

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

January 3, 2017

Work Session Meeting 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: January 3, 2017 Adopted: February 21, 2017	
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						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present	x	x	x	x	x	BOARD WORK SESSION. ➤ Superintendent Steve Schultz provided the Board with a letter announcing his retirement. After 35 years of service in District 51, Mr. Schultz will retire, effective June 30, 2017. Mr. Schultz stated he chose to retire after careful consideration and talking with his family. He stated he wanted to let the Board know his intentions early so they may spend adequate time searching for a qualified replacement who will see the District through its continuing efforts to modernize education. Mr. Williams, Board President, stated the District's vision is largely a result of Mr. Schultz's leadership and he has enjoyed working with him. A. Legislative Update, Ms. Amy Attwood, Legislative Liaison ➤ Ms. Attwood, a Lobbyist who works with Mesa County Valley School District 51, provided the Board with an update ahead of the start of the 2017 state legislative session. Ms. Attwood's predictions for the coming session include the possibility of a ballot measure proposal to place hospital provider fee revenue into an enterprise fund, a bill from the charter school community requiring districts to share mill levy override revenue evenly with charter schools which are in the district and a bill which would make state assessments a requirement for elementary and middle schools, optional for ninth grade and mandatory in eleventh grade in the form of the ACT or SAT test. Ms. Attwood also stated it is possible Colorado will switch assessments as soon as 2018 and the school finance formula could impact district funding as soon as 2019. Ms. Attwood added the budget proposals vary on how high the Negative Factor will be in coming years. The Board thanked Ms. Attwood for her report. B. YEA Program, Ms. Diane Schwenke, Chamber of Commerce ➤ Ms. Diane Schwenke, President and CEO of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on the fourth year of the YEA (Young Entrepreneurs Academy) Program. Ms. Schwenke stated she appreciated the District's partnership in offering the program to middle and high school students who are interested in taking an idea and growing it into a business over the course of one school year. This year's participants are in high school, with one eleven year old. Fourteen students started in the 2016-2017 program and twelve remain. Students will go through a CEO round table on February 21 at the Maverick Innovation Center at CMU. Student business concepts include selling a baseball bat which adjusts in size and weight as a child ages, a kit filled with things people commonly need in their bag or purse, a new conservation-minded watering system for lawns, using recycled material to create logs to use in a fireplace or campfire and an all in one coat and backpack. The Board thanked Mrs. Schwenke for her partnership.	
Absent							

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						<p>C. United Way Day Off Winners – Drawing, Mr. Tracey Gallegos, Assistant Principal, Mr. Corey Hafey, Principal, Mrs. April Hart, Communications Specialist</p> <p>➤ Mesa County Valley School District 51 United Way Campaign Co-Chairs Mr. Corey Hafey and Mr. Tracy Gallegos, along with Coordinator, Mrs. April Hart, announced there were 909 employees which donated to United Way following the 2016 campaign. Donations totaled \$79,180.45. The highest participation rates at each level this year were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelledy Elementary • Orchard Mesa Middle School • R5 High School • Basil T Knight Building <p>The highest percentage increases in participation were at Mesa View Elementary and Grand River Academy. Winners of a day off were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Beach • Catharine Mudd • Kevin LaDuke • Alan Bateman • Stanley Scott • Gina Palmer • Angela Christensen • Rob Witt • Velva Behrman • Jacquelyn Walters • Sarah Smith • Michelle Wilcox • Dan Sharp • Carol Sams • Vicki Woods <p>D. Accreditation Update, Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer</p> <p>➤ The Colorado Department of Education announced Mesa County Valley School District 51's 2016-2017 performance rating will be accredited: Low Participation. School-level accreditation ratings will be finalized and announced later this month. Accreditation levels are assigned to Districts and schools based on academic achievement and academic longitudinal growth, as measured by CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success), as well as postsecondary and workforce readiness measures, such as ACT (American College Test) scores, dropout rates and graduation rates. Accreditation: Low Participation means the District met most or all state goals for these measures. The low participation designation stems from fewer than 95% of D51 students eligible for CMAS science testing; either not taking the science test or turning in a parent refusal form.</p>	

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	BUSINESS MEETING 7:26 p.m. 1. Roll Call/Agenda Approval	
Motion Second					x	Mr. Mikolai moved to amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session regarding personnel.	Adopted
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion Second					x	2. Resolution to Approve Montrose School District BOCES Memo of Understanding [Resolution: 16/17:39]	Adopted
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	➤ The Grand Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (GVBOCES) will help Montrose schools provide more Career and Technical Education opportunities (at WCCC) for Montrose students under this MOU. There will be no financial impact to Mesa County Valley School District 51.	
No							
Motion Second					x	3. Resolution for Plan of Program Reduction: 16/17:38]	Adopted
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	➤ The Board approved a program change to eliminate the job coach program, due to redundancy of resources. Due to implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, the District now has a Colorado Department of Vocational Rehabilitation counselor and four SWAP (Schools to Work Alliance Program) representatives providing services to those performed by job coaches. Elimination of the job coach program would cut two job coach positions, generating a savings of \$65,000, which would be used to employ paraprofessional staff needed in special education classrooms. Each of the two staff members impacted by this change may apply for other open positions within the District for which they are qualified.	
No							
Motion Second					x	4. Executive Session: 8:02 p.m.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	<u>Legal Advice:</u> Pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b), for a conference with legal counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specifically, legal questions concerning charter school participation in bond and mill levy elections, and concerning the Board's authority to determine qualifications of Superintendent. <u>Present:</u> Mr. Williams, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Mikolai, Mr. Levinson, Mr. Pitton, Mr. David Price, Esq., Mr. Steve Schultz Time spent on Executive Session/Legal Advice: 46 minutes	
No						<u>Personnel:</u> Pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (f) for discussion of a personnel matter, specifically regarding the Superintendent's contract and announced retirement, and not including discussion of: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill any office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies which do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees. <u>Present:</u> Mr. Williams, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Mikolai, Mr. Levinson, Mr. Pitton, Mr. David Price, Esq., Mr. Steve Schultz Time spent on Executive Session/Personnel: 7 minutes	

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Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	Motion to return to Open Session: 8:55 p.m.	Adjourn – 8:55 p.m.
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	5. Adjournment	
						Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education	

**A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered as of the 13 day of December, 2016 by and between the GRAND VALLEY BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, a Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services, whose address is 2508 Blichmann Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81505, hereinafter referred to as "GVBOCES", and MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J, a Colorado public school district, whose address is 930 Colorado Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401, hereinafter referred to as the "District".

WHEREAS, GVBOCES operates an educational facility known as the Western Colorado Community College, hereinafter referred to as "WCCC", which is a designated Career and Technical Education location by official action of the Colorado Community College System, hereinafter referred to as "CCCS"; and

WHEREAS, the District has requested additional career and technical education for students enrolled at the various high schools; and

WHEREAS, GVBOCES has the qualifications and is willing to provide such services at WCCC.

THEREFORE, the parties do hereby agree to the following:

I. GENERAL TERMS

- A. This agreement covers a period of one (1) academic year serving R1J students at the CMU Montrose campus. This agreement shall be valid during the District's established 2017-2018 school year. The beginning and ending dates, holidays and vacation periods of the contract year shall coincide with the school calendar. The last day of WCCC classes will be May 24 2018.
- B. The District agrees to a tuition as follows. If a class does not have a minimum of 5 students enrolled in it at the beginning of the semester, the class will be cancelled.
- 5 -7 students = \$750.00 per student per semester
 - 8 - 9 students = \$468.75 per student per semester
 - 10 - 11 students = \$375.00 per student per semester
 - 12 -14 students = \$312.50 per student per semester
 - 15+ students = \$250.00 per student per semester

Assumptions:

- Application of federal formula for minimum contact hours per credit hour (34 CFR 668.8) requires at least 37.5 contact hours per credit hour
- At least 110 minutes of class time per day x 84.5 calendar days (168 days annual/2; D51 calendar)
- 1 mod=approximate 5 credit hours (5 days per week x at least 110 minutes per day)
- Adjunct faculty salary (w/ Master's degree) = \$750.00 per credit hour

**GVBOCES and MCSDRE-1J
2017-18 Contract**

II. SPECIFIC TERMS

A. The GVBOCES agrees to the following:

1. To provide facilities, instruction and training for District students in areas like the following (final list of classes will be determined by the District and WCCC/CMU) in time for students to register for fall 2017 classes:
 - a. Medical Preparation/Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA);
 - b. Computer Networking Technology(CISCO);
 - c. STEM;
 - d. Marketing Education;
2. To schedule classes daily during WCCC/CMU operations hours.
3. To provide qualified instructors who shall hold valid CTE Teaching Credentials and, when necessary, valid Colorado Teaching Credentials.
4. To offer a meaningful curriculum approved by the CCCS in each program area, including provisions for participation in youth organizations.
5. To provide student attendance reports to each high school and/or to the Executive Director of High Schools, or an appointed representative, for each high school grading period.
6. To award a Technical Scholar's certificate to each student for which it has been determined that completion, competency, and grades are adequate to satisfy entry-level employment requirements.
7. To cooperate with designated school personnel in interviewing and selecting prospective students for the District's 2017-2018 school year.
8. To participate fully in parent/teacher conferences.
9. To provide assistance on CCCS matters on behalf of the District as follows:
 - a. VE135 student enrollment and follow-up data;
 - b. Program approvals -- Parts I & II for all programs;
 - c. Program reviews for all programs;
 - d. Accounting and responsibility for Carl Perkins Basic Grant funds, including audit and monitoring visits; and
 - e. Curriculum development and CCCS approval.

10. Direct supervision of all staff, students, facilities, and equipment located at CMU Montrose.

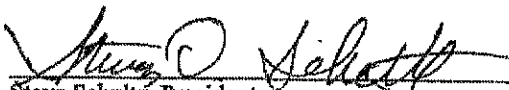
B. The District agrees that:

1. Upon receipt of proper billing, payment for services will be rendered; payment for each contract year will be made in four equal installments on or about September 1, December 1, February 1, and May 1, of the year, unless an alternative schedule is mutually agreed upon prior to September 1.
2. The Director of Instructional Services, their designee or superintendent, will act as a liaison person between the District and WCCC for communications with regard to assistance in the interpretation and use of school policies dealing with student discipline, absences, class transfers, class dismissals, and other District procedures which relate to program operation.
3. The home school administration shall provide notification in advance of activities for which students should be excused from attending WCCC classes.
4. High school counselors will provide records to WCCC instructors, when requested, regarding individual student assessment and needs.

In addition, the District agrees to in-kind services such as: purchasing support, access to district central stores.

EXECUTED the day and year first written above by authorized representatives of the parties.

GRAND VALLEY BOARD OF
COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES


Steve Schultz, President

ATTEST:


Lenna Watson, Secretary

MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT RE-1J


Leann Tobin, Board President

ATTEST:


Stephen Schiell, Superintendent



Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

**Resolution For Classified/Support Staff
Reduction in Force**

Board of Education Resolution: 16/17: 38

Adopted: January 3, 2017

WHEREAS, the District currently employs two (2) classified-support staff members in the position of “job coach” serving in District high schools; and

WHEREAS, job coaches provide certain transition services required by law for secondary students with disabilities, including career exploration, career development, employment-related instruction, as well as job development and placement services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and its implementing regulations issued in August 2016, the Colorado Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (“CDVR”) is required to provide transition-related services to students with disabilities, and the District now contracts with the CDVR to deliver such services in connection with the School to Work Alliance Program (“SWAP”); and

WHEREAS, the District now has 4 (four) SWAP representatives working with students in the high schools as well as 1 (one) CDVR counselor, and the services they provide duplicate the purpose and services assigned to job coaches; and

WHEREAS, to eliminate duplication of transition-related services, the administration has recommended termination of the job coach program, which will require cancellation of both current job coach positions; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has submitted the following written plan for reductions in classified-support staff in connection with elimination of the job coach program, should the Board determine to make such program change:

Proposed Position Reductions

<u>Number and Position</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1 FTE Job Coach	Fruita Monument High School and Grand Junction High School
1 FTE Job Coach	Central High School and Palisade High School

and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the administration's recommendation for elimination of the job coach program and proposed plan identifying and determining the specific positions to be subject to the reduction in force are consistent with the needs of the District, with the efficient use of public funds and in the best interests of District students.

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board hereby eliminates the job coach program as a "program change" pursuant to Board Policy GCQA(2), and approves the Superintendent's written plan identifying the specific positions to be subject to the reduction in force attendant to such program change, and directs the administration to implement such plan immediately, and to make any necessary changes in the District's organizational charts;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed (a) to lay off and otherwise cancel the employment rights of such specific classified staff employees in accordance with the above-described plan to effect the foregoing reductions in force consistent herewith and in conformity with Board Policy GCQA(2); (b) to give notice, immediately and in writing, to the employees affected regarding such determination and action in accordance with such policy and Regulation GCQA-R; and (c) to inform the Board within ten (10) days of the date hereof of the action taken in conformity herewith.

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 January 3, 2017.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education

ACTION OF THE BOARD:
