

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Work Session

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						<p><u>WORK SESSION SUMMARY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Superintendent Steve Schultz welcomed attendees to the April Work Session. ➤ International Baccalaureate Program (IB) – Mr. Matt Diers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Diers thanked the Board for the opportunity to report about the International Baccalaureate Program (IB). IB serves a group of students who are not served by this type of program at any other school. IB serves students that want to aspire to a vigorous program. This program has grown significantly over the past few years. Students are required to pay normal Board approved fees and testing fees. • There is IB teacher training every three years and the curriculum is altered every three to five years. • The program serves students from all over Western Colorado, including private schools, Debeque, Collbran, etc. There were 120 applications for the 2011-2012 IB Program. PHS interviewed 85 students and selected 66. There is also a reapplication process. If you are not accepted into the program the first year, you may reapply the following year. Application packages are reviewed for grades, transcripts and teacher recommendations. Things that are evaluated during the interview process include; confidence, presence, work ethic, time management and commitment to learning. Once a student is accepted into the IB Program, they are a PHS student for the remainder of their high school career. • Palisade will graduate their third IB class this spring. The graduating classes are growing each year. Mr. Diers discussed class size numbers with the Board. • Superintendent Schultz stated how important it was to understand these types of programs. He supports continuing to provide District 51 students with as many academic options as possible. The Board thanked Mr. Diers for his hard work for students. ➤ Grande River Virtual Academy (GRVA) and Academic Options – Mr. Ron Roybal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Schultz introduced Mr. Ron Roybal. Mr. Roybal is Director of the District 51 Academic Options Program. Mr. Roybal shared a list of the Academic Options available to students. Plans are progressing to have another Alternative Summit this spring. The valuable information received from this summit, and the collaboration with our community, government agencies, parents, students and other internal and external stake holders will be used to assure program balance and services to all student needs. • Mr. Roybal discussed how, during the past year, there was a recruitment of eighty six new and unattached students. These students were placed in attendance at Grande River Virtual Academy, R-5 and School Without Walls. There are programs available for every need, including services for severe mental health needs students, severe safety and security needs students and students with substance abuse issues. The new online education tool benefits students who do not fit into a traditional program. GRVA partners the best curriculum with a personal touch from the school 	<p>Work Session Convened at 6:06 p.m.</p>

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						<p>district. Students come into the classroom once or twice a week. They may also do their work from home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultimately, GRVA will be offering classes at night. There are conversations being held regarding middle school alternative programs and academic options. An update will be brought to the Board when things are concluded The Board and Superintendent Schultz congratulated Mr. Roybal on his work. <p>Work Session Concluded: 6:52 p.m.</p> <p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:08 p.m.</u></p> <p>A. Call to Order/Roll Call</p>	
Present	x	x	x	x	x		
Absent							
Motion				x		B. <u>Personnel, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f)</u> For discussion of a personnel matter not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.	Adjourned to Executive Session: 7:00 p.m.
Second	x			x		Present: Mr. Butler, Mrs. Enos-Martinez, Mrs. Kiesler, Mr. Mikolai, Mrs. Rice	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	Present: Mr. Schultz	
No							
Motion	x			x		➤ Return to Open Meeting	7:25 p.m.
Second				x			
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion	x			x		C. Adjourned: 7:25 p.m.	
Second				x			
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						<p>_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education</p>	