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Present	x	x	x	x	x	WORK SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Superintendent Sirko stated agenda item three, Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee Presentation, would be presented before agenda item two, Mueller Social Worlds Study. 1. D51 Foundation Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ D51 Foundation Vice President, Mr. Raul DeVillegas-Decker, introduced the other foundation members present. Present were Mr. Doug Simons, Enstrom Candies; Dr. Anne Nederveld, local physician; Ms. Kristin Lynch, Western Colorado Community College; Mr. Scot Houska, Community Hospital; Ms. Keira Bresnahan, Lewis Agency; Mr. Paul VanCamp, formerly with Mesa Valley Education Association; Mr. Brian Watson, Factory/Proximity Space and Dr. Angela Christensen, Mesa County Valley School District 51. ➤ Mr. DeVillegas-Decker recapped in 2016, the D51 Foundation decided to focus funding on two main items, supporting technology for students and professional learning for teachers. The foundation's focus has expanded some since then, but their focus is still technology and professional development. ➤ Mr. Watson reviewed highlights of events supported by the foundation over the last year. The events included sponsoring the Summer Institute and Explore D51, hosting the Summer Ambassador Meeting and D51 Learning Model Forum, donating four carts of Chromebooks and awarding over \$29,000 to forty-six educators. The foundation also honored teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and organized Teacher Appreciation Proclamations with the various municipalities. The foundation's annual fundraising event, The White Iced Celebration saw a 40% increase in sponsorship with over 650 people in attendance. ➤ Dr. Christensen, D51 Foundation Executive Director, thanked the foundation's Board of Directors for all their hard work and dedication. She noted this year, a teacher, Mrs. Shawn Carstensen Hays, was appointed to the foundation's Board of Directors. Mrs. Hays along with current board member, Mr. Dan Bollinger, principal at Palisade High School serve to represent the schools. She showed comparison posters of the growth of sponsorship from 2017 to 2019. Dr. Christensen reviewed the various ways people can donate to the foundation and thanked the Board of Education and the community for their support. ➤ The Board thanked all the members for the time and effort they spend in supporting the students and staff at District 51. 2. Gifted and Talented Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Heather Baskin, Gifted and Talented Director, reported she would be doing two separate presentations. The first presentation would be on the Gifted and Talented Program and the second would be from the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee, with her acting as the committee's liaison. 	6:01 p.m.

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Baskin reviewed the number of students identified as Gifted and Talented and the total number of students served. She reviewed the current goals of the program. The goals are to implement best practice in goal setting and progress monitoring; collaborate integrated gifted education and the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support; and be aware of D51 Behaviors and how they support self, others and team. These goals were developed in collaboration with Colorado Department of Education, staff, administrators, parents and students. Currently there are no federal mandates governing Gifted and Talented Education, but there are state mandates. Colorado is one of the leading states in Gifted and Talented education with required mandates and some funding to cover some of the mandates. ➤ Mrs. Baskin reviewed the names of those currently serving on the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee, formed in 2002. For the 2017-2018 school year, the committee's goals were to see how the Gifted and Talented Program would work with the D51 Learning Model and find ways to serve the underserved populations. The committee determined there was a need to have Gifted and Talented resources in every building to help students take ownership of their goals and learning. This year the committee looked at ways to re-allocate resources so resources would be more equitable across the District and add resources to the high school level. Mrs. Baskin reviewed the number of full and part time Gifted and Talented staff currently working in the elementary and middle schools. At this time, there are no Gifted and Talented staff allocated to the high schools, but there are some staff members receiving a stipend for working with the high school students. She reviewed the steps taken to determine what the best case scenarios would be if adding staff, and reviewed the number of positions the committee feels are needed. To achieve the best case scenarios for the elementary, middle and high school level the committee has requested twelve additional full time staff members be added. ➤ The Board thanked Mrs. Baskin for the update. 	
						3. Mueller Social Worlds Study Mrs. Kati Garner, Mental Health and Crisis Coordinator, briefed the Board on a research project Dr. Anna Mueller would like to conduct with high school students. The research would look at student connectivity and how it relates to mental health outcomes and behaviors. The research would examine the students' home life, social life as well as community involvement. Dr. Mueller shared information regarding the project with representatives from Colorado Mesa University and Mesa County Public Health with both entities supporting the project. All information would remain anonymous including the research projects location, to protect the students and the community. Timeline for the project would place data collection during the 2019-2020 school year and the research being conducted during the 2020-2021 school year. There would be no cost to the District, as the cost would be covered through donations. Local community members and foundations have already pledged monies to fund the project. Dr. Mueller would share her findings and suggestions with the District.	

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						<p>➤ The Board thanked Mrs. Garner for reaching out to Dr. Mueller and they look forward to viewing the results of the study.</p> <p>4. Board Open Discussion</p> <p>➤ The Board discussed the need to make sure curriculum adoption was moving forward.</p> <p>➤ Dr. Sirko stated she is reviewing policies and will be looking to see what curriculum items need to go before the Board and what items could be approved through the Superintendent's Office.</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Melissa Turner, Curriculum Director, stated that the curriculum she will be bringing forward for approval is curriculum, which was selected through a teacher driven process.</p> <p>➤ Ms. Leigh Grasso, Executive Director of Site Leadership, stated, with the passing of the mill levy increase and the ability to purchase new curriculum, the District's policy on curriculum adoption was being revised. In addition, at the beginning of 2019, the new Scholastic Library was approved by the Board and students are already benefiting from the materials.</p> <p>Adjourn 7:34 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary Board of Education</p>	Adjourn