

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Regular Meeting/Work Session Summary

August 3, 2010

Meeting Minutes

A - Diann Rice
 B - Cindy Enos-Martinez
 C - Harry Butler
 D - Leslie Kiesler
 E - Greg Mikolai

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	A	B	C	D	E		ACTION
						AGENDA ITEMS	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. Meeting Call to Order/Roll Call	6:02 p.m.
Absent							
Motion			x			B. First Student Contract Extension: [Resolution: 10/11: 01]	Adopted
Second				x		➤ Superintendent Steve Schultz explained the amended extension of the transportation contract with First Student, Inc., formerly, Laidlaw Transit, Inc. The Board had no further questions at this time.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	C. Adjourn	Adjourned
Second				x			6:04 p.m.
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						<u>Work Session Summary:</u>	
						➤ Board Open Discussion	
						• Mr. Mikolai asked for an update on work done this summer with regards to Trane. Mr. Mikolai was specifically interested in the solar piece. Mrs. Melissa Callahan-deVita will gather information on the third phase and bring a report to the Board in September.	
						➤ Organizational Updates: Superintendent Steve Schultz	
						• Superintendent Schultz distributed a restructuring chart. He discussed updates to the instructional leadership team. Superintendent Schultz celebrated this restructure for not adding new positions. Responsibilities were redistributed in the system.	
						• Superintendent Schultz Introduced Dr. Tanya Skalecki, the new Executive Director of Student Services. Dr. Skalecki thanked the Board for hiring her and described her background.	
						➤ Nutrition Services and Wellness Program Update: Mr. Dan Sharp	
						• A PowerPoint presentation was given, covering the following areas:	
						○ Organizational Overview, Key Initiatives, Financial Update, and Pricing;	
						○ The purpose of the department and the financial status;	
						○ An overview of meals served in 2009-10;	
						○ An overview of staffing;	
						○ Key initiatives in the area of menu, farm to school, mobile kiosks, Mealpay Plus, and healthier eating;	
						○ Financial – The number of profitable kitchens, lunch participation, labor & food costs, revenues & profitability, and revenue/cost per meal.	
						○ Pricing – rising costs, financial – where does the money come from?	
						○ Pricing – why a price increase is needed at the secondary level, District 51	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ and statewide comparison, elementary comparison, comparisons to lunch from home, secondary comparison, secondary level to fast food options, impact on pricing on profitability and questions and next steps. ● Board questions and further discussion focused on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simplified menu to be compliant with healthy schools initiatives and increased standards through WIC; ○ The calculation involved for the program to reach a break-even point; ○ The district communication for parents to apply for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program, which includes mailings and advertising; ○ Timelines for notification to parents if secondary lunch prices are increased; ○ Creation of a communication plan for parents to be shared with the Board on August 17; ○ Concern about the economic impact on families at the current time; ○ Direction to continue looking at the "Jamie Oliver" healthier foods program. ● Board members and the Superintendent extended their appreciation for the work that is being accomplished in this area. <p>➤ District 51 Foundation: Superintendent Steve Schultz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Superintendent Schultz engaged in discussion, which included the process associated with the establishment of a foundation, accounting process, the role and responsibility of a volunteer task force, districts in the State of Colorado where foundations have been established and funding does not impact taxpayers. Additional discussion took place regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Money will be raised for capital improvement projects and financing education; ○ The participation of a Board member in a non-voting capacity; ○ Three to four employees on a steering committee. ○ The addition of advisory and non-voting members. ○ The district is in the "start-up" phase; ○ Before beginning Phase II, the foundation would need some seed money for advertising; ○ Some foundations start from money people have bequeathed; ○ Volunteers need to start this process. ● The Board thanked Mrs. Colleen Martin for her groundwork on this project. Superintendent Schultz and staff will move forward with this project. <p>➤ Board Open Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board asked the status of Glade Park School? Mrs. Melissa Callahan-deVita shared there were 19 students enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Callahan-de-Vita met with the school and discussed direction for this year. Enrollment will be monitored. ● The Board thanked Mrs. Callahan-deVita for her work. <p>➤ Work Session Adjourned: 7:40 pm</p>	
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Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

**Amendment and Extension of Transportation Contract
With First Student, Inc., formerly Laidlaw Transit, Inc.
d/b/a Laidlaw Educational Services**

Board of Education Resolution: 10/11: 01

Adopted: August 3, 2010

WHEREAS, on or about July 1, 2007, the District entered into a Transportation Contract with Laidlaw Transit, Inc. d/b/a Laidlaw Educational Services (“Laidlaw”) for the transportation of the District’s students (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Contract provided for an initial five (5) year term ending June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, effective January 17, 2009, Laidlaw changed its name to First Student, Inc. (“First Student”) pursuant to a corporate merger; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to amend the Contract by replacing the rate schedule set forth in Exhibit A to the Contract with a Revised 2010 Rate Schedule, by extending the term of the Contract for an additional three (3) year period ending June 30, 2015, and by changing the name and address of First Student’s designated contact for purposes of receiving formal notice under the Contract, all as set forth in the Agreement for Amendment and Extension of Transportation Contract attached hereto (“Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the Amendment will help the District cope with anticipated revenue reductions this year and next by holding transportation rates to a (1%) increase for the 2010-2011 school year and by eliminating a further rate increase for the 2011-2012 school year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Amendment, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute same on behalf of the District.

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 ____, 2010.

*Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education*

ACTION OF THE BOARD:
