

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Business Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024

Board Business Meeting Minutes

A - José Luis Chávez B - Barb Evanson C - Andrea Haitz D - Will Jones E - Angela Lema						Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51 Business Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2024 Adopted: September 17, 2024	
	A	B	C	D	E	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present	x	x	x	x	x	<u>BUSINESS MEETING</u>	5:02 p.m.
Absent						A. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE/ROLL CALL	
Motion					x	B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Approved
Second				x			
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL	Adopted
Second				x		C-1. June 4, 2024 Board Work Session	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	C-2. June 18, 2024 Board Business Meeting	
No						C-3. July 2, 2024 Board Special Meeting	
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. FBLA National Top 10 Finishers – Director Chavez called students from Fruita Monument High School, Jacob Cornelison and Audy Sanders to the front of the room. Jacob was not present. A resolution was read congratulating these students on being Future Business Leaders of America Top 10 Finishers at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida at the end of June. [Resolution 24/25:04]	
						D-2. Colorado CTE Educator (CACTE) State Award Winner – Director Lema asked Palisade High School Counselor, Jonathan Burke, to come forward. Mr. Burke was recognized for winning the Colorado CTE Educator (CACTE) State Award as a CACTE CTE Counseling and Career Development Professional. Ms. Lema read the resolution. [Resolution 24/25:07]	
						D-3. Colorado Band Masters Association Exemplary Band Awards for 2023/24 – Director Evanson asked the band directors from Mount Garfield Middle School, Orchard Mesa Middle School, Redlands Middle School, Central High School and Fruita Monument High School to come forward. A resolution was read to recognize these schools for the CBA Awards. Directors Tzetz Mendez, Randy Rabito, Sarah Kamstra, Hans Snell and Ryan Crabtree were recognized. [Resolution 24/25:08]	
						E. BOARD REPORTS	
						E-1. Good Things – the following events were reported on:	
						➤ Angela Lema mentioned the Back to School Bus tour w/BOE members visiting several elementary, middle and high schools.	
						➤ Andrea Haitz spoke about being invited to join the West Middle School Watchdog dads. The program had been at Tope Elementary and now also being expanded to West Middle School. Over 120 men attended with a great turnout.	
						E-2. Committee/Activity Updates	
						➤ Will Jones spoke about the Safety committee working on great things in our schools. He also spoke about Long's Park and the partnership with Mesa County Sheriff's Department.	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Barb Evanson spoke about the Safe to Tell program and the increase in reporting. <p>F. D51 HAPPENINGS AND CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>Ciera Colson, Marketing & Communications Specialist, came forward & spoke about events, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Golden Apple winner Crystal Schultz from Human Resources, Executive Assistant. ➤ Aug. 3, Grand opening of new GJHS with alumni, students, community with tours and presentation of new statue. ➤ D51 Foundation and partners Stuff the Bus drive for school supplies for our students at D51 schools. Rotary Club also did a Walmart school supply drive. ➤ Red Carpet rollout to new teachers. ➤ August 7 – 24/25 school year kick off. ➤ Back to School Bus Tour at RMS, Pomona Elementary & GJHS with BOE and Senior Leadership. ➤ Wingate Elementary grand opening of phase 1 of new accessible & inclusive playground. ➤ More Social, Less media, and new cell phone policy showing positive results. ➤ Pasture to Plate Program with D51 Nutritional team serving local meats to our students. <p>G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT</p> <p>G-1. Back to School Update – Dr. Brian Hill presented about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dates of openings of schools and explained the different grade level start dates. ➤ Back to School Hub on the website for back to school needs. ➤ Back to school events including Representative Soper invited Canadian representative to GJHS to answer student questions and see the new school. ➤ New cell phone policy implementation and our More Social, Less Media campaign with four schools using Yonder pouches donated by D51 Foundation and other community partners and organizations. ➤ Summer Institute May 28-31 with 700 attendants and sessions on many topics. ➤ Summer Extended learning opportunities for students K-8, with 979 seats registered and 697 actually attending. ➤ ESY Extended School year – 158 of 297 eligible students attending. ➤ Technology Updates with many updates but especially an upgrade in cyber security. ➤ Leadership Academy on July 17 at OMMS with District & building leadership. ➤ Leadership Institute with 340 team members attending. ➤ New Admin Orientation on July 24. ➤ New Teacher Onboarding training. ➤ Administrative Assistant Inservice with 150 clerical staff present. ➤ Special Ed training July 30 negotiated with MVEA with 210 SPED teachers. ➤ Back to School Inservice August 2 & August 5. ➤ Lots of other work was noted with summer trainings and Maintenance & Operation updates including Facilitron saving the District \$68,824 this year. ➤ Many major summer projects being completed at schools. ➤ Nutrition Services serving meals during the summer. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Purchasing completing much work over the summer. ➤ Risk Management offered many summer trainings. ➤ Safety and Security, as well as Transportation departments completed many trainings and services. ➤ Human Resources hiring procedures and recruiting timeline. ➤ An update on staffing for Fruita 8/9 staff and where they went. ➤ 24/25 enrollment as of first week of school appearing we are down 492 students from this same period last year. ➤ GJHS enrollment numbers actually having increased this year. <p>G-2. Bond/MLO Language Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Hill presented the 2024 Bond/MLO update reiterating why we are wanting to pursue the bond/mlo in the November 2024 election. ➤ Discussion about marijuana and lottery money where money has to go to state grants. ➤ Kim Crawford and Dan O'Connell from Butler/Snow Law Firm attended the meeting virtually. ➤ An overview was given why D51 needs a bond and mlo and what the funds would be used for. ➤ Discussed putting the additional language on the bond question. If we take out tonight, we could put back in on September 29 or 30 at a special meeting if necessary. Ms. Crawford and Mr. O'Connell spoke about putting the language in or leaving it out. A motion can be made to approve the resolution without the highlighted wording. <p>H. AUDIENCE COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Ricki Howie – Ms. Howie with Coffee and Civic Action came forward to speak about the bond issue and stated her property taxes went up \$500 per month. She will not support the bond now due to no steps being taken to alleviate the issue at Gateway School where the principal is provided housing and a car. She does not understand why cuts cannot be made especially after the closure of East Middle School. ➤ Ms. Ana Elliott – Ms. Elliot came forward and thanked the directors of the BOE & superintendent for allowing the opting out of surveys at school. She hopes her email to the commissioners has been read by the Board. As far as the bond goes, Ms. Elliott said she has red flags when “such as” is written into election language. She discussed BEST grants being tied together with the implementation of health clinics. ➤ The Board wants to verify the tying of BEST grants and health clinics together. Dr. Hill advised they have received BEST grant funds and it just has to be very specific what the money is to be used for. It does not necessarily have to include health clinics. ➤ Dr. Hill clarified the principal’s salary at Gateway does not include his housing and vehicle. ➤ The Board explained schools and closures will be talked about in the upcoming months with guidance from the results from the Long Term Facilities plan. It will be a strategic decision. ➤ There are long term plans for the East Middle School building. It is currently being used for staff learning opportunities and the gym for sporting practices. The costs and consequences of closing or not closing EMS were discussed. 	

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Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>➤ Ms. Lema added there will be an oversight committee to ensure money from the bond is being spent where it has been said it would be. She also spoke about the cost and time involved to do the bond/mlo election.</p> <p>I. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>I-1. Licensed and Administrative Personnel Actions</p> <p>I-1. Licensed & Administrative Personnel Actions [Resolution 24/25: 09]</p> <p>I-2. Gifts [Resolution 24/25: 02]</p> <p>I-3. Grants [Resolution 24/25: 03]</p>	Approved
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>J. BUSINESS ITEMS</p> <p>J-1. First Reading – Policy DFA/DFAA Revenues from Investments/Use of Surplus Funds</p> <p>➤ May need a special meeting to discuss the policy and finish up.</p> <p>J-2. Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) [Resolution 24/25: 05]</p> <p>➤ Mr. Jones commented what a super good committee the CHSAA group is to be on and see what goes on.</p>	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>J-3. Resolution Approving Bond/MLO Language and Appointment of DEO [Resolution 24/25: 06]</p> <p>➤ A motion was made by Director Jones to approve the resolution 24/25: 06 excluding the highlighted language at the bottom of the bond language, to place language on the ballot for the 2024 bond/mlo election and appoint the DEO for the election.</p>	Adopted
						<p>K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <p>➤ Mr. Jones thanked Mrs. Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary of the Board, for taking care of the Board and posting agendas on time on the district website.</p>	
						<p>L. FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>L-1. September 3, 2024, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m., Board Work Session</p> <p>L-2. September 17, 2024, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m., Board Business Meeting</p>	
Motion				x		M. ADJOURNMENT	6:44 p.m.
						Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary Board of Education	

The Board would like to invite former Fruita Monument High School students Jacob Cornelison and Audy Sanders to join us at the front of the room.

At the end of June, thousands of students, educators, and volunteers headed to Orlando, Florida, for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference.

FBLA prepares students to become community-minded business leaders through career-focused and leadership experiences. This national event brings together middle and high school students for dozens of competitive events, powerful learning workshops, and career development opportunities.

This year, the Board of Education is proud to recognize two outstanding 2024 graduates from Fruita Monument High School who achieved an impressive 8th place finish in Network Design at the FBLA National Competition. Their achievement marks a significant milestone, as they were the only students from District 51 FBLA to place in the top 10 at Nationals this year and the first ever top 10 placers from Fruita Monument High School.

The Network Design competition required Jacob and Audy to excel in both technical knowledge and problem-solving skills. Initially, they completed a rigorous 100-question test, and their scores secured them an invitation to the finals. In the final round, they were presented with a challenging role-play scenario where they had just 20 minutes to devise a network solution for a fictitious company and then present it to a panel of judges.

Both Jacob and Audy were heavily involved in FMHS's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program during their time at FMHS, particularly in computer science, media, and business classes, which contributed to their success at the FBLA National Leadership Conference.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill want to congratulate both students on this outstanding accomplishment. Your success has brought well-deserved recognition to the FMHS FBLA Program, and we are confident that you will continue to excel in all your endeavors beyond District 51. Well done!

Will Palisade High School Counselor Jonathan Burke please join me at the front of the room?

Jonathan Burke, a PHS Counseling Department Lead and Counselor Alignment Team Lead, has been honored by the Colorado Association for Career and Technical Education (CACTE) as a CACTE CTE Counseling & Career Development Professional.

This award recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who have demonstrated commitment to connecting students with opportunities for success, shown innovation in career exploration and development, and advocated for CTE as a viable option for all students.

Jonathan's selection by the CACTE Awards Committee places him among an elite group of professionals recognized as leaders in Career and Technical Education in Colorado. As one of only five recipients, this recognition is a testament to his unwavering commitment to education and his outstanding contributions as a leader in CTE.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill would like to congratulate Jonathan for this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your dedication to our PHS CTE students and for your incredible impact on the CTE industry across our district!

**Recognition:
Colorado Band Masters Association Exemplary
Band Awards for 2023/24**

Board of Education Resolution 23-24: 08

Presented: August 20, 2024

Would the band directors from Mount Garfield Middle School, Orchard Mesa Middle School, Redlands Middle School, Central High School, and Fruita Monument High School please join me at the front of the room.

Each year, the Colorado Band Masters Association (CBA) presents the Bandmaster Exemplary Band Award to middle and high school bands across the state that demonstrate outstanding achievement in their craft. To qualify, bands must meet specific criteria during the school year and have a director who is a CBA member. These bands must demonstrate superior performance in concert band and excel in at least two of the following areas: marching band, solo ensemble, jazz band, or overall band student enrollment. This year, District 51 received seven of the 32 awards presented statewide.

We are proud to honor the schools from across the district that earned the Exemplary Band Award for the 2023-24 school year. These bands, along with their directors, exemplify musical excellence in their programs, with several of these directors having been recognized with this award multiple times, further highlighting their unwavering commitment to music education.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill would like to recognize and congratulate the following band directors and their bands for receiving the 2023-24 Bandmaster Exemplary Band Award.

Mount Garfield Middle School - Director Tzetz Mendez

Orchard Mesa Middle School - Director Randy Rabito

Redlands Middle School - Director Sarah Kamstra

Central High School - Director Hans Snell

Fruita Monument High School - Director Ryan Crabtree

We would also like to acknowledge the Fruita 8/9 and Palisade High School Bands. Although their directors couldn't join us tonight, their students' hard work and contributions to these awards deserve recognition. Let's give them all another round of applause!

2024 Opening Schools Report

BOE Meeting - 8/20/24

Opening of Schools

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- August 6 – Mesa Valley Community School In-District Charter
- August 7 – All 1st – 12th Graders, & FMHS 9th & 10th
- August 8 – Fruita Middle School, and All FMHS 9th – 12th
- August 9 – All Kindergartners and GJHS 9th – 12th
- August 12 – Independence Academy In-District Charter
- August 14 – Juniper Ridge Community School In-District Charter
- August 20 – All District 51 Pre-K

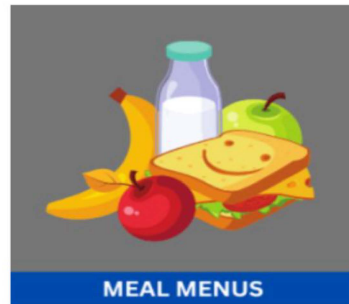
Back to School Hub

Our Back to School Hub page is designed to provide families with all the essential information they need to navigate the new school year at D51. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, the Hub offers a comprehensive guide to help you get started. You'll find details on enrollment, school start dates, supply lists, transportation options, and more.

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

- **August 7, 2024:** 1st - 12th Graders, and FMHS Freshman & Sophomores
- **August 8, 2024:** Fruita Middle School, and FMHS Juniors & Seniors
- **August 9, 2024:** Kindergartners and GJHS Students
- **August 20, 2024:** District 51 Preschoolers

***Please note:** Some schools may have different start dates due to transitions and changes within their buildings. Schools that deviate from the standard district schedule will inform their families of the specific start dates.*







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Summer Institute: May 28 - 31

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Over 700 Attendants & Sessions included:

- Foundations of Special Education and Behavior Health for educators
- K-5 Grading and Reporting
- HS Social Studies
- Launching Literacy in MS
- AVMR for elementary math
- Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education
- Career & Technical Education
- NIC ILTs – building level instructional teams meet to review end of year data and determine progress on their 2023-24 SY goals

Summer Extended Learning Opportunities 2024

Grades K-8 (Literacy Focus)

- 1034 Seats were available for learning K-8 for summer
- 979 Seats were registered by the end of May
- 697 Students physically attended
- 609 Average daily attendance (87% attendance rate K-8)

High School (Credit Recovery)

- 16 Subjects offered (almost all were core classes in Math, ELA, Science and SS)
- 471 Credits recovered
- 395 Students attended

ELO will share more about three ways we expanded to support our learners and community on Sept 3:

- **K-8 DIA program created to support Newcomers and Second Language Learners**
- **Teacher Liaisons at each site to support registration process**
- **Breakfast (new) and Lunch for ALL K-8 Learners**

ESY Extended School Year

June 10-20 and July 8-18

- 158 of 297 eligible students attended
- Extended School Year services are defined as special education and related services that are provided beyond the normal school year in accordance with the child's IEP and at no cost to the families.
- Extended School Year Services are a necessary component of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for some, but not all, students with disabilities.
- ESY Services are for a subset of students, aged 3 to 21, who are eligible for Special Education, are provided in the least restrictive environment (LRE), and are based on the individualized needs of the student.

Technology Updates

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- Operating System & Machines:
 - Updated and reimaged approximately 4,200 devices with a fresh installation of Windows 11.
 - Redistributed approximately 12,000 Chromebooks to schools during the summer refresh.
- Servers & Datacenter:
 - Upgraded to a Onesync solution for streamlined user account creation and management.
 - Implemented two-factor authentication for administrative access, enhancing our security posture.
 - **Deployed Managed Methods to bolster cybersecurity by monitoring and protecting our cloud environments, safeguarding students and staff from threats like cyberbullying, data breaches, and account takeovers in real-time.**
 - Introduced KnowBe4 phishing software to identify and eliminate malicious emails.
- Network Infrastructure:
 - Upgraded network switches across all schools, with a focus on increasing Power over Ethernet (PoE) capabilities.
 - Enhanced Charter Schools Network infrastructure using E-Rate funded hardware.
- Software & Automation:
 - Upgraded VMware infrastructure across eight servers.
 - Rostered new programs in ClassLink and updated configurations for existing applications.
 - Finalized the Synergy rollover for the new school year, including setup for extended learning.
 - Prepared and tested online registration systems for the upcoming school year.
 - Made necessary ClassLink file modifications for the new school year and extended learning, where applicable.
 - Implemented a new software approval process to strengthen data security across the district.
 - Prepared in-house developed, enterprise, and third-party systems for the new school year.

Leadership Academy

- July 17 – Held at OMMS
- All District and Building Leadership
 - Reviewed the Strategic Plan
 - Professional Learning overview for the year at each level
 - Reviewed end of year data
 - Preparation for Leadership Institute (All day NIC)

Leadership Institute

- July 22 – Held at OMMS & BMS
- 47 teams with a total of 340 team members
 - Reviewed end of year academic and belonging data
 - Set goals for 2024-25 Aim 1 and Aim 2
 - Prepare to lead onsite of beginning of year launch and PL as instructional leadership teams

New Admin Orientation

- July 24
- 18 Total New Admin Attendees (new to the role or the level) with
 - 4 new Coordinators and an Asst. Director
 - 3 new Elem Principals
 - 2 new Elem AP's
 - 3 new MS Principals
 - 2 new MS AP's
 - 1 new HS AP's

24-25 New Teacher Onboarding

	Elementary	Secondary	Total
Novice	37	32	69 new to education teachers
Experienced	25	16	41 experienced but new to D51 educators
110 New to D51 Educators			
Special Education	25	16	41 Special Education Teachers
Alt. License <ul style="list-style-type: none">D51 Elevate	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9 ELEVATE	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 14 ELEVATE	46 Alt License Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 23 ELEVATE participants

Admin Assistant Inservice

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- 150 clerical staff
- Secretary – by level collaboration time
- 22 different breakout opportunities offered including:
 - Finance, Payroll, Purchasing, Travel
 - Building Use, Work Order System
 - Welcoming Our Families, Attendance, Home School
 - Technology: Synergy, Google, Phone System
 - HR, Absence Management, Workers Compensation & Risk
 - Safety & Communications
 - And more...

Special Education Training

- July 30 – 3-hour training
 - Negotiated with MVEA
 - Targeted law training
 - IEP compliance training
- 210 Special Education teachers participated

Back To School Inservice

- August 2 (MS) & August 5 (HS & Elem)
 - Content – ELA/Science/Social Studies/ Math
 - School Counselors
 - Exploratory Training
 - GT/CLDE/Sped
 - Librarians
 - Counselors
 - Exploratory/Electives: Art, Computer Sci, PE and Music
 - Special Service Providers:(OT, PT, Social Workers, SLPs)

Other Work To Note

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- 3-Day ILT Retreat/Planning
- Safety & Security Trainings
- Custodial Inservice
- Leadership Training Support Side Leadership
- Access, Opportunity, & Family Partnership Dept Trainings & Roadmap Work
- Migrant Department Trainings
- Continued implementing New Teacher/Counselor Salary Schedule
- Strategic Plan Work Continued

Other Work To Note

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- Maintenance & Operations Updates:
 - Switching to Facilitron saved the district \$68,824 this year.
 - 1,688 work orders completed - 83% completed within 8 days
 - Custodial made sure over 3 million square feet of building space maintained - floors waxed, carpets cleaned, gym floors resurfaced, dusting, desks cleaned, lights cleaned replaced
 - Painters painted all classrooms at the new FMS plus classrooms throughout the district - 500 gallons
 - Grounds fertilized and mowed 177 acres of turf

Other Work To Note

- Major Summer Projects Completed:
 - FMHS modular move
 - Shelledy SPED room remodel
 - Roof replacement - 2nd half of new FMS, 1/2 of Mt Garfield
 - Move Old FMS to new FMS
 - Move into GJHS
 - Wingate playground
 - CHS gym floors

Other Work To Note

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- Nutrition Services:
 - 5,804 breakfasts and 9,354 lunches served to hungry students at summer learning sites.
 - 15,120 lunches served to students in the community through the Summer Food Service Program on three Lunch Lizard routes and two school sites that were open for June and July.

Other Work To Note

- Nutrition Services:
 - Continued development of new relationships with local food producers. The meatloaf served in all cafeterias on August 22 will be prepared with beef produced by Western Slope ranchers! The "local beef" meatloaf will be served 8 times during the school year.

Other Work To Note

- Nutrition Services:
 - Received \$150,000 grant from the Western Colorado Community Foundation to fund a new mobile food truck. This truck will be utilized during the school year for the new Lunch Lizard route coming out of GJHS to serve Grand River Academy, Mesa Valley Community School and Cactus Bloom Montessori. Cactus Bloom has contracted with Nutrition Services to provide approximately 40 meals per day.

Other Work To Note

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- Purchasing:
 - Repurposed majority of gently used furniture from GJHS to other school sites
 - Completed 359 Work Orders
 - Processed 438 Purchase Requisitions (May 1 – August 15)
 - Paid 1,239 Invoices (over \$12 Million dollars) May 1 – August 15
 - Repurposed over 50 pallets of obsolete curriculum and materials
 - 88+ Contracts reviewed and executed
 - Moved over 300 student desks and chairs
 - Recycled 15+ Pallets of electronics

Other Work To Note

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- Risk Management:
 - Custodial Inservice Training – On the Job Injury prevention and reporting process; Vandalism/Property Damage process overview
 - Lead Custodian Training – Vandalism/Property Damage process Submitting Work Orders in Facilitron
 - Maintenance Safety Team Meeting – Vehicle Accident reporting process; Vandalism/Property Damage process
 - Secretary Inservice Breakout – Vandalism/Property Damage reporting process; on the job injury updated poster & Information

Other Work To Note

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- Safety & Security:
 - Three Security Officers worked during the summer supporting extended learning program
 - Three Security officers supported the Lunch Lizard program by providing security at off campus sites
 - Attended Colorado Association of School Resource Officers training
 - Attended advanced CPR/advanced active shooter trauma response training
 - Attended School Safety & Security training
 - Updated safety protocols
 - Hired a new security officer replacing one of three vacancies

Other Work To Note

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- Transportation:
 - 600 SpEd routes over 16 days
 - 400 GenEd routes over 16 days
 - Supported summer learning at 14 sites
 - Issued small vehicle permits which allows drivers such as paras, teachers, and coaches to transport students in district vehicles to athletic events, field trips and competitions.
 - Testing for renewal permits at all 4 High Schools - Team of 3 went to the High Schools and administered testing to accommodate a convenient time and area to renew their permit for the school year. Tested approximately 170 drivers for renewal of their small vehicle permits
 - Secretary In-service - Trip Finder system to request district vehicles, School buses and STA charter buses. 3 Trainings were held to train new and returning secretaries for trip finder software system.

Hiring Update



D51 Hiring Update

August 20, 2024



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How It Started

Posting Dates:

- Principal Positions Posted - 1/19/24 (last year posted 4/1/23)
- Certified Positions Posted Internal - 2/15/24 (last year posted 4/14/23)
- Certified Positions Posted Internal/External - 3/7/24 (last year posted 5/1/23)

Ideal time to post administrator positions is January

Ideal time to post teaching positions is late February or early March

Overall number of end-of-year separations (resignations, retirements, involuntary turnover) for the 2023-24 school year was lower than the 2022-23 school year.

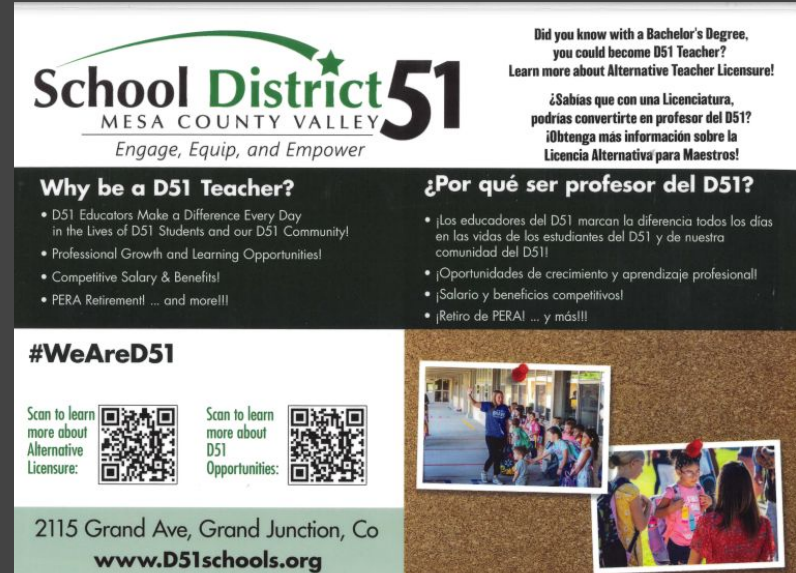
Annual Efforts to Recruit

- Evaluate and enhance hiring and onboarding process to ensure candidates receive offers in a timely manner
- Partner with CMU and other preparation programs
 - Meet with students throughout the year
 - Develop pipeline of student teachers who can sub in the 2nd and 4th quarter
- Attend job fairs
- Partner with CDE, Teach Colorado, Mesa County Workforce to find scholarship opportunities + grants for staff obtaining licensure
- Utilize social media to make connections and promote openings
- Advertise on targeted job boards
- Local advertisements (flyers, brochures, newspapers, ads, etc)
- Partner with CDE, Teach Colorado, Mesa County Workforce to find scholarship opportunities + grants for staff obtaining licensure



New Efforts to Recruit

- Posted admin positions to CASE, Chalkbeat, NATSAP, AASPA, NAESP, DLeNM, CACTE and CACTA
- D51 Elevate Program
 - D51 offered alternative licensure Program (\$0 Cost to the Employee)
- Grocery Cart Advertisement
 - City Market (569 32 Rd)
 - Safeway (2901 F Rd)
- Digital Boost Advertisement
 - 1.3 Million Impressions from Jan 1 - August 20
- Employment Feedback Survey
 - Implemented survey to receive feedback from candidates about hiring process



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Did you know with a Bachelor's Degree, you could become D51 Teacher?
Learn more about Alternative Teacher Licensure!

¿Sabías que con una Licenciatura, podrías convertirte en profesor del D51?
¡Obtenga más información sobre la Licencia Alternativa para Maestros!

Why be a D51 Teacher?

- D51 Educators Make a Difference Every Day in the Lives of D51 Students and our D51 Community!
- Professional Growth and Learning Opportunities!
- Competitive Salary & Benefits!
- PERA Retirement! ... and more!!!

¿Por qué ser profesor del D51?

- ¡Los educadores del D51 marcan la diferencia todos los días en las vidas de los estudiantes del D51 y de nuestra comunidad del D51!
- ¡Oportunidades de crecimiento y aprendizaje profesional!
- ¡Salario y beneficios competitivos!
- ¡Retiro de PERA! ... y más!!!

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Scan to learn more about Alternative Licensure: 

Scan to learn more about D51 Opportunities: 

2115 Grand Ave, Grand Junction, Co
www.D51schools.org



How It's Going

In the last two weeks - 59 employment applications have been completed

Support Staff Openings - Highest Areas of Need

- 17 Special Education Paraprofessionals (\$18.45/hr)
- 7 School Support Staff (general ed paraprofessionals (\$16.77/hr), health assistant (\$18.45/hr))
- 5 Early Childhood and PreK Additional Support
- 9 Nutritional Services (\$17.57/hr and up)

Substitutes

- 497 Subs as of 08/20/2024
- Substitute Bonus for working 25, 50 days or more each semester

Elementary School - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/20/24

Open

- GenEd Teachers: 0
- SPED Teachers: 4
- Counselors: 0
- Admin: 0

Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 76
- SPED Teachers: 20
- Counselors: 8
- Admin: 5
- Average Days to Fill: 27.69



Middle School - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/20/24

Open

- GenEd Teachers: 2
- SPED Teachers: 4
- Counselors: 0
- Admin: 0

Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 50
- SPED Teachers: 14
- Counselors: 5
- Admin: 4
- Average Days to Fill: 27.16



High School - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/20/24

Open

- GenEd Teachers: 0
- SPED Teachers: 1
- Counselors: 0
- Admin: 0

Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 37
- SPED Teachers: 9
- Counselors: 4
- Admin: 2
- Average Days to Fill: 25.52



Alternative Campus - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/20/24

Open

- GenEd Teachers: 2
- SPED Teachers: 0
- Counselors: 1
- Admin: 0

Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 10
- SPED Teachers: 5
- Counselors: 1
- Admin: 2
- Average Days to Fill: 30.05



Comparable Districts- Educator Openings

Comparable District	As of 8/10/2023	As of 8/20/2024	Students (PK-12) Enrollment in 23/24	First Day of School (2024-25)
Montrose	10	7	6,038	8/13
Littleton	14	3	13,251	8/13
Thompson	21	10	15,039	8/14
D51	32	14	20,208	8/7
Greeley - Weld 6	42	26	22,648	8/12
Brighton - 27J	7	8	23,108	8/9
CO Springs - 11	121	55	22,744	8/12
CO Springs - 20	50	34	26,607	8/13
Poudre	7	7	29,914	8/14
St. Vrain	20	8	32,506	8/13
Adams 12	46	31	34,998	8/12
Average	34	18	22,460	

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Fruita 8-9 Staff Update

Total Licensed Staff	44
Re-Hired	34
% Re-Hired	77%
Temporarily Placed	2
% Temporarily Placed	5%
Resigned	5
% Resigned	11%
Retired	3
% Retired	7%
Non-Renewed	0
% Non-Renewed	0.00%

Schools that F89 candidates went to:

- Fruita Middle: 10
- Fruita Monument High: 6
- FMHS / FMS: 2
- Grand Junction High: 6
- Central High: 1
- Grand Mesa Middle: 6
- Orchard Mesa Middle: 1
- Mount Garfield Middle: 1
- Summit: 1

Special Service Provider Hiring - 2024-25 School Year

Hired:

- 2 School Psychs
- 1 Occupational Therapist
- 1 Physical Therapist
- 5 Speech Therapists
- 3 Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- 3 Early Childhood Special Educators



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Thank you to our staff who work year round to serve students & prepare for the 2024-25 school year, & thank you to our school admin, teachers, & staff for their hard work in preparation for a strong start to the school year! We are committed to continuing the positive momentum in D51!

Enrollment So Far

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- VERY early numbers
- October count will be more accurate
- Shannon will give BOE a presentation plus projections later in the fall
- As of 8/16
 - Total Enrollment = 19,880 (down 492)
 - Elementary School Enrollment = 9,028 (down 153)
 - Middle School Enrollment = 4,307 (down 242)
 - High School Enrollment = 6,545 (down 97)
 - 23 schools declined in enrollment

GJHS Enrollment - NOT FINAL

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- **# of Students in Synergy** - 1,884 (Currently “cleaning up”)
- **# of Returning Students** - 1,178
- **# of 9th Grade** - 582
- **Total of Returning & 9th** - 1,760
- **Difference of 124**

GJHS Enrollment - Continued

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- **# of Students Out of Country - 7**
- **# of In-State Transfers - 73**
- **# of Out-of-State Transfers - 38**
- **# of In-District Transfers (CHS, FMHS, PHS, F8/9, GRA, MVCS, R-5) - 56**
- **# of Private School - 8**
- **# of Homeschool - 3**

GJHS Enrollment - Additional Information

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- While numbers are higher than anticipated, **the school admin and staff are doing a great job and district staff are supporting.**
- Continue to learn how best to navigate building as people move from one location to another in the most efficient and effective way.
- 241 of GJHS students have not registered and of these:
 - 205 are attending and
 - 36 are not attending
- Every period there are over 200 students who are not in a GJHS classrooms. These students might be attending other district courses or programs such as CC, CMU Tech, Valley, have work based learning placement, or on a release or a student aide.
- “Warm Body Count” showed 1,515 student as the highest number at one time in the building

2024 Opening Schools Report

BOE Meeting - 8/20/24

Board of Education Resolution 24/25: 09

Adopted: August 20, 2024

Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			
Resignations/Termination			
BURNS, PATRICIA	CAREER CENTER	COUNSELOR/TEACHER	12/10/2024
Leave of Absence			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			
New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)			
COMBS, TONJA LEILA	LINCOLN OM	GIFTED & TALENTED	8/5/2024
FISCHER, BRIAN L	BOOKCLIFF	GIFTED & TALENTED	8/5/2024
GABELSON, MANDE LEIGH	CENTRALIZED	COORD, STEM PROGRAMMING	7/22/2024
HEMPHILL, JENNA E	SCENIC	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/1/2024
JAHNKE, ASHLEY RACHELLE	BROADWAY	GRADE 4	8/1/2024
KLAIBER, CODY LEWIS	GRAND MESA	SCIENCE	8/12/2024
RIEG, SHAWNA M	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	COUNSELOR	8/6/2024
SHELLABARGER, KYLE RAY	FMHS	SP ED-SSN	8/1/2024
Return from Leave			
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 August 20, 2024.

Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary
Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 24/25: 02

Adopted: August 20, 2024

Donor	Mesa Fitness -Clifton
Gift	(2) 6-month membership vouchers
Value	\$678
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Mesa Fitness – Grand Junction
Gift	(2) 6-month membership vouchers
Value	\$678
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Home Depot
Gift	2 bird feeders, 2 boxes of patio lights, aqual globes & patio lantern
Value	\$100
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Enstroms
Gift	(2) ½ lb boxes of toffee
Value	\$30
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Infinity Linx/Shear Magic
Gift	Permanent jewelry bracelet
Value	\$100
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Four Winds Coffee and Tea
Gift	5 free drink vouchers
Value	\$25
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Jennifer Marsh
Gift	Broncos gift package with tailgate chairs and cooler
Value	\$80
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Triad EAP
Gift	\$30 Downtown gift card
Value	\$30
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Monument Health
Gift	Gift basket with candle, tea, gift cards, blanket, misc.
Value	\$150
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Board of Education Resolution: 24/25: 02

Adopted: August 20, 2024

Donor	Café Sol
Gift	(2) \$25 gift cards
Value	\$50
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Sprouts
Gift	(2) \$50 gift cards
Value	\$100
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Main Street Bagels
Gift	Gift card
Value	\$25
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	GJ Jackalopes
Gift	Jackalopes gift basket with apparel/goodies
Value	\$50
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Anonymous
Gift	Gift basket w/\$50 Spoons gift card & misc. items
Value	\$100
School/Department	Secretary Inservice for staff prizes

Donor	Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation
Gift	Cash (grant)
Value	\$10,000
School/Department	Athletics – Girls Wrestling

Donor	Lori Starr
Gift	String guitar & clavinova
Value	\$1100
School/Department	Dos Rios and Music Education department

Donor	JBL Pest Control Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$75
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary for 5 th grade field trip

Donor	Aspen Grove Family Practice
Gift	Cash
Value	\$75
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary for 5 th grade field trip

Board of Education Resolution: 24/25: 02

Adopted: August 20, 2024

Donor	Helen Doehling
Gift	Cash
Value	\$25
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary Lego League donation

Donor	Ameriprise/Susan Coleman
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1000
School/Department	GJHS Tiger Boutique & Haberdashery

Donor	Mary C. Simpson
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	GJHS Boys Golf

Donor	Justin & Kendi Aubert
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	GJHS Boys Golf Team

Donor	Jason & Kristin Stanfield
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
School/Department	GJHS Boys Golf Team

Donor	Dr. Rebecca Glasser LLC
Gift	(2) \$50 gift cards
Value	\$100
School/Department	GJHS Football Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Donor	GJHS Booster Club
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1610
School/Department	GJHS for Numworks calculators

Donor	Penny Creasy
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
School/Department	Palisade High School Football Team

Donor	Mr. & Mrs. John Pearson
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Football Team

Board of Education Resolution: 24/25: 02

Adopted: August 20, 2024

Donor	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Creasy
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Football Team

Donor	Kari & Allen Feaster
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Student Council

Donor	GJR West LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1000
School/Department	Palisade High School Wrestling Team

Donor	Greater GJ Sports Commission
Gift	Cash
Value	\$4000
School/Department	Wingate Elementary School playground donation

Donor	Sabrina Landman
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1006.64
School/Department	Wingate Elementary School playground donation

Donor	Alpine Bank
Gift	Cash
Value	\$2500
School/Department	Wingate Elementary School playground donation

Donor	Jolley Smiles
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1000
School/Department	Wingate Elementary School playground donation

Donor	Delta Dental
Gift	Prizes for staff
Value	\$20
School/Department	Administration for Secretary Inservice

Donor	UMR
Gift	Prize for staff
Value	\$75
School/Department	Administration for Secretary Inservice

Board of Education Resolution: 24/25: 02

Adopted: August 20, 2024

Donor	VSP
Gift	Prize for staff
Value	\$100
School/Department	Administration for Secretary Inservice

Donor	Magellan/Prime Therapeutics
Gift	Gift Card for staff prize
Value	\$100
School/Department	Administration for Secretary Inservice

Donor	Novo Benefits
Gift	Gift cards for staff prizes
Value	\$75
School/Department	Administration for Secretary Inservice

Total Gifts: \$27,156.60

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.

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 August 20, 2024.

Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution 24/25: 03

Adopted: August 20, 2024

Grant Title	ESSER III American Rescue Plan-Education Stabilization Fund (4414 & 9414)
Source	Federal
Fund Number	22
Site	District Wide
Description	To prepare for and respond to the COVID pandemic, addressing learning and teaching loss, mental health, and many other categories – carry over from the 2023/24 FY.
Budget Amount	\$986,842.34
Fiscal Year	24/25
Authorized Representative	Melanie Trujillo - CFO

Grant Title	ESSER III Cell Phone Pouch Pilot Grant (4464)
Source	Federal
Fund Number	22
Site	District Wide
Description	For purchasing cell phone pouches for students
Budget Amount	\$49,500
Fiscal Year	24/25
Authorized Representative	Melanie Trujillo - CFO

Grant Title	WCCF Lunch Lizard Truck (grant code 0009 loc 741)
Source	Local
Fund Number	22
Site	District Wide
Description	For a new Lunch Lizard truck
Budget Amount	\$150,000
Fiscal Year	24/25
Authorized Representative	Dan Sharp, Director, Nutrition Services

Grant Title	Mallinckrodt Incentive Award - SPED
Source	Local
Fund Number	22-606-0606
Site	BTK
Description	For Special Education purposes
Budget Amount	\$1,568
Fiscal Year	24/25
Authorized Representative	Jon Paul Burden, SPED Director

Board of Education Resolution 24/25: 03

Adopted: August 20, 2024

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education approved the above identified grant funds for expenditure purposes August 20, 2024.

*Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

Mesa County Valley School District 51
DFA/DFAA

REVENUES FROM INVESTMENTS/USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS

Related: DFA/DFAA-R

Adopted: February 20, 1990

Revised: September 3, 2002 First Reading August 19, 2024

Adopted: May 24, 2016

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of prudent and profitable investment of district funds and its responsibility in overseeing the management of part of the district's finances.

This policy shall apply to the investment of all financial assets and all funds of the district over which the Board exercises financial control. In order to effectively make use of the district's cash resources, all funds shall be pooled into one investment account and accounted for separately. The investment income derived from this account shall be distributed to the various district funds as directed by the board of education in accordance with state law.

District funds allocated to a specific use but temporarily not needed shall be invested in accordance with state law, these policies, written administrative procedures, and in a manner designed to accomplish the following objectives: ensure the safety of funds, ensure that adequate funds are available at all times to meet the financial obligations of the district when due, ensure a market rate of return on the funds available for investment throughout the budget cycle, and ensure that all funds are deposited and invested in accordance with state law.

The superintendent shall develop and maintain written administrative regulations for the operation of the investment program, consistent with these policies. The Board shall be kept informed of investments and yields through regular quarterly reports. These reports shall be formatted in a manner that allows the Board to evaluate the success of its investment practices in light of the above stated objective.

Authority for the day-to-day investment decisions is delegated to the chief financial officer or designee. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Fiscal Oversight Committee.

Investment Objectives

All District funds allocated to a specific use, but temporarily not needed, shall be invested by the chief financial officer and designated staff in accordance with Colorado statutes and in a manner designated to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To ensure the safety of all District funds.
2. To ensure that adequate funds are available at all times to promptly pay all of the District's financial obligations;
3. To generate a rate of return consistent with the goals and risk tolerance of the District while complying with state law and District policy.
4. To manage the District's cash resources, all funds needed for general obligations will be pooled into one account for investment purposes.

Investment Management

The chief financial officer or designee will be responsible for the supervision and management of the day-to-day operations of the District's investment portfolio.

Investments shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity, specific issuer, or a specific class of securities.

Prudence

Investments will be made with judgment and care, under circumstances prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the primary objective of safety as well as the secondary objective of the

Mesa County Valley School District 51
DFA/DFAA
REVENUES FROM INVESTMENTS/USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS

Related: DFA/DFAA-R

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attainment of market rates of return. The District will not enter into investment transactions which will expose itself to an undue credit risk of an issuer or broker/dealer.

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials will be the "prudent person" standard. It will be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Individuals acting in accordance with written procedures and exercising due diligence will be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual's security credit risk or market price changes, provided that deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion, and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

The District's quarterly reports will include details regarding the District's investments and their returns.

Legal References:

- C.R.S. 11-10.5-101, *et seq.* (Public Deposit Protection Act)
- C.R.S. 11-47-101, *et seq.* (Savings and Loan Association Public Deposit Protection Act)
- C.R.S. 22-45-103 (bond redemption fund trustee or escrow requirement)
- C.R.S. 24-75-601, *et seq.* (public funds – legal investments)
- C.R.S. 24-75-701, *et seq.* (investment funds – local government pooling)

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

Board of Education Resolution: 24/25: 05

Adopted: August 20, 2024

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, now

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.

Name

CHSAA Position

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| • Paul Cain | President of the Southwestern League, Tournament & Playoff Finance Committee Chairman, Classification & League Organizing Committee |
| • Gregg Hawkins | Football Committee, Legislative Council Voting Member – SWL |
| • Jon Watson | Wrestling Committee |
| • Josh King | Secretary of the Southwestern League, Soccer Committee |
| • Nate Porter | Baseball Committee |
| • Ted LeBlow | Cross Country Committee |

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 at a regular Board Business Meeting on August 20, 2024.

Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

**Participation in 2024 Bond/MLO Election
& Appointment of Designated Election Official**

Board of Education Resolution: 24/25: 06

Adopted: August 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 (the “District”), in the County of Mesa and the State of Colorado, is a public corporation duly organized and existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) have been duly elected, chosen, and qualified;

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (“TABOR”) requires voter approval for any new tax, the creation of any debt, and for spending certain moneys above limits established by TABOR;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the interest of the District and the public interest and necessity demand and require enlarging, improving, remodeling, repairing, or making additions to any school building, constructing or erecting school buildings, equipping or furnishing any school building, improving school grounds, all at a cost estimated at approximately \$190 million (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board submitted to the registered electors of the District the following question at the November 7, 2017 election which question was approved by the majority of those voting:

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 TAXES BE INCREASED \$6.5 MILLION ANNUALLY (THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE COLLECTED IN ANY FISCAL YEAR), BEGINNING IN 2017 FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2027, BY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT’S GENERAL FUND, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S., SUCH ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND AND USED FOR THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES:

- ADDING FIVE MORE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR;
- ACQUIRING STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES AND IMPLEMENTING STAFF TRAINING;
- PROVIDING UP-TO-DATE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES; AND
- PROVIDING ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT FACILITIES AND GROUNDS;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION

TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a continuing dedicated revenue stream available for appropriation for District general fund purposes, the Board finds and determines that it is in the public interest to extend and make permanent the collection of the property tax override mill levy revenue authorized by the voters in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the total additional local property tax revenues generated by the tax extension of \$6.5 million plus any tax revenues generated pursuant to prior authorization does not exceed twenty percent (25%) of the District's total program at the time of the election in compliance with Section 22-54-108, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, in order to construct the Project, it is necessary to submit to the voters of the District a ballot question relating to the construction of the Project, and a second ballot question that extends the mill levy authorized by the voters at the November 2017 election; and

WHEREAS, TABOR requires the District to submit ballot issues (as defined in TABOR) to the District's electors on limited election days before action can be taken on such ballot issues;

WHEREAS, November 7, 2023, is one of the election dates at which ballot issues may be submitted to the eligible electors of the District pursuant to TABOR;

WHEREAS, the County Clerk and Recorders in Mesa County, Colorado (the "County Clerk") will conduct the election on November 5, 2024, as a coordinated election (the "election");

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit to the eligible electors of the District, at the election, the proposition of (i) creating general obligation indebtedness in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$190 million to finance the Project and imposing taxes to pay such debt; and (ii) extending the mill levy override approved by the November 2017 election; and

WHEREAS, the District will not have held more than one other election on the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness for any purpose within the twelve months immediately preceding the election herein called.

WHEREAS, the District will not have held more than one other election on the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness for any purpose within the twelve months immediately preceding the election herein called.

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

All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution) by the District and the officers thereof, directed towards the election, the Project, and the objects and purposes herein stated, are ratified, approved, and confirmed. Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms used herein shall have the meanings specified in Section 1-1-104, C.R.S.

The election shall be conducted as a coordinated election in the County pursuant to TABOR, Articles 42 and 54 of Title 22, C.R.S., and the Uniform Election Code of 1992, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. The election shall also be conducted pursuant to the provisions of intergovernmental agreements (the “intergovernmental agreements”) between the District and the County Clerk. The District hereby determines that the election shall be held on November 5, 2024, and that there shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District the questions set forth herein. Because the election will be held as part of the coordinated election, the Board hereby determines that the County Clerk shall conduct the election on behalf of the District pursuant to the Uniform Election Code of 1992 and the intergovernmental agreement. The officers of the District are hereby authorized to enter into one or more intergovernmental agreements with the County Clerk pursuant to Section 1-7-116, C.R.S. Any such intergovernmental agreement heretofore entered into in connection with the election is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the officers of the District to certify on or before September 6, 2024, the following questions in substantially the forms hereinafter set forth to the County Clerk. Such questions shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District at the election.

BOND QUESTION

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 DEBT BE INCREASED \$190 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN \$410 MILLION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- **ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL, SUCH AS ADDING AND RENOVATING CLASSROOMS TO REPLACE PORTABLE TRAILERS AND CONNECTING THE CAMPUS FACILITIES AS ONE SECURE BUILDING;**
- **ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING ADDING A SECURE ENTRY VESTIBULE, REPLACING OLDER CLASSROOMS, AND CONNECTING THE CAMPUS STRUCTURES AS ONE SECURE BUILDING;**
- **ADDRESS HIGH PRIORITY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AT ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS, SUCH AS ROOF REPLACEMENTS, ADA UPGRADES, AND FIRE SPRINKLERS;**
- **PROVIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AT ALL SCHOOLS SUCH AS FENCING, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND ADDED DOOR SECURITY;**
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION RENOVATIONS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO CREATE ADEQUATE SPACES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS AND INTERVENTION INSTRUCTION;**

- LEARNING ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS SUCH AS NEW FURNITURE AND UPGRADED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY;

AND TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE REMAINING AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE, FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING OR IMPROVING CAPITAL ASSETS CONTEMPLATED IN THE DISTRICT'S LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLAN;

AND SHALL THE TAXES AUTHORIZED AT THE DISTRICT'S BOND ELECTIONS IN 2004, 2017 AND 2021 BE EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE USED TO PAY THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT THIS ELECTION IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT SUCH PRIOR ELECTIONS;

SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED 3%, AND BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE IMPOSED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND ANY BONDS ISSUED TO REFINANCE SUCH BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE;

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING MLO

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX, SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL TAX OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6.5 MILLION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2017, TO BE UTILIZED FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS;
- UPDATING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND EDUCATOR TRAINING;
- EXTENDING THE LIFE OF BUILDINGS WITH FUNDING FOR PRIORITY MAINTENANCE;
- ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS;

AND SHALL SUCH MILL LEVY BE AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY PURSUANT TO, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S, IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Amy Navarette is appointed as the designated election official of the District for purposes of performing acts required or permitted by law in connection with the election.

If a majority of the votes cast on the question to authorize general obligation indebtedness submitted at the election shall be in favor of incurring general obligation indebtedness as provided in such question, the District, acting through the Board, shall be authorized to proceed with the necessary action to incur general obligation indebtedness in accordance with such question.

Any authority to contract general obligation indebtedness, if conferred by the results of the election, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to contract the general obligation indebtedness so authorized at any one time, or from time to time, and neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred, nor any lapse of time, shall be considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred.

If a majority of the votes cast on the question authorize the issuance of bonds as described in the bond question set forth above, the District intends to issue such bonds in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$190,000,000 to pay the costs of the Project, including the reimbursement of certain costs incurred by the District prior to the execution and delivery of such bonds, upon terms acceptable to the District, as authorized in a resolution to be hereafter adopted and to take all further action which is necessary or desirable in connection therewith. The officers, employees, and agents of the District shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and shall take all action necessary or desirable to finance the Project and to otherwise carry out the transactions contemplated by the resolution. The District shall not use reimbursed moneys for purposes prohibited by Treasury Regulation §1.150-2(h). This resolution is intended to be a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse expenditures within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Pursuant to Section 1-11-203.5, C.R.S., any election contest arising out of a ballot issue or ballot question election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by petition filed with

the proper court within five days after the title of the ballot issue or ballot question is set.

The officers of the District are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

All orders, bylaws, and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this resolution, are hereby repealed.

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 on August 20, 2024.

*Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*