5, 2019

WHEREAS, the Board requested a Calendar Committee be formed to generate recommendations for long-term changes to the Mesa County Valley District 51 school calendar, focusing on what best serves children and their education; and

WHEREAS, the Calendar Committee, comprised of District 51 personnel, parents, municipalities representatives and community members was formed; and

WHEREAS, the Calendar Committee presented recommendations to the Board of Education at their January 22, 2019 Business Meeting, and

WHEREAS, additional meetings with Student Transportation of America and District staff were held to determine the best possible start and end times with regards to the Calendar Committee recommendations and financial constraints, and

WHEREAS, the recommended start and end times were shared with the Board of Education at this March 5, 2019 Work Session, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education agrees with the recommended start and end times presented; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Education is recommending school times for Mesa County Valley School District schools shall be for elementary schools a start time of 8:55 a.m. and an end time of 3:55 p.m. and for secondary schools be a starting time of 8:00 a.m. and an ending time of 3:15 p.m. Times may vary slightly based on busing schedules.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on March 5, 2019.

Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

**Resolution For Approval of Contract for Sale of 17½ Road Property
(Senegy Builders, LLC)**

Board of Education Resolution: 18/19: 63

Adopted: March 5, 2019

WHEREAS, Senegy Builders, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company, desires to purchase the District's 13.25 acre parcel on 17½ Road in Mesa County, described as

Lot 1, Henry Subdivision, also known as 1760 17 ½ Road, Fruita, CO 81521 (the "Property")

on terms more fully described in a proposed Contract to Buy and Sell Real Estate dated February 22, 2019, attached hereto ("Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board deems the proposed sale to be in the best interests of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Property is surplus real estate not needed within the foreseeable future for any purpose authorized by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board declares the Property to be surplus property not needed within the foreseeable future for any purpose authorized by law.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Contract, authorizes and directs the Superintendent to enter into and to execute the Contract on behalf of the Board in form substantially similar to the attached copy, as soon as it is finalized and complete and the District's legal counsel has approved same, and authorizes the Chief Operations Officer to take such further steps in conjunction with legal counsel and execute such other documents as may be required to close the transaction.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on March 5, 2019.

*Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*