Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting *February 16, 2010*

Minutes

School District 51
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			x			A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL	6:00 pm
Present	x	x	x	x	x		
Absent							
						➢ Mr. Butler welcomed attendees to the February, Board Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, under *Item G. Audience Comments*.	
Motion					x	B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted
Second		x					As Presented
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						C. MINUTES APPROVAL	
Motion				x		C-1. January 5, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes	Adopted As
Second					x		Presented
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				C-2. January 19, 2010, Business Meeting Minutes	Adopted As
Second				x			Presented
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. 4A Head Volleyball Coach, Colorado All State Games: Ms. Wendy MacAskill, Palisade High School [Resolution: 09/10: 72]	
						➢ Mr. Butler asked Ms. Wendy MacAskill to come forward to accept the Board's Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Butler read the Resolution, recognizing Ms. MacAskill for being invited to be a Head Volleyball Coach for the Colorado All-State Games this summer in Denver. Wendy is one of two coaches chosen among all the volleyball coaches at the Division 4A level; only seven coaches from across the State of Colorado were selected for the All-State Games.	
						➢ The Board and Superintendent congratulated Ms. MacAskill for her accomplishments and work with student athletes.	
						E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS	
						➢ Mrs. Rice reported her attendance at the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Event, held at Chipeta Elementary School. She enjoyed the opportunity to thank staff for their work and to visit with students. Mrs. Kiesler also attended the event.	
						➢ Mr. Butler reported attending the monthly District Accountability Committee (DAC) Meeting. Mrs. Rice also attended, and reported the discussion included Graduation and Drop-out Rates, a budget update, and the Individual School Improvement Plan (ISIP) process.	
						➢ Mr. Butler noted that a Colorado Department of Education meeting was in process on the WCCC campus, regarding work force readiness and secondary assessments. Unfortunately, the state meeting was inadvertently scheduled at the same time as the monthly Board Business Meeting. Superintendent Schultz indicated the district was well represented at the meeting with many staff members in attendance.	

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F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- Mrs. Kiesler provided an overview of current House and Senate Bills being presented at the State. Those bills included updates and status on the following topics: PERA, alternative finance models, juvenile transitions back to public school, interim committee to study school finance, capital construction for charter schools, safer streets, and public school transparency. Mrs. Kiesler indicated if further questions or information is needed, to please contact her for details.

G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None at this Time

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

H-1. Instructional Update: Mr. Bill Larsen, Mrs. Deb Bailey, Mr. Andy Laase

- Mr. Laase, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, reported 463 students have received support through Soar to Success for reading and Do the Math interventions for the month of January in the elementary schools. He reviewed the number of sessions and the percentage of students making progress. Support is available before, after, and during the school day. Schools have one or both of these interventions being utilized, determined by student needs; other interventions are also provided. Mr. Laase emphasized the interventions are not stand-alone; they are in addition to a strong core curriculum which is beneficial to all students. He reported as the support for the core curriculum continues, in terms of leveraging instructional practices with continued training and support for teachers, the intervention numbers are expected to decrease.
- Mrs. Deb Bailey, Executive Director of Middle Schools, reported the number of students being served in January with targeted interventions, the percentage of students showing progress, and the number of students being monitored. Those interventions include Literacy Plus, 265 students; Math Plus, 269 students; and Lexia, 81 students. Master schedules are adjusted to allow for additional support during the year; learning blocks are created where support and extensions are available.
- Mr. Bill Larsen, Executive Director of High Schools, reported the two full-time Progress Monitors serving at each of high schools have been very beneficial for students who may "fall through the cracks." He reported on the number of students who have utilized Nova Net over the past three years, compared to the current usage for the semester. Data shows increases in overall usage, including Credit Recovery and ACT Prep.
- Board members asked questions and engaged in conversation, regarding the following:
  - Duplicated numbers at the elementary level where one student may be engaged in several different interventions;
  - The overlap of summer extended learning opportunities;
  - The importance of students feeling good about school when they are successful academically;
  - The offerings of interventions as an addition, not a pull-out from the regular classroom;

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- The tutorial opportunities for students in the Key Performance Program.

H-2. Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Presentation
[Resolution: 09/10: 73]

- Superintendent Schultz introduced the presentation by acknowledging the district's involvement and hard work in upgrading the curriculum to align with the State Standards. Ms. Cathie Gonzales and Ms. Terri LeFebre presented information which included the following:
  - A review of the middle-school social studies textbooks being presented; the last adoption occurred in 1997-98;
  - A general background, update and status on curriculum adoption;
  - Alignment of grade-level expectations;
  - The new Personal Finance curriculum, which is included in the area of Social Studies;
  - The grant from the Colorado Council of Economic Education, which is providing best-practice support of the new standards and is a resource;
  - Professional development, resources, textbooks, and technology.
- Superintendent Schultz commented on the importance of our partnerships in leveraging resources.
- The materials were available in the Board Room, for the Board's review, and will remain at BTK for further access. Adoption is scheduled for the March 23 Business Meeting.
- Superintendent Schultz asked Ms. Gonzales to update the Board on the staff and administrators who were selected to serve on the State Assessment Subcommittees. She was excited to report that one person was selected on each of the five different categories, which speaks well for the quality of district staff. The following staff were selected:
  - Mr. Dan Bunnell, GMMS, Summative Subcommittee;
  - Ms. Teri LeFebre, BTK, Formative Subcommittee;
  - Ms. Maggie Childers, BTK, Formative Subcommittee;
  - Ms. Ann Conaway, PHS, Summative Subcommittee;
  - Ms. Barbara Harvey, FMHS, Special Populations Subcommittee;
  - Ms. Jackie Howard, Hawthorne, School Readiness Subcommittee;
  - Mr. Sean Taylor, Emerson, Post-Secondary Workforce Readiness Subcommittee.
- Mr. Butler, who serves on the State Assessment Committee, reviewed the process for the above selection, and extended his congratulations.
- Superintendent Schultz indicated changes are anticipated in this area, and the district is working to stay in front of the changes; 2012 is the scheduled date for the standards to be aligned to the CSAP assessments.
- The Board and Superintendent thanked Ms. Gonzales and Ms. LeFebre for the presentation.

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H-3. Business/Investment Reports: Mrs. Vi Crawford & Mrs. Callahan deVita

- Mr. Mikolai asked about the cost of propane. Mrs. Callahan deVita reported propane costs are up with the extra cold winter; however, with many new systems in place, natural gas costs have declined.

H-4. 2010-2011 Budget Survey Report

- Mr. Jeff Kirtland provided a short PowerPoint presentation which covered the following:
  - Survey logistics: administered online and in paper form from January 22, 2010 through February 10; total number of completed surveys = 2,097; summary results are completed; final results are still being processed;
  - Survey purpose and intent;
  - Respondents;
  - Results – Top 10 Overall;
  - Results – Top 5, from parents, staff, and overall;
  - Strongest opinions.
- Mr. Kirtland reported the preliminary results, as comments are still being processed. The survey provided public and staff input on specific programmatic considerations; the survey is not considered to be scientific. The strongest opinions were reported, as follows:
  - 73% disagree with eliminating middle school busing;
  - 73% would reduce travel to the front range;
  - 72% would increase activity fees;
  - 69% support shortening the school year;
  - 69% support a 4-day school week;
  - 66% agree with charging for transportation.
- Superintendent Schultz emphasized the survey was not intended to cover all the things the district would do to reduce budgets; it was to receive input on potential ideas and guide decision making. He indicated at this time there are many unknown factors to consider regarding the 2010-11 budget; the budget shortfall for District 51 is estimated between 8-12 million. Regarding the 4-day week option, he emphasized a focused analysis would need to be accomplished to determine specific cost-savings.
- Board members asked questions and engaged in conversation regarding the components of the survey. It was suggested that the survey be reissued with a narrowed focus, to gain a larger sample of community input. Board discussion also included the 4-day week, and the possibility of establishing a committee to look at the savings and benefits.

H-5. Expulsion Report

- Superintendent Schultz reported as of January 31, 2010, there have been 20 less student expulsions than at the same time last year; however, it is not uncommon to see increases in the spring.

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						H-6. 2009-2010 Calendar Adjustment ➢ Superintendent Schultz presented the 2009-2010 Traditional School Calendar to the Board for possible re-adoption at *Business Item K-5*. He gave a short background of how the calendar was first developed, to allow for two additional instructional days, at the Board's request to increase time in the classroom. However, those two days were contingent on state funding which did not materialize, due to several budget rescissions. Through collaboration with the MVEA, February 15 was converted from an Inservice Day to a Holiday and moved to the end of the school year to preserve the day for instruction. Due to funding issues the second day was left unfunded; therefore, it was necessary to adjust the calendar by changing the last day of school to May 26, instead of May 27. ➢ Board members asked for clarification, regarding the number of contact days. Superintendent Schultz reported that students in District 51 attend school above the state-mandated hourly requirement for student contact, even with the snow day which occurred in December. Recess: 7:10 pm, Reconvene: 7:24 pm	
						I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.	
Motion				x		J. CONSENT AGENDA [Resolutions 09/10: 68, 69, 70, 71]	Adopted
Second	x					J-1. Personnel Actions	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	J-1-a. Licensed Personnel	
No						J-1-b. Support Personnel	
						J-2. Gifts	
						J-3. Grants	
						K. BUSINESS ITEMS	
Motion		x				K-1. Board Policy 2nd Reading & Adoption	Adopted
Second				x		K-1.a. *Policy BDG, School Attorney*	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						K-2. Board Policy 1st Reading & Information	
						K-2-a. JICJ, *Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices* [Questions can be directed to Mr. Odus Harwood]	Presented for First Reading & Information Only
Motion				x		K-3. Bank of America Amendment to the Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement, dated June 30, 2009. [In conjunction with the Phase I Energy Performance Contract]	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						K-4. Bank of America Lease/Purchase Agreement, Phase II Projects ➢ After clarification, the motion was amended to approve both Business Items K-3 & K-4, addressed in Resolution: 09/10:74.	Adopted
Motion				x		K-5. 2009-2010 Traditional Calendar Adjustment	Re-adopted as Presented
Second					x	➢ Board members commented on their desire to increase instructional time in the classroom for students. However, due to the budget rescissions this year, the adjustment as noted above was necessary.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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						L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION ➢ Mrs. Enos-Martinez provided information, regarding the Multi-cultural Conference being held at Mesa State College, and extended an invitation to the Board to attend on Saturday, February 20. Congressman John Salazar is the keynote speaker. Superintendent Schultz commented this first-annual conference, sponsored by School District 51 and community partners, is an exciting event and a step in the right direction for student leadership. ➢ Mrs. Kiesler attended the Alpine Student of the Month Luncheon, which is a wonderful event for student recognition. ➢ Superintendent Schultz, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Butler, and Mrs. Kiesler attended the Kids Voting Annual Event. Many students participated and it was successful, with record attendance. M. FUTURE MEETINGS: Reviewed.	
Motion				x		N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:36 pm	Adjourned to Executive Session
Second					x	➢ Negotiations, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e): Mr. Butler asked for a motion and second to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators. All were in favor.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No						Present: Mr. Butler, Mrs. Enos-Martinez, Mrs. Kiesler, Mr. Mikolai, Mrs. Rice Present: Superintendent Schultz, Mrs. Callahan deVita, Mrs. Martin	Convened: 7:49 pm
Motion				x		➢ Return to Opening Meeting: 8:45 pm	Return to Open Meeting
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x		O. MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:46 pm	Meeting Adjourned
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary
Board of Education

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Recognition:
Wendy MacAskill
4A Head Volleyball Coach, Colorado All-State Games

Board of Education Resolution: 09/10: 72

Presented: February 16, 2010

The Board of Education would like to congratulate Palisade High School Volleyball Coach Wendy MacAskill, for being invited to be the Head Volleyball Coach for the Colorado All-State games this summer in Denver. Wendy is one of two coaches chosen among all the volleyball coaches at the Division 4A level. Only seven coaches from across the State of Colorado were selected for the All-State Games.

This is a great honor for Wendy, Palisade volleyball, the school community and District 51 at large. Wendy just completed her third year as the head volleyball coach at PHS; she was an assistant coach there for six years prior to that.

Wendy is a coach who interweaves education with athletics, stressing learning opportunities while also coaching volleyball skills to her team. She provides her student athletes with experiences which improve their knowledge and athletic ability both on the court and beyond. The Board is proud to recognize Wendy and wish her the best of luck in her All-State debut this summer.

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Licensed Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution: 09/10: 71

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Name	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements		
None at this time.		
Resignations/Terminations		
Bethany Statter	Dos Rios/Sped Moderate Needs	January 12, 2010
Della P. Anderson	PHS/Vocal Music	May 27, 2010
Elizabeth Findlay	Fruitvale/Sped Moderate Needs	January 19, 2010
Leave of Absences		
None at this time.		
New Assignments		
Deborah Martin	Fruitvale/Sped Moderate Needs	February 1, 2010
Jane Johnson	RMS/Sped Severe Needs	January 4, 2010
Melissa Odom	OMMS/Sped Moderate Needs	February 2, 2010
Steven Kauyedauty	Tope/Sped Autism Specialist	January 5, 2010

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Support Personnel

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT		LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
RETIREMENTS (None at this time)				
RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS				
Delgado, Marta Lazo	Paralibrarian		Dual Immersion Academy	2/2/2010
Ehlman, Melanie A	Instructional Asst	Sped	Opportunity Center	2/19/2010
Garmong, Toni R	Paraprofessional		Fruitvale Elementary	2/2/2010
Knechtel, Clarissa D	Instructional Asst	Sped	Orchard Mesa Middle School	1/29/2010
Mill, Brian K	Night Custodian		Orchard Avenue Elementary	2/5/2010
Miller, Peggy R	Instructional Asst		R-5 High School	1/22/2010
Poulos, John J	Night Custodian		Dos Rios Elementary	1/29/2010
Olson, Dean J	Night Custodian		Fruitvale Elementary	1/15/2010
Schmitt Jr, Steven B	Night Custodian		Central High School	1/25/2010
ASSIGNMENTS				
Decrow, Jeffrey K	Warehouse Person		Warehouse	1/19/2010
Kieran, Sarah C	Sped/Hr Generalist		Human Resources	1/5/2010
Rabideau, Lee K	Translator		Equity/Diversity	1/5/2010
Richardson, Angela M	Secretary/Instructional Asst.		Glade Park K-2	1/19/2010
Wentz Todd, Amy K	Custodian	Parttime	Glade Park K-2	1/4/2010
LEAVE OF ABSENCE - None at this time				

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 February 16, 2010.

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Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 09/10:70

Adopted: February 16, 2010

Donor	Twice Upon A Time Bookshop
Gift	Cash
Value	$150.00
School/Department	Bookcliff Middle School / Student of the Month Breakfast

Donor	Commercial Specialists
Gift	Cash
Value	$120.00
School/Department	Bookcliff Middle School / Student of the Month Breakfast

Donor	American National Bank
Gift	Cash
Value	$125.00
School/Department	Bookcliff Middle School / Student of the Month Breakfast

Donor	Pinnacle Glass
Gift	Cash
Value	$125.00
School/Department	Bookcliff Middle School / Student of the Month Breakfast

Donor	Grand Valley Hyundai
Gift	Cash
Value	$140.00
School/Department	Bookcliff Middle School / Student of the Month Breakfast

Donor	Horace Mann Insurance
Gift	Two bikes and two iPods
Value	$320.00
School/Department	Bookcliff Middle School / Perfect Attendance Awards

Donor	Sutherlands
Gift	Fifteen 4-packs of fluorescent bulbs
Value	$88.00
School/Department	New Emerson Elem. / Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Replace Program

Donor	Grand Junction Geological Society
Gift	Twenty-one satellite images of the Grand Valley
Value	$210.00
School/Department	Middle Schools / 6th grade Earth Science teachers

Donor	D. G. (Bud) Lofvenborg
Gift	Cash
Value	$600.00
School/Department	Taylor / Students benefits (staff to decide best use)

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Donor	Walmart
Gift	Cash
Value	$1000.00
School/Department	Pear Park Elementary / Positive Behavior Support Program

Donor	Pattie and Dave Cesark
Gift	Cash
Value	$200.00
School/Department	Wingate Elementary / 4th grade field trip

Donor	Broadway Elementary PTO
Gift	Cash
Value	$300.00
School/Department	Broadway Elementary / Art work for hallway

Donor	Texas Roadhouse
Gift	Two $50.00 gift certificates
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School / Teacher Appreciation Drawing

Donor	Johnny Carino's Restaurant
Gift	Gift certificate
Value	$35.00
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School / Teacher Appreciation Drawing

Donor	JoAnn McBride
Gift	Two $50.00 massage therapy gift certificates
Value	$100.00
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School / Teacher Appreciation Drawing

Donor	Country Elegance
Gift	Gift certificate
Value	$25.00
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School / Teacher Appreciation Drawing

Donor	Starvin Arvin's Restaurant
Gift	Gift certificate
Value	$25.00
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School / Teacher Appreciation Drawing

Donor	Nancy Beckwith
Gift	Cash
Value	$200.00
School/Department	Scenic Elementary / Students benefits (staff to decide best use)

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education, in accepting the donations listed above, extends their appreciation and acknowledges these important partnerships within the community which support learning for all students.

Board of Education Resolution 09/10: 69

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Grant Title	State Energy & Mineral Severance Tax grant
Source	Colorado Governor's Energy Office
Fund Number	22-730-3965
Site	Maintenance
Description	Funding to be used toward energy engineering services for Energy Star building labels
Budget Amount	$7,000.00
Fiscal Year	6/30/2010
Authorized Representative	Cal Clark

Grant Title	State Energy & Mineral Severance Tax grant
Source	Colorado Governor's Energy Office
Fund Number	22-730-3965
Site	Maintenance
Description	Funding to be used toward web site cost to the Colorado Association of School District Energy Managers (CASDEM)
Budget Amount	$4,475.00
Fiscal Year	6/30/2010
Authorized Representative	Cal Clark

Grant Title	School Counselor Corps Grant Program
Source	Colorado Department of Education
Fund Number	22-644-3192
Site	Central High School and Palisade High School
Description	Supplemental allocation for professional development, postsecondary and dropout prevention and postsecondary planning.
Budget Amount	$12,355.00
Fiscal Year	06/30/2010
Authorized Representative	Bill Larsen

Grant Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Clifton Family Center
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-116-3958
Site	Clifton Elementary
Description	To fund educational and family involvement activities in a Family Center setting.
Budget Amount	$40,000
Fiscal Year	12/31/10
Authorized Representative	Andy Laase Michelle Mansheim supplies up to $1,000

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Grant Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - Dos Rios Family Center
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-122-3958
Site	Dos Rios Elementary School
Description	To be used to fund the Dos Rios Family Resource Center
Budget Amount	$60,000
Fiscal Year	12/31/2010
Authorized Representative	Andy Laase, Vernann Raney for supplies up to $1,000

Grant Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Rocky Mountain Family Center
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-121-3958
Site	Rocky Mountain Elementary
Description	To fund educational and family involvement activities in a Family Center setting.
Budget Amount	$20,000
Fiscal Year	12/31/10
Authorized Representative	Andy Laase Patty Virden supplies up to $1,000

Grant Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Riverside Family Center
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-120-3958
Site	Dual Immersion Academy
Description	To fund educational and family involvement activities in a Family Center setting.
Budget Amount	$60,000
Fiscal Year	12/31/10
Authorized Representative	Andy Laase Rosa Culver supplies up to $1,000

Grant Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - Food for Thought
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-605-8555
Site	Various schools
Description	To be used for incentives for parents involved in Food for Thought nights.
Budget Amount	$20,400
Fiscal Year	12/31/2010
Authorized Representative	Terri Smatla

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Grant Title	District Improvement Grant – Title I-A
Fund Number	22-5010
Site	District wide
Description	The purpose of this competitive federal grant through CDE is to provide support to districts that have been identified for Title I Program Improvement and to assist districts in addressing the improvement needs and program requirements of Title I Program Improvement Corrective Action Phase. The majority of these funds will be used to conduct a Comprehensive Appraisal for District Improvement (CADI) review ($85,000) and implementation of their findings ($40,000).
Budget Amount	$125,000.00
Fiscal Year	June 30, 2010
Authorized Representative	Judy Thornburg

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education approves the above identified grant funds for expenditure purposes.

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 February 16, 2010.

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Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education

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BDG

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

Adopted: October 10, 1972
Revised: September 15, 1987
Readopted: February 16, 2010

The Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 shall function in accordance with state and federal laws pertaining to public school operations. The Board shall retain an attorney for legal counsel and services that are necessary in the operation of district affairs. The attorney shall be compensated for his services in a mutually agreed amount between himself and the district and shall be appointed on or before July 1, of each year.

The attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be required to attend such board meetings and other meetings where his services may be needed. Attorney services may be requested by the Board, the superintendent, assistant superintendent, executive directors of business, instruction and human resources and the Board secretary. Other staff members who desire legal counsel on school matters shall make their requests to one of these administrators.

This policy, as presented, replaces JICJ, Use of Cell Phones and Pagers. Please see the original policy attached.

~~Adopted: August 6, 2002~~
Presented for 1st Reading & Information: February 16, 2010

The Board of Education believes that personal electronic devices may be useful tools for students in the educational environment and can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. However, possession and use of personal electronic devices in school situations must be regulated to assure that the use or presence of such devices does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or school operations, or impair the safety, welfare and privacy of students and staff. For purposes of this policy, "personal electronic devices" includes any privately-owned portable electronic device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays, receives, records or transmits messages or data, accesses or otherwise connects wirelessly to the internet, to other computers or computer networks or other electronic devices, or otherwise records, summons or delivers an electronic audio or video file or other form of electronic data or communication to the possessor of such device. “Personal electronic devices” include but are not limited to cell phones, laptop computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and other wireless communication devices (such as iPhones, Blackberries and Palm Pilots), walkie-talkies, beepers, pagers, tape or digital audio or video recorders and cameras, iPods, MP3 players, and portable game consoles.

A. Prohibited Uses.

Students shall not use personal electronic devices—

(1) To engage in, promote or facilitate any conduct that otherwise violates the Code of Student Conduct or other Board policies or regulations—

(2) In any manner that causes or results in disruption of the educational environment or school sponsored extracurricular activities or events, or impairs or interferes with school or District operations;

(3) In a manner that violates state or federal laws or regulations while on school property or during school-sponsored activities;

(4) To photograph or record the activities of other students or school personnel on District property or at school or school-sponsored activities, or to disseminate to others such photographs or recordings, in a manner intended to cause or result in, or in a manner the student using the device should reasonably have foreseen would cause or result in, emotional distress, embarrassment or humiliation of a person, or an invasion or violation of any person’s reasonable expectation of privacy. Personal electronic devices with cameras may be prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms, or other locations where the presence of such devices pose an unreasonable risk to the safety, welfare or privacy of other persons, as determined by the building principal.

(5) During instructional time. Instructional time includes the entire period of a scheduled class, and other time when students are directed to report to and participate in any instructional activity.

(6) During other school-sponsored or school-supervised group activities during the school day (for example, during student assemblies, awards, or other public ceremonies, etc.) or

(7) When their use is otherwise prohibited by this policy or by school rules. The principal may, in his or her discretion, establish and enforce additional rules for use of personal electronic devices appropriate to individual campus needs, including rules prohibiting student use of personal electronic devices during class breaks, lunch periods, or other times during school. School officials are encouraged to set guidelines for the use of such devices during school trips and extracurricular activities. Schools also have the discretion to designate certain times and/or areas on the school campus for student use of personal electronic devices during school hours.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that personal electronic devices in his or her possession are turned off and placed out of sight during times when use is not authorized. Personal electronic devices (1) that produce any audible sound, a ring tone or vibrating alert, whether through a speaker, earphones, buzzer or other means or (2) that are displayed or in plain view at such times shall be deemed to be used in violation of the preceding paragraph A.

B. Pagers/Signaling Devices. Except as provided in Paragraph C.(2) or (4) below, students shall not possess or use pocket pagers or other personal electronic devices primarily used as signaling devices on school property or at school or school-sponsored activities.

C. Exceptions. Students may possess and use personal electronic devices during instructional time or when otherwise prohibited under subparagraph (5), (6) and (7) above, under the following circumstances:

(1) When the use of such devices as a curricular tool is noted in the teacher's syllabus, or is otherwise specifically approved by classroom teacher and/or principal as an aid in extending, enhancing, and/or reinforcing the students' learning process related to educationally appropriate instructional objectives of the class they are attending (i.e., student use of a camera during a photography class; student use of a personal laptop computer for a class presentation).

(2) Students may use personal electronic devices during instructional time or at other times when specifically authorized pursuant to a current individual education plan (IEP), a Section 504 accommodation plan, or a health care plan in force and effect regarding the student.

(3) The use is necessary to respond to or report an emergency. For purposes of this policy, "emergency" shall mean an actual or imminent threat to health or safety of students and/or school personnel, which may result in death, bodily injury or property damage.

(4) When such use is permitted by a prior written authorization of the building principal to accommodate special circumstances or needs of a student. Such authorization may be granted in the discretion of the administration based upon a written request demonstrating such need or circumstances from the parent/guardian of the student. The building principal may also approve the use of a pocket pager or other electronic signaling device by a student on school premises, if such use is necessitated by a medical condition or other special circumstance, and the District has received a prior written request for such use from the parent/guardian of the student.

D. Violations

Students violating the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. Personal electronic devices that are reasonably suspected of being used or possessed in violation of this Policy shall be subject to temporary confiscation by school authorities. Students shall be required to turn personal electronic devices over to any teacher or other school official upon request. Students who refuse to surrender a personal electronic device upon reasonable request by a school official shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

If an electronic device is confiscated, the electronic device shall be taken to the school's main office to be identified, and placed in a secure area. Administrators and staff shall follow applicable law and Board policy regarding searches in connection with the review of pictures, logs, data, files or other information contained in confiscated personal electronic devices, and may refer such matters to law enforcement agencies or officers, as appropriate. Confiscated devices not surrendered to law enforcement agents shall be returned to the student or his or her parent/guardian after a conference between the principal or designee and the parent/guardian of the student involved. Students and/or parents/guardians, as applicable, are expected to claim a confiscated personal electronic device in the possession of school authorities within ten (10) days of the date it was relinquished. The school shall not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for any unclaimed personal electronic devices after this time period.

This policy, as presented, replaces JICJ, Use of Cell Phones and Pagers. Please see the original policy attached.

~~Adopted: August 6, 2002~~
Presented for 1st Reading & Information: February 16, 2010

E. Loss or Damage. Personal electronic devices are items that are frequently lost or stolen. Students who possess or use such devices while on District property or while attending school or school–sponsored activities do so at their own risk. **The District is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of these items and assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise for any damage, destruction, or loss of such devices,** or for loss of or damage to the contents or data contained therein. Similarly, the District assumes no responsibility for loss, destruction or damage to personal electronic devices or data contained therein as a result of or in connection with any confiscation or search of such devices pursuant to this Policy.

Mesa County Valley School District 51

JICJ

USE OF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS

Adopted: August 6, 2002

The Board of Education recognizes that cell phones and pagers can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. However, the ordinary use of cell phones and pagers in school situations can be disruptive to the educational environment and is not acceptable.

Students may carry cell phones and pagers but these devices must be turned off inside school buildings, on school buses, at school-sponsored activities and on field trips. In these locations, cell phones and pagers may be used only during emergencies.

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary measures and confiscation of the cell phone or pager. Confiscated cell phones and pagers shall be returned to the student only after a conference with the parent/guardian, student and school personnel.

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Bank Of America Lease/Purchase Agreements
Amendment I of Phase I Projects & Phase II

Board of Education Resolution: 09/10:74

Adopted: February 16, 2010

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A PREVIOUS EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

WHEREAS, Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 (the "District") is a duly and regularly created, organized and existing political subdivision of the State of Colorado and body corporate, existing as such under and by virtue of the Constitution, statutes and laws of the State of Colorado.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District, is authorized, pursuant to the Colorado Revised Statutes, to lease or rent undeveloped or improved real property or equipment on such terms as the Board sees fit for use by the District;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the District to finance the acquisition of energy and water savings conservation equipment and related systems needed for the performance of the second phase of the project set forth in the Energy Performance Contract between the District and Trane U.S. Inc., dated June 24, 2009, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 thereto (referred to in such contract and herein as the "Phase 2 Project"); and

WHEREAS, for purposes of financing the Phase 2 Project, the Board has determined and hereby determines that it is in the interests of the District that the District and Bank of America, N.A., or its designee (the "Lessor") enter into the Equipment Lease (as defined below) to provide for the lease of the Equipment (defined in the Equipment Lease below) by the District from the Lessor; and

WHEREAS, the Lessor is willing to lease the Equipment to the District, and the District desires to lease the Equipment from the Lessor, pursuant to the terms and conditions and for the purpose set forth in the Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement, dated as of the date thereof, by and between the Lessor and the District (the "Equipment Lease"); and

WHEREAS, the obligation of the District to pay Rent (as defined in the Equipment Lease) shall be from year to year only; shall constitute currently budgeted expenditures of the District; shall not constitute a mandatory charge or requirement in any ensuing budget year; and shall not constitute a general obligation, direct or indirect multiple-fiscal year obligation or other

indebtedness of the District within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation or requirement concerning the creation of indebtedness, nor a mandatory payment obligation of the District in any ensuing fiscal year beyond any fiscal year during which the Equipment Lease shall be in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Equipment Lease shall not directly or indirectly obligate the District to make any payments beyond those appropriated for any fiscal year during which the Equipment Lease shall be in effect; and

WHEREAS, Lessor and the District also desire to amend the previous "Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement between the parties dated as of June 30, 2009, as set forth in the attached "Amendment No. 1 To Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement" in order to make an adjustment in the Rental Payment Schedule under such Agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND IN THE STATE OF COLORADO:

1. The terms and provisions of the Equipment Lease and all exhibits and appendices thereto (collectively, the "Phase 2 Project Documents") are hereby approved in substantially the form presented to the Board and on file in the offices of the District, provided however, that the Phase 2 Project Documents may be further revised with such changes as may be agreed to by counsel to the District. Any officer of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to affix and to attest the official corporate seal of the District on, the Phase 2 Project Documents, with execution and delivery constituting conclusive, irrefutable evidence thereof.

2. The execution and delivery of the Phase 2 Project Documents by officers of the Board and the execution and delivery by officers of the Board of the District of related certificates documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Phase 2 Project Documents are hereby approved.

3. The attached "Amendment No. 1 To Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement" attached hereto is hereby approved, and the Board president is authorized to execute the same on behalf of the District.

4. All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution, heretofore taken by the directors, officers and employees of the District, directed toward the purposes stated herein ratified, approved and confirmed.

5. All prior acts, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, by the District in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, except that this repealer shall not be construed to revive any act, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

6. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various parts hereof are severable.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of February, 2010.

[DISTRICT SEAL]

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President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
COUNTY OF MESA)

I, _____, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Mesa County Valley School District 51 ("District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages, numbered 1 to 3, inclusive, constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of the District, adopted at a regular meeting of the Board, held on the 16th day of February, 2010, as recorded in the official Record of Proceedings of the District kept in my office; that said proceedings were duly had and taken; that the meeting was duly held; and that the resolution has not been amended or rescinded since its adoption and is in force and effect as of the date hereof.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District, this 16th day of February, 2010.

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Secretary

[DISTRICT SEAL]

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

TRADITIONAL CALENDAR
2009-2010 School Year
Readopted: February 16, 2010

SCHOOLS NOT IN SESSION

All Schools
Teacher In-service

Aug 12, 13, 14, 2009

Elementary Schools Only
Teacher Planning Days (Secondary Schools are in Session)

Sept 18, 2009
Nov 3, 2009
Feb 5, 2010
Apr 2, 2010

All Schools
Teacher Workdays
(6 days per school year)

Aug 17 & 18, 2009
Oct 16, 2009
Jan 4, 2010
Mar 15, 2010
May 27, 2010

All Schools
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct 22 & 23, 2009
May 6 & 7, 2010

ALL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

September 7.....Labor Day
November 25, 26 & 27.....Thanksgiving
December 21 – January 1.....Winter Break
January 18.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15.....President's Day
March 8 – 12.....Spring Break

T	Teacher In-service – **All Schools**
C	Parent/Teacher Conferences – **All Schools**
E	Teacher Planning – **Elementary Schools ONLY** Secondary Schools in session
W	Teacher Work Day – **All Schools**
E/M	Elementary Planning Day/ Middle School In-service Day High Schools in session
H	Holiday – **No School**
•	End of Quarter

Statistical Record Data

Classes Begin.....August 19, 2009
1st Quarter Ends.....October 15, 2009 (40 ES/41 MS/41 HS)
2nd Quarter Ends.....December 18, 2009 (39 ES/39 MS/40 HS)
3rd Quarter Ends.....March 5, 2010 (41 ES/42 MS/42 HS)
4th Quarter Ends.....May 26, 2010 (49 ES/50 MS/50 HS)

General Staff Information

High School Principals' First Day..... July 15, 2009
Middle School Principals' First Day.....July 29, 2009
Elementary School Principals' First Day.....July 29, 2009
Teachers' First Day.....August 12, 2009
Teachers' Last Day.....May 27, 2010
Elementary School Principals' Last Day.....June 10, 2010
Middle School Principals' Last Day.....June 10, 2010
High School Principals' Last Day.....June 24, 2010