

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Work Session*

*January 4, 2011*

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### **Work Session Notes**

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- B - Cindy Enos-Martinez
- C - Harry Butler
- D - Leslie Kiesler
- E - Greg Milolai

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**WORK SESSION SUMMARY:**

- Superintendent Steve Schultz welcomed attendees to the January Work Session and asked the Board for permission to rearranged the order of the Agenda.
  
- MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) Update: Mrs. Susana Wittrock, Executive Director, Ms. Heidi Ragsdale, MESA Advisor, Ms. Therese Moran, MESA Advisor, Mr. Rick Peterson, MESA Advisor
  - The MESA program is designed to prepare, motivate, and provide ethnic minority/underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students the necessary support systems and skills in math and science to ensure successful participation and graduation from a college/university. This program partners with teachers, school districts, universities/colleges, administrators and industry representatives to provide a proven academic enrichment program for K-12 students around the state. To accomplish this objective, the program has minimum requirements incorporate:
    - Student Involvement
    - Parent/Guardian Support
    - Science, Technology, Math and Engineering (STEM) Based Project Activities
    - Field Trips to College/University Campuses and Business/- Industry/Government Institutions
    - MESA Day Design Challenges
    - Advisor (teacher) Professional Development Training
    - Career and College Exploration including Scholarship Opportunities
    - Summer Enrichment Camps
  - The MESA Program is at five middle and four high schools. The groups meet at least twice a month in an afterschool program.
  - The Board asked questions and engaged in conversation.
  - The Board and Superintendent thanked the staff for their important work in this area. Mrs. Wittrock thanked the Board for their time and the MESA staff for their dedication.
  
- Capital Improvement Projects for District 51 Foundation: Mr. Roy Blythe, Blythe Design, Mrs. Colleen Martin, Executive Director of Human Resources, Mr. Cal Clark, Director of Maintenance
  - Mr. Blythe, the Interim President for the District's Foundation, thanked the Board for the opportunity to be involved in the forming of the Foundation. They have recruited eleven prominent people to be on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Mr. Blythe and Mrs. Martin stated the foundation is getting ready to start doing business. The first meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, January 10. They will outline expectations, timelines and outcomes of the Charter. Mrs. Rice clarified money in the foundation does not have to be used for capital projects only. Expenditure processes are outlined in the Foundation Bylaws. The

Meeting  
 Convened:  
 6:00 p.m.

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- money is open-ended and may be used for future needs.
- Mr. Clark outlined the past and present needs for capital projects and shared the district-wide facility assessment.
  - Mrs. Martin stated the Foundation Board of Trustees has discussed having a retreat to discuss and brainstorm next steps. They have invited Mrs. Sally Schafer to facilitate the retreat and hope to hold it sometime in February. Information from the retreat will be shared with the Board at a future meeting.
  - Board members asked questions and engaged in conversation regarding capital needs for the District. Discussion took place regarding hiring a staff person to work with the Board of Trustees. This decision will be revisited in the future.
  - The Board and Superintendent thanked Mr. Blythe, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Martin for the informative discussion and their valuable service.
- Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Update: Mrs. Cathy Haller
- Mrs. Haller presented information on Positive Behavior Intervention Support and Bully Prevention. Bully proofing is the focus of PBIS training this year. Each school developed an action plan.
  - Mrs. Haller discussed the funding challenges. PBIS data will be updated and shared with the Board.
  - Board members discussed character building, mentally healthy classrooms and consistency in reporting.
  - The Board thanked Mrs. Haller for her continued work on PBIS.
- Mr. Mikolai informed everyone that “Western Bounty” on PBS is featuring information on the school calendar. Mr. Mikolai will forward dates to the other Board members.

Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

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 Terri N. Wells, Secretary  
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