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Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2006

Adopted as amended: November 21, 2006

	A	B	C	D	E	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
Present	x		x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Ron Rowley opened the meeting by reviewing the process for meeting attendees to address the Board, under <i>Agenda Item, G. Audience Comments.</i> 	
Absent						[Mr. Robinson, Absent Excused]	
Motion				x		B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted As Presented
Second	x						
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			C. MINUTES APPROVAL	Adopted As Presented
Second				x		C-1. September 19, 2006, Business Meeting	
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x		C-2. October 3, 2006, Regular Meeting	Adopted As Presented
Second			x				
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. King'n Trio	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Ron Rowley read the resolution, recognizing David Durham, Merritt Kinsey, Ron Koss, and Chris Unfug, as recipients of the Galaxy of Stars award; the highest award given by the District 51 Board of Education. Jim Gebhard presented the individual Stars to each member of the King'n Trio. > The Galaxy of Stars Recognition honors individuals or groups who have dedicated significant time and resources to students, having a direct impact on student achievement. For five years the King'n Trio has played in various venues around the western slope, with all proceeds going toward the Grand Junction Rotary Club in support of the Old Music for Young Ears Music Program. They have performed at 19 schools and have donated 19 musical instruments. > The King'n Trio recently performed their final performance as a group at Pear Park Elementary. The Board and Superintendent thanked them for their contributions to students in District 51. 	
						E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Tim Mills spoke regarding safety concerns for children in School District 51. He outlined what the District is doing in annual practice, current expectations, and future considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools have reassessed their annual safety and emergency response plans. • We will be asking local law enforcement to complete a risk assessment at all school sites, as they have done in the past. • The District's construction management team, Blythe Design + Company, will meet with the District Safety Committee and offer suggestions for modifications to locking procedures on doorways and other measures that could be reasonably achieved. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safe Learning & Working Environment Aim Committee will convene to review all information and to provide recommendations. • It is vital that all students, staff, parents and community members maintain a heightened awareness of any strangers at, around or near any of our schools, and suspicious individuals or vehicles should be reported immediately to school administration or law enforcement. • The District is considering uniforms to identify staff members who work in maintenance, grounds, and custodial departments. • Schools are expected to question any visitor on campus who does not have the appropriately displayed identification. • District and school administration will continue an open-line of communication with School Resource Officers. • Schools will continue to carry out staff training on emergency response and Incident Command System protocols, including lock down, fire and table-top drills. ➢ Jim Gebhard added that the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Program has an important impact on students and staff. One of the goals of PBS is to provide an environment where kids can learn. ➢ Leslie Kiesler gave assurance that safety in the schools is as important to the Board as it is to the community. Leslie expressed her heart-felt sentiment that safety is a, "near and dear thing." Each person on the Board either has a child or grandchild attending School District 51, or a loved-one working in the schools. It is very unfortunate that places which are considered safe havens, such as schools, are being invaded. <p>F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Leslie Kiesler read a prepared legislative update, regarding Amendment 30 and Referendum J. She gave an overview of the categories not covered within the 65% mandate. She believes this legislation is unreasonable and encouraged voters to turn-down both measures. ➢ Ron Rowley added that there are many things that districts must do which are not covered, such as building operational costs, refurbishing of buildings, and transportation. <p>G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Cheryl Ketchem, 981 25 Road, Grand Junction, CO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ketchem addressed the Board with concerns regarding school safety. She was unaware of the Board's feelings on this issue or the areas reported by the Superintendent, until it was addressed earlier in the meeting. She read a paragraph from an article in the Denver Post, regarding the Bailey incident. She asked the Board to "step-up security." She believes in limiting the number of unlocked doors in the schools, and where possible, only having one unlocked door. She thanked the Board for their time. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ellen Foster, 619 31 Road, Grand Junction, CO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Foster addressed the Board, regarding high school graduation credits, and other issues the Board has been considering. She is against increasing the number of required credits above 25. She believes all students should be made aware of the CCHE requirements, but hopes the Board will not require all students to meet them. Input regarding the other issues included: incorporating personal finance and economics into the existing credits, students should be allowed to fulfill ½ of a P.E. credit with just one season in an extra-curricular sport or marching band, students should be taught foreign language in middle school, students should be able to test out of computer applications starting in the 8th grade, lunch should be scheduled more than once a day, and the school day should not start before 7:30 am. Students should have the flexibility to move at their own pace, and the senior year should be treated as a transition period. The Board thanked Ellen for her input in these areas. <p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>H-1. Bond Projects Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ John Potter, from Blythe Design, handed-out a report to the Board. ➤ John reported there are 16-18 minor details listed as outstanding work items. He asked if the Board had any questions. ➤ Leslie Kiesler questioned when the grass at Thunder Mt. Elementary School would be back. Ethan Gibson answered the problem has been with the wiring for the irrigation controls. Ethan explained the grass is dormant; he believes it will come back in the spring. Also discussed was the status of the City's project at 30 ¼ Rd, near Pear Park Elementary. The wet weather has slowed the project. ➤ Tim Mills is pleased with the progress made on the projects and being a little under 2% of the budget. The district is working with Blythe to close out the projects, to determine the bottom line, and to prioritize what is remaining. Tim spoke of updating the Master Plan; to remove things that have been accomplished to determine the priorities. Warranty items will be at the expense of the contractors, not the district. The focus is to stretch the dollars wherever we can. <p>H-2. New Vision School: Steve Schultz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Board of Stewards for the Vision School was introduced: Gail Giandonato, Brenda Nordstrom, Stephanie Yeager, Susan Scofield, and Craig Richmond their spokesman. One member of their Board was unable to attend. Steve noted the Board of Education had received information earlier in the month which provided an overview. ➤ Craig Richmond thanked the Board for allowing them to present the proposal. The Board of Stewards is representative of families; an element which is a key component – strong family support. The program is modeled after the program in Delta. The school is an option for families currently accessing education outside of the District. Craig read the Mission Statement. ➤ A program will be developed for each student. A resource consultant would be employed by the Mesa Valley Vision Program. The program would center on the child. ➤ The Board of Stewards desires to work with the District to develop the program and to move forward. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steve Schultz noted the program may provide a possibility to enhance education, and to provide flexibility within the system, as is the purpose of the Performance Based Policy. The School District Attorney is currently reviewing the proposal. ➤ Tim Mills asked if there were any questions. ➤ Jim Gebhard commented that the program has components which the Board of Education would favor. However, Jim questioned the presence of focus on the basics: proficiency in English, writing, math, and basic requirements for students to graduate. ➤ Craig responded there are core components incorporated into all learning plans. Students would take CSAP and the ACT. The program incorporates a lot of accountability. ➤ The Board of Stewards is encouraged by the interest of 100 families in the program. Some of the students are home-schooled, and others are non-traditionally educated students. ➤ Ron Rowley asked how they would work with the NCLB Act to provide highly qualified teachers. Craig assured the Board they would meet those requirements. ➤ Ron also noted the Delta Program has filed for a Charter, in order to waive certain requirements. ➤ Tim thanked those presenting for their level of interest; parental participation is valued. ➤ Steve Schultz will continue to work through the details, involve staff, and move forward in identifying any obstacles. ➤ The Vision School Board will continue to work with the District and bring forward a finalized plan to ask for the Board of Education's endorsement at a future time. <p>H-3. National Science Foundation Grant: Dale Doty, WCCC, UTEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dale Doty thanked the Board for the opportunity to present information on what they have been doing to provide an integrated learning approach. The subject matter focuses on students performing in teams with people having different skill sets. Teams would include less than 10 students. ➤ The three-year grant funding is \$445,000, focusing on integrating manufacturing and electronic curriculum; pulling students together to approach problem solving skills to come up with solutions. ➤ The Community College will be focusing on recruiting post-secondary students. For high school students, consent and approval from the Board of Education is necessary, before the process can begin to recruit students. ➤ School Board approval is necessary. Recruiting students would entail approaching students on the Bishop Campus who are currently studying manufacturing and/or technology, and have an interest, aptitude and background. Recruiting would begin in the Spring Semester for the fall of 2007. The time per day would be the same time as the block schedule. ➤ Tim Mills is excited about the opportunity to prepare students for the work place. He is pleased the grant was pursued and was accepted. ➤ Formal approval from the Board will be considered at the next Business Meeting. For further questions, Board members were asked to contact Dale or the Board Secretary. <p>Break: 7:15 pm</p> <p>Reconvene: 7:25 pm</p>	

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						<p>H-4. Business/Investment Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tim Mills pointed out the 2006-2007 Anticipated Revenue on page H-4.1; next month's report will reflect the Readopted Budget amounts. Vi Crawford was available to answer questions. Discussion included monitoring of the financial reports of Independence Academy Charter School, including timeliness of reporting and district support. <p>H-5. Adequate Yearly Progress Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steve Schultz and Larry Walling presented the update. The data used for AYP is the same CSAP data released last July. AYP is the Federal requirement of the No Child Left Behind Act. In Colorado, districts of 15,000 students or greater have not made AYP, due to the number of indicators. A graphic showing the AYP rankings of large districts in Colorado was given out to the Board. ➤ Information was presented which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General criteria, sub-groupings, academic and participation measures • Corrective actions for districts not making AYP • The difference between schools making AYP and districts making AYP ➤ The instructional focus is on moving students forward everyday with responsive interventions. ➤ Tim Mills thanked Steve and Larry for their presentation, and spoke of the seven different public releases of school data and the timing of each release. This information is taken and built into the direction the district is heading to improve student learning. Tim gave assurance the commitment of the district is to move its 21,300 students forward, teaching every child, everyday. ➤ Ron Rowley would like some additional information, regarding AYP data, in terms of which school year the graduation-rate data is pulled for this reporting. That information will be forth-coming. <p>H-6. Expulsion Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tim Mills reported there have been two expulsions to-date. At the same time last year four expulsions were reported. ➤ Ron Rowley prefers removing students from the classroom who are disruptive to the learning environment. Disruptive behavior prevents other students from learning. <p>I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at the time.</p> <p>J. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>J-1. Personnel Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J-1-a. Licensed Personnel J-1-b. Classified Personnel J-1-c. Classified Administrator Appointment <p>J-2. Gifts</p> <p>J-3. Grants</p> <p>K. BUSINESS ITEMS</p> <p>K-1. LaRaza Conference Pepsi Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Leslie Kiesler acknowledged this conference as very worthwhile for students, and noted that Dan Robinson is highly supportive of LaRaza and the staff who sponsor this annual conference. 	
Motion			x				Adopted
Second				x			
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x			Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							

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Motion Second Aye No			x			L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION/REQUESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Board members discussed providing financial assistance to the Underage Drinking Coalition; similar support has been given to the Meth Task Force. This item will be brought forward at the November Business Meeting. > Ron Rowley provided information regarding a recent meeting with Dr. Mills, Steve Schultz, and Bill Larsen, with the CU Extension Agent, regarding the possibility of after-school 4H programs for students. > Ron Rowley will be participating on a panel at the up-coming CASB Fall Conference in Pueblo. M. FUTURE MEETINGS – Reviewed N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time. O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 pm	Meeting Adjourned
	x		x	x	x	_____ Jamie Sidanycz Secretary, Board of Education	



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New Appointments (Full-Time)

Bonnie Bradshaw
Brenda Goodwin
Wendy Kelly
Jodi Long
Kathy Miller
Susan Tarr
Mary Ann Wilson
Roger Zuerlein

2006-2007 School/Assignment

Fruita 8-9 School/Language Arts
Mesa View Elementary/Grade 4
Nisley/Rocky Mtn. Elementary/ESL
Columbine Elementary/Read to Achieve
Pomona Elementary/Grades 1-2
Emerson – Special Education Preschool
Bookcliff MS/Business
Bookcliff MS/Science-Math

New Appointments-Part-Time

Claudette Lane

School/Assignment

Dos Rios/Deaf Education

Leave of Absence

Jane Findlay

School/Assignment

Columbine Elementary
Kindergarten

Effective Date

August 14, 2006 –
August, 2007

Resignation

Jane Findlay

School/Assignment

Columbine Elementary
Currently on leave

Effective Date

September 27, 2006

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT		LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
<u>RETIREMENTS</u>				
<u>RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS</u>				
Bryner, Cindy D	Buyer		Purchasing Services	9/29/2006
Bryner, Ronald Lee	Groundskeeper		Grounds	9/15/2006
Carey, Jonathan B	Custodian, Night		Palisade High School	8/16/2006
Clayton, Thomas Jacob	Custodian, Night		Custodial Dept Orchard Mesa Middle School	8/23/2006
Cruz, Jason Anthony	Instructional Asst	Spec Ed	Orchard Avenue Elementary	5/24/2006
Cullen, Janne Suzanne	Instructional Asst	Spec Ed	Clifton Elementary	9/15/2006
Green, Bonnie S	Instructional Asst		Grand Junction High School	5/24/2006
Gutierrez, Ralph C	Custodian, Part Time		Basil T Knight	9/21/2006
Howery, Belinda J	Reach Advocate		Career Center	10/3/2006
Johnston, Patrick L	Instructional Asst		New Emerson Elementary	9/29/2006
Martinez, Stacy Nicole	Instructional Asst		Grand Mesa Middle School	5/24/2006
Rakiecki, Isaac A	Instructional Asst	Spec Ed	Rocky Mountain Elementary	9/5/2006
Rider, Hannah Janine	Instructional Asst	Kind	Hawthorne	7/31/2006
Schneller, Carla A	Instructional Asst	Spec Ed	Dos Rios Elementary	8/31/2006
Simon, Judith A	Instructional Asst		West Middle School	5/24/2006
Trang, Dan Trang	Custodian, Night		Shelledy Elementary	9/15/2006
Vallez, Leonard C	Custodian, Night		Central High School	8/31/2006
Walker, Betty Ruth	Custodian, Night		Grand Junction High School	8/9/2006
Williams, Adriann E	Instructional Asst			5/24/2006

ASSIGNMENTS

Bambino, Ashley C	Instructional Asst		Lincoln Park Elementary	9/11/2006
Beshears, Tammy K	Custodian Trainee		Custodial Dept	9/6/2006
	Computer Repair Specialist		Technology Services	
Brenton, Paul E			Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elem	9/25/2006
Chavez, Melissa R	Instructional Asst	Reading	Orchard Mesa Middle School	9/5/2006
Crisantos, Maria M	Leag Liaison			9/1/2006
Croley, Katina M	Custodian Trainee		Custodial Dept	9/5/2006
Essaifi, Abdelghani	Custodian		Palisade High School	9/1/2006
Fordon, Robert R	Roofer		Maintenance	9/5/2006
Fox, Angela D	Instructional Assistant		Rim Rock Elementary	9/19/2006
Garrick, Meta F	Instructional Asst	Spec Ed	Pomona Elementary	9/11/2006
Gutierrez, Yaneth	Leag Liaison		East Middle School	9/5/2006
Harmon, Michelle L	Reach Advocate		Basil T Knight	9/5/2006
Henrie, Paulette L	Instructional Asst	Kind	Wingate Elementary	9/8/2006
Jaquet, Gayle T	Campus Liaison		Fruita 8-9 School Orchard Mesa Middle School	9/7/2006
Kemp, Lora L	Secretary	Spec Ed		9/22/2006

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Laase, Melissa S	Instructional Asst	Library	Grand Junction High School	9/26/2006
Leon, Rueben J	Campus Liaison		Central High School	9/25/2006
Malone, Wanda J	Instructional Assistant	Reading	Rim Rock Elementary	9/5/2006
Mansur, Cindy R	Administrative Assistant	Spec Ed	Emerson	9/18/2006
Manzanares, Patsy M	Leag Liaison		Bookcliff Middle School	9/1/2006
Marks, Nyla F	Instructional Asst		Columbine Elementary	9/18/2006
Marquardt, Janet M	Instructional Asst		Pomona Elementary	9/11/2006
Martinez, Gloria E	Secretary, Counseling		Central High School	9/19/2006
Martinez, Karen A	Leag Liaison		Central High School	9/1/2006
Matthews, Margaret M	Instructional Asst	Reading	Nisley Elementary	9/20/2006
Miller, Richard E	Warehouse Person		Warehouse	9/7/2006
Morris, Melanie	Leag Liaison		Central High School Orchard Avenue Elementary	9/11/2006 9/25/2006
Nickerson, Andrea L	Instructional Asst		Gateway K12 School	9/25/2006
Olshove-Rico, Virginia J	Custodian		Dual Immersion Academy	9/5/2006
Perez, Rosa I	Health Assistant		Mesa View Elementary	9/11/2006
Peterson, Mary L	Instructional Asst	Reading	Chatfield Elementary	9/8/2006
Potts, Brian J	Instructional Asst	Spec Ed	Fruita 8-9 School	9/18/2006
Rascon, Olivia R	Campus Liaison		Fruita Middle School	9/11/2006
Spitzer, Pamela A	Secretary	Spec Ed	Appleton Elementary	9/11/2006
Stanton, Andrea M	Instructional Asst	Spec Ed	Custodial Dept	9/5/2006
Tooker, Kara S	Custodian Trainee		Attendance Office Orchard Avenue Elementary	9/11/2006 9/18/2006
Villa, Linda C	Attendance Advocate		Valley School Orchard Avenue Elementary	9/7/2006 9/14/2006
Wakefield, Kelli Leigh	Instructional Asst	Reading		
Whetstone, Carly M	Instructional Asst			
Wright, Vikki D	Instructional Asst	Preschool		

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Hunt, M. Kimberly	Instructional Asst	Reading	Chatfield Elementary	9/29/2006 - 10/22/2006
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Classified Administrator Appointment

Board of Education: 06/07: 30

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Assignment/Classified Administrator

KATHLEEN A. LISCO
Assistant Director of Human Resources

Education:

B.A. – Mesa State College (1993)
Major: English

Certification: Professional in Human Resources (2002)

Experience:

District #51	
1993-1994	Audiology/Child Find Secretary
3/95-12/95	Secretary Human Resources Department
1995-1999	Substitute Coordinator
12/99-1/01	Contract Data Specialist
2001-2002	Human Resource Technology Support Specialist
2001-2006	Human Resource Specialist for Classified Employees



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GIFTS

Board of Education: 06/07: 26

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Donor	David Miller & Anne Wenzel
Gift	Cash donation for Science & Literacy Honors
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Mount Garfield Middle School

Donor	Jo Ellen Foutz
Gift	Cash donation
Value	\$20.00
School/Department	West Middle School

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District No. 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.

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Grants

Board of Education Resolution: 06/07: 21

Adopted: October 17, 2006

Grant Title	Consumer Support Technical Assistance
Source	Plateau Valley School District #50
Fund Number	22-605-7243
Site	District wide
Description	Part of the Colorado Prevention Partnership that implements prevention programs in schools based on students surveys.
Budget Amount	\$1,558
Fiscal Year	06/30/2007
Authorized Representative	Judy Jepson

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.

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Pepsi Grant

Board of Education Resolution 06/07: 27

Adopted: October 17, 2006

Grant Title	La Raza Youth Leadership Conference
Amount Requested	\$5,000
Purpose	The weekend conference is designed to help Latino youth reach their educational, social and economic potential. Funds will be used for presenter(s) fees, lodging and supplies. Funded in past: \$5,000
Contact Person	Shirley Otero, GJHS

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on October 17, 2006.

*Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*