

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting

August 17, 2010

Business Meeting Minutes

A - Diann Rice B - Cindy Enos-Martinez C - Harry Butler D - Leslie Kiesler E - Greg Milolai						Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51 Business Meeting Minutes: August 17, 2010 Adopted: September 21, 2010	
	A	B	C	D	E	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL ➤ Mr. Butler welcomed everyone to the August Board Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, under <i>Item G, Audience Comments.</i>	6:00 p.m.
Absent							
Motion	x					B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted as Presented
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	C. MINUTES AND MEETING RECORD APPROVAL C-1.June 15, 2010, Business Meeting Minutes	Adopted as Presented
No							
Motion		x				C-2.August 3, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes and Work Session Summary	Adopted as Presented
Second							
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	D. RECOGNITIONS D-1.Top Composite Score on ACT [Resolution: 10/11: 08] ➤ Mrs. Rice read the Resolution detailing the number of students earning a composite score of 36 and asked Sean McKee from Fruita Monument High School to come forward. Among test takers in the high school graduating class of 2009, only 638 of nearly 1.5 million students earned a composite score of 36. ➤ The Board and Superintendent extended their congratulations to Sean. D-2.2010 Boys Nation Program [Resolution: 10/11: 07] ➤ Mr. Butler read the Resolution detailing criteria to be chosen to represent the State of Colorado at the 2010 Boys Nation Program in Washington, D.C., and asked Andrew Duff and his parents to come forward. Only two delegates are selected from each Boys State Program, making Andrew one of 98 boys in the nation who attended this summer's 64 th American Legion Program. Andrew has received his Letter of Assurance, reserving him a cadetship for the Class of 2015 at West Point. ➤ Mr. Butler asked Andrew to speak to the audience about his experience. Mr. Butler and the Board congratulated Andrew on his accomplishment.	
No							
						E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICIONS/REQUESTS ➤ Mr. Mikolai reported attendance at a Chamber Forum Meeting. Mr. Mikolai expressed the volunteer plan being developing is good. ➤ Mrs. Rice reported attendance at the Grand Valley Regional Meeting and a Transportation Budget Committee Meeting.	

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- Mrs. Kiesler reported attendance at a Federal Relations Network in Denver. There will be a questionnaire mailed to all federal office candidates. The results from the questionnaire will be shared with all School Boards and CASB members. There was no report on legislation at this time.
- Mr. Butler reported attendance at a Stakeholders meeting in Denver. Mr. Butler will attend the next meeting on September 20 to review subcommittee ideas.
- Mrs. Enos-Martinez reported student registration at FMHS was well-organized. Mrs. Enos-Martinez expected a sixty to ninety minute registration process and was complete in fifteen minutes. She expressed appreciation for the polite environment and efficient registration process.
- Superintendent Schultz thanked the Board for their reports.

F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- Nothing new to report at this time.

G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Mr. Butler read the guidelines for meeting attendees to address the Board and asked the Board Secretary if anyone had requested to speak. No requests were received.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Schultz reported staff returned back to work today with high energy. Staff development and classroom preparation will take place this week. Enrollment projections were discussed. Superintendent Schultz informed the Board, District 51 performance frameworks have been received. These frameworks will be shared with the Board at the September Work Session.

H-1. Instructional Update: Mr. Jon Bilbo, Dr. Jody Mimmack, Ms. Samantha Long

- Mr. Bilbo, Grand Junction High School Principal, Dr. Mimmack, Fruita Monument High School Principal and Ms. Long, Director of Colorado Legacy Foundation shared information with the Board:
 - All four high schools in Grand Junction applied for the Legacy Grant.
 - There was a rigorous and difficult evaluation process. Eighteen schools in Colorado applied, with seven being awarded the Legacy Grant. Mesa County Valley School District 51 was the only school district in the State of Colorado to be awarded the Legacy Grant at two schools.
 - This is a math and science teaching program supported by the National Math and Science Initiative. The goal is to help students' graduate "college ready".
 - The program creates an incentive to participate in Advanced Placement classes.
 - One of the targets is to increase African-American and Hispanic students' participation.
 - During the summer, teachers from FMHS and GJHS participated in staff development.

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- The Board discussed ensuring support for additional AP classes like Spanish, German, French, Art, Social Studies, etc. Mr. Bilbo and Mrs. Mimmack reported increased interest in all AP classes. Mr. Bilbo expressed staff enthusiasm for recruitment and participation in all AP classes.
- Superintendent Schultz reported all four high schools applied for this Grant. He stated all four high schools were exquisite examples of how to be innovative in difficult financial times. The Board and Superintendent applauded staff and teachers for doing what is best for kids.

H-2. Chamber Forum Discussion:

- Superintendent Schultz shared plans for Ms. Diane Schwenke and Mr. John Hopkins to come to the Work Session in September to discuss planning taking place at the Chamber Forum. Mr. Butler and Mr. Mikolai attended Chamber Forum meetings and are excited about the community and school district coming together to support kids.
- The Board expressed their support and gratitude to the Chamber for their partnership.

H-3. Nutrition Services and Wellness Program Discussion: Mr. Dan Sharp

- Mr. Sharp discussed information shared with the Board at the August 3 Work Session. He presented proposed changes in pricing for secondary school lunches. Mr. Sharp explained the request for the increase would help balance the budget.
- The Board thanked Mr. Sharp for his dedication to students of District 51.

H-4. Financial Update: Mrs. Melissa Callahan-deVita

- Mrs. Callahan-deVita reported District 51 had sound fiscal practices and unexpected revenue of property taxes. The District ended the 2009-2010 school year in a better financial place than predicted. Mrs. Callahan-deVita also reported Nutrition Services decreased their annual loss. The medical insurance fund ended the fiscal year with lower than anticipated claims.
- Mrs. Callahan-deVita is planning to conduct focus groups with community leaders and parents to discuss potential budget reductions for the next budget process. The goal of the district is to be as transparent as possible and communicate clearly with the Board, staff and the community.
- Superintendent Schultz thanked all schools for continuing to be diligent. The Board thanked Melissa for her work.

H-5. Final Expulsion Report

- Superintendent Schultz shared the numbers from the final expulsion report of the 2009-2010 school year. The district ended with lower numbers than the previous year. Superintendent Schultz applauded schools for utilizing data to help respond to situations in different ways.

[Mr. Butler called for a short recess at 7:26 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.]

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time

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						AGENDA ITEMS	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	J. CONSENT AGENDA [Resolutions: 10/11: 03, 11, 05, 04] J-1. Personnel Actions J-1.a. Licensed Personnel J-1.b. Support Personnel J-2. Gifts J-3. Grants	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No		x			x	K. BUSINESS ITEMS K-1. Lunch Price Increase Proposal [Resolution: 10/11: 10]	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	K-2. Music Curriculum Adoption [Resolution: 09/10: 124] ➤ Superintendent Schultz brought additional information to the Board regarding the technology component to this proposed curriculum. The Music Theory portion of this curriculum offers a technology piece. The Vocal Music curriculum is more indicative of sheet music and does not have a technology component.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	K-3. Lobato Case Resolution [Resolution: 10/11: 02] ➤ Superintendent Schultz stated the Board endorses and supports the Colorado School Finance litigation, known as Lobato v. State of Colorado.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	K-4. Resolution to Form a Foundation [Resolution 10/11: 09] ➤ Superintendent Schultz reported the District is moving forward to form a foundation. This will provide options for ideas and opportunities during an atmosphere of reduced funds. He commended Mrs. Colleen Martin for her work on this project.	Adopted
						L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION None at this time	
						M. FUTURE MEETINGS – Reviewed ➤ August 18, meet at 2115 Grand Avenue at 3:30 p.m. to travel to Glenwood Springs for the CASB Regional Forum.	
						N. EXECUTIVE SESSION None at this time	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 p.m.	Meeting Adjourned
						_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education	



Mesa County Valley School District 51
Recognition:
Sean McKee
2010 Top Composite Score on ACT

Board of Education Resolution: 10/11: 08

Presented: August 17, 2010

Sean McKee, an upcoming senior at Fruita Monument High School, earned a top composite score of 36 on the ACT test he took in the spring.

Nationally, while the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 varies from year to year, roughly one-tenth of one percent receive a top score. Among test takers in the high school graduating class of 2009, only 638 of nearly 1.5 million students earned a composite score of 36.

ACT test scores are accepted by all major U.S. colleges, and exceptional scores of 36 provide colleges with evidence of student readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead. While Sean is a young senior, he's keeping his options open for his post-graduate plans. Overall, his biggest priority is to "always be exploring and never let myself get stuck in a rut of other people's expectations."

Board of Education Resolution: 10/11: 07

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Andrew Duff, an upcoming senior at Grand Junction High School, was one of two high school boys chosen to represent the state of Colorado at the 2010 Boys Nation program in Washington, D.C. Only two delegates are elected from each Boys State program, making Andrew one of 98 boys in the nation who attended this summer's 64th American Legion program. (Hawaii does not have a Boys State.)

Between senate sessions, party conventions, and elections for a president and vice president, the delegates visited prominent memorials and historical sites around Washington such as the White House, the Arlington National Cemetery, the Supreme Court and the National Mall. The boys also enjoyed a dinner at the Maryland Greenbelt Legion Post 136 with American Legion National Commander Clarence Hill as the keynote speaker.

The purpose of Boys State and Boys Nation is to simulate American Government and delegates learn the proper method of handling bills, according to U.S. Senate rules. Participation in the political process is emphasized throughout the week, including organization of party conventions. In the Boys Nation senate there are four committees, and each one has a variety of bills for consideration. Andrew was on the committee overseeing agriculture, appropriations, and armed services and banking bills.

The final afternoon of Boys Nation was scheduled to be spent at the White House where the boys met President Obama and had their picture taken with him.

Since Boys Nation began in 1946, a number of its graduates have been elected to public office, including presidents, congressmen, state governors and state legislators. Many others have been inspired to work for the campaigns of individuals seeking public office. Andrew hopes to spend his post-graduate days serving his country as well. He is a candidate for all of the service academies and has recently received his Letter of Assurance, reserving him a cadetship for the Class of 2015 at West Point.

Board of Education Resolution: 10/11: 03

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Name	School/Assignment	Effective Date
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Resignations

Deborah Thorne	Rim Rock Elem/5 th Grade Teaching	8/17/10
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Leave of Absence

Amy Deschamp	MGMS/Teacher	8/17/10
Candace Diaz	Thunder Mtn Elem/SPED Teacher	8/17/10
Nina Parentice	FMHS/Teacher	1/13/11

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New Assignment

Alana Ammons	Fruitvale/Gifted & Talented	August 17, 2010
Amy Modica	Tope/Elementary Education	August 17, 2010
Amy Sasser	Rocky Mountain/2nd Grade	August 17, 2010
Andrea Marchese	Hawthorne/Occupational Therapist	August 17, 2010
Anna Kaveny	Clifton/2nd Grade	August 17, 2010
Ashley Orr	Mesa View/SPED SSN	August 17, 2010
Bethany Statter	MGMS/SPED Moderate Needs	August 17, 2010
Bidget Burton	CHS/ESL	August 17, 2010
Brian Summers	OMMS/7th Grade Social Studies	August 17, 2010
Brigitte Sellers	Thunder Mtn/3rd Grade	August 17, 2010
Bryan Porter	Rim Rock/PE/Music	August 17, 2010
Caneyl Burtis	Chiptea/Kindergarten	August 17, 2010
Cara Hyman	Fruitvale/Kindergarten	August 17, 2010
Charlori Cotter	PHS/Student Center Teacher	August 17, 2010
Christina Crone	Appleton/4th Grade	August 17, 2010
Colleen Grace	Nisley/Interventionist	August 17, 2010
Coni Anthony	Hawthorne/School Nurse	August 17, 2010
Daisy Davis	Tope/3rd Grade	August 17, 2010
Dazie Kirtland	Shelledy/Vocal Music	August 17, 2010
Delaine Schlager	CHS/Counselor	August 2, 2010
Elizabeth Findlay	Mesa View/SPED Moderate Needs	August 17, 2010

Erin Hegerle	EMS/PE	August 17, 2010
Gari Pruiett	BMS/8th Grade Math	August 17, 2010
Heather Nicholson	OMMS/8th Grade Language Arts	August 17, 2010
Heather Thomas	BMS/8th Grade Math	August 17, 2010
James Easton	CHS/Business	August 17, 2010
Jennifer Martinez	Shelledy/4th Grade	August 17, 2010
Jennifer Schwabe	BMS/7th Language Arts	August 17, 2010
Jennifer West	Pear Park/4th Grade	August 17, 2010
Jillian Scoggin	Pear Park/SPED	August 17, 2010
Jorge Alvarez	Nisley/ESL	August 17, 2010
Judy Jacobs	Fruitvale/SPED SSN	August 17, 2010
Karen Aigamaua	PHS/SPED SSN	August 17, 2010
Kathleen Morgan	Fruita 8-9/Librarian	August 16, 2010
Kelly Fisher	Orchard Avenue/4th Grade	August 17, 2010
Kelly Weyer	Rocky Mountain/Interventionist	August 17, 2010
Kimberly Seim	Mesa View/5th Grade	August 17, 2010
LaNae Bordon	Tope/ Kindergarten	August 17, 2010
LaRae Freet	GMMS/6th Grade Math	August 17, 2010
Lauren Nouruier	GJHS/SPED Moderate Needs	August 17, 2010
Linda Hiatt-Neely	Appleton/2nd Grade	August 17, 2010
Mallory Schmalz	GJHS/PE	August 17, 2010
Marcia Wieland	GJHS/Music	August 17, 2010
Marie Varco	Fruitvale/SPED Moderate Needs	August 17, 2010
Mark Reider	MGMS/SPED SSN	August 17, 2010
Melanie Jensen	Mesa View/2nd Grade	August 17, 2010
Michelle Bridwell	PHS/Language Arts	August 17, 2010
Morgan Robidoux	OMMS/PE	August 17, 2010
Nicole Zimmerman	Chipeta/Elementary Education	August 17, 2010
Nieda Moncada	DIA/4th Grade	August 17, 2010
Noel Weddle	Pear Park/3rd Grade/Interventionist	August 17, 2010
Norah Currie	BMS/SPED Moderate Needs	August 17, 2010
Patricia Troost	Hawthorne/SPED	August 17, 2010
Ranleigh Gregory	OMMS/7th Grade Math	August 17, 2010
Rebecca Vondrell	WMS/7th Grade Math	August 17, 2010
Richard Godsil	GJHS/Social Studies	August 17, 2010
Ron Elliott	BMS/Interventionist	August 17, 2010
Shauna Richardson	CHS/Counselor	August 2, 2010
Suzanne Guadzwaard	GMMS/Counselor	August 9, 2010



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Licensed Personnel Action

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Tanya LaBossiere	Thunder Mtn/SPED Moderate Needs	August 17, 2010
Tina Seghers	Hawthorne/SPED Preschool	August 17, 2010
Tracie Heim	BMS/Vocal Music	August 17, 2010
Vicki Kimball	Orchard Avenue/SPED Moderate Needs	August 17, 2010

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT		LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
RETIREMENTS (None at this time)				
RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS				
Barnhart, Brandi J	Instructional Asst		Clifton Elementary	05/26/2010
Black, Joanne N	Instructional Asst	Sped	Broadway Elementary	05/26/2010
Christopherson, Kelle K	Instructional Asst		Career Center	05/26/2010
Clark, Erin K	Instructional Asst	Ece	Appleton Elementary	05/26/2010
Eaves, Aubrie S	Instructional Asst	Reading	Thunder Mountain Elementary	05/26/2010
Edward-Taylor, Rebecca J	Instructional Asst		R-5 High School	05/26/2010
Ehlers, Luann T	Instructional Asst	Reading	Clifton Elementary	05/27/2010
Everly, Emma J	Health Asst		Wingate Elementary	05/26/2010
Hays, Marlene J	Secretary To Principal		Tope Elementary	08/20/2010
Heithoff, Nasdina C	Instructional Asst	Sped	Fruita Middle School	05/26/2010
Mattivi, Catherine E	Instructional Asst	Sped	Orchard Avenue Elementary	05/26/2010
Mckay, Sherrie L	Instructional Asst	Allocatn	Taylor Elementary	05/26/2010
Moore, Traci N	Instructional Asst	Sped	Orchard Mesa Middle School	05/26/2010
Roll, Yvonne R	Hawthorne Brailier		Hawthorne	05/27/2010
Sears, Dianna K	Instructional Asst		R-5 High School	05/26/2010
Severance, Patricia M	Resource Consultant		Vision School	06/01/2010
Trousdale, Jonathan L	Instructional Asst	Sped	Scenic Elementary	05/26/2010
Uecker, Jessica M	Instructional Asst	Sped	Grand Mesa Middle School	05/26/2010
Wachtel, Dusty D	Carpenter/Draftsman		Maintenance	06/30/2010
Warnock, Jennifer N	Instructional Asst	Title	Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elem	05/27/2011
White, Mary Jeanett	Instructional Asst	Sped	Fruita Monument High School	05/26/2010
Witsken, Aaron J	Night Custodian		Dos Rios Elementary	07/22/2010
Valdez, Adrian	Night Custodian		Custodial Dept	06/30/2010
ASSIGNMENTS				
Cording Laird, Denice J	Executive Assistant		Emerson	07/01/2010
Cruz, Fredrick W	Night Custodian		Grand Junction High School	06/03/2010
Duffy, John A	Painter		Maintenance	07/19/2010
Hough, Alexandria B	Resource Consultant		Substitute Classified	07/19/2010
Koronko-Adelgren, Karen R	Resource Consultant		Vision School	07/19/2010
Kuhns, Christopher A	Technical Support Technician		Technology Services	06/07/2010
Sondgeroth, Donald R	Groundskeeper		Grounds	06/14/2010
Stringfellow, Jerry L	Night Custodian		Elementary School Sites	07/12/2010
Stuchlik, Julie L	Groundskeeper		Grounds	09/10/2009
Vance, Justin L	Groundskeeper		Grounds	07/06/2010
Watt, Robin L	Field Serv Computer Technician		Technology Services	07/01/2010
LEAVE OF ABSENCE				
Rascon, Olivia	Campus Liaison		Fruita 8/9	5/26/2010
Holman, Kimberly	Instructional Asst	Reading	Thunder Mountain Elementary	5/26/2010
Arellano, Gena	Instructional Asst	Reading	Scenic Elementary	5/26/2010
Osburn, Emily	Instructional Asst	SPED	Pomona Elementary	5/26/2010
Gutierrez, Yaneth	L.E.A.G. Liaison		East Middle School	5/26/2010
Smith, Stephanie	Instructional Asst	Kindergarten	Pear Park Elementary	5/26/2010

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Donor	Barbara Chaplik
Gift	Basket reed, tools and supplies
Value	\$250.00
School/Department	Visual Arts Department / Art Heritage Program

Donor	Monte E. Riggle
Gift	Basic Electrical Engineering Project
Value	\$3193.48
School/Department	West Middle School / 8 th Grade Technology & Engineering

Donor	Encana Natural Gas
Gift	Cash
Value	\$12,000.00
School/Department	Grand Junction High School, Baseball Renovation Project

Donor	Joy Hudak
Gift	Laptops and software
Value	\$7,000.00
School/Department	DIA / Riverside Educational Center

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 certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on August 17, 2010.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education



**Mesa County Valley School District 51
Grants**

Board of Education Resolution 10/11: 04

Adopted: August 17, 2010

Grant Title	Macerich Signing Santa
Source	Macerich Corporation
Fund Number	22-606-0044
Site	Emerson
Description	To be used for supplies, photos, etc. for a Santa who signs for our deaf/hard of hearing students
Budget Amount	\$500.00
Fiscal Year	06/30/2011
Authorized Representative	Tanya Skalecki, Alice Betts or replacement

Grant Title	Read to Achieve
Source	Colorado Department of Education
Fund Number	22-121-3930
Site	Rocky Mountain Elementary
Description	Increased reading literacy and comprehension
Budget Amount	\$201,618
Fiscal Year	06/30/2011
Authorized Representative	Leslie Whitacre, (Patti Virden Supplies only up to \$1,000)

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.

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 17, 2010.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education



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Food Service Meal Price Increase 2010-2011

Board of Education Resolution: 10/11: 10

Adopted: August 17, 2010

WHEREAS, a Food Services Proposal for the 2010-2011 school year was presented to the Board on August 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the current status of the school lunch program was then reported, indicating the 2010-11 Federal reimbursement meal price rates have not kept pace with increasing food and labor costs. The average cost per meal for a secondary student is \$2.81 at Middle Schools & \$3.23 at High Schools. As a result overall expenditures for food services have exceeded revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Food Service Department is intended to be a self-sustaining, enterprise program; and

WHEREAS, the administration requests approval to eliminate the lower tier \$2.25 of the \$2.25 to \$2.75 current pricing at all secondary schools to set pricing of \$2.50 at Middle Schools and \$2.75 at High Schools. Price change has no impact on Free/Reduced Lunch students. Secondary price change will allow the food services program to balance its budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley District 51 Board of Education adopts the proposed food service secondary meal price increase requested by the administration for the 2010-2011 school year.

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 17, 2010.

*Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education*

High School Music Resource Adoption

Board of Education Resolution: 09/10: 124

Superintendent's Report: June 15, 2010
Adopted: August 17, 2010

WHEREAS, the District music program has offered Music Theory for academic credit for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, teachers of High School Vocal Music teach sight singing to improve music literacy for both individual and ensemble development; and

WHEREAS, it is a vital part of the secondary instrumental music curriculum to have method books in order to teach basic music theory, reading and musical concepts; and

WHEREAS, the High Schools offer a music appreciation class for academic credit; and

WHEREAS, presently there are no adopted resources and the High School music staff have reviewed and recommended the following resources for adoption.

Textbook Title	Publisher	Copyright	Cost
Tonal Harmony-With an Introduction to Twentieth Century, 6 th Edition	Glencoe/McGraw-Hill	2009	\$83.50
Jenson Sight Singing Course, Singers Edition Volume 1 & Volume 2, and Student Exercises	JW Pepper	2009	\$3.50 each
Music! Its Role and Importance in Our Lives	Glencoe/McGraw-Hill	2006	\$55.62

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education is presented the high school music titles listed above for consideration and review, prior to the proposed adoption scheduled for August 17, 2010.

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 17, 2010.

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Secretary, Board of Education



Mesa County Valley School District No. 51
Resolution Endorsing and Supporting School Finance Lawsuit

Board of Education Resolution 10/11: 02

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WHEREAS, the Colorado Constitution mandates:

1. That the general assembly shall establish and maintain a thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the state; and,
2. That the general assembly shall provide for the organization of school districts to be governed by locally elected boards of education that are vested with the control of instruction in the public schools of their respective districts; and,

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009, the Colorado Supreme held in *Lobato v. State of Colorado*:

1. That the Education Clause of the Colorado Constitution contains a substantive mandate to the general assembly to assure that thorough and uniform educational opportunities are available in every school district and that every school district has the control necessary to implement the mandate at the local level; and,
2. That the state's public school finance system must be rationally related to fulfilling the constitutional mandate that the General Assembly establish and maintain a "thorough and uniform" system of free public schools throughout the state; and,
3. That it is the responsibility of the judiciary to review claims that allege a failure by the general assembly to fulfill the mandate of the Education Clause; and,
4. That Colorado school districts may participate as plaintiffs in the pending public school finance litigation; and,

WHEREAS, *Lobato v. State of Colorado* is now remanded to the district court for trial on the merits; and,

WHEREAS, this Board of Education is authorized and charged by law with the responsibility to provide an educational program that meets the high expectations of the students, parents, and taxpayers within the District; and,

WHEREAS, the general assembly has enacted legislation establishing a system of educational accountability based upon goals, objectives, content standards, standardized testing, assessment, school accreditation, and school accountability, which system has also incorporated the federal No Child Left Behind Act; and,

WHEREAS, this system has imposed increased expectations and obligations upon local school districts, which include progressively more demanding standards, all under threat of state and federal



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sanctions, up to and including privatization of local schools; and,

WHEREAS, neither the State of Colorado nor the federal government has provided adequate funding to permit local boards of education to meet the constitutional mandate to control instruction in their schools, the legislative mandate to achieve certain standards of student performance, and the expectations of the communities which they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado public school finance system is not designed to assure the level of funding necessary to provide the programs and services guaranteed by the Colorado Constitution and to meet the academic standards to which all school districts and their students are held accountable; and,

WHEREAS, the general assembly has failed to fund categorical and other programs intended to provide badly needed support and to meet the requirements of federal and state law for at risk student populations, low income families, second language learners, and special education students, all of which further impacts the educational opportunities available to all students; and,

WHEREAS, the general assembly has failed to demonstrate the commitment or ability to provide for and fund an adequate and equitable system of public education that meets the standards of the Colorado constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the school districts and their boards of education have special constitutional and statutory interests that are substantially independent of the state board of education, the general assembly, and the State of Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) and the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) governing boards have strongly endorsed the Colorado school finance litigation;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education endorses and supports the Colorado school finance litigation, known as *Lobato v. State of Colorado*.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on August 17, 2010.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary to Board of Education



Resolution To Form District 51 Foundation

Board of Education Resolution: 10/11: 09

Adopted: August 17, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes the District will likely face significant budgetary pressures in the years ahead, and the Board of Education believes that revenue from federal, state and local government sources will not be sufficient to fully fund District operations and programs or to otherwise meet the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, fund-raising activities could provide grants, donations and other alternative resources to supplement precarious public funding and help support and maintain District programs, projects and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no organization existing to encourage, coordinate and facilitate fund-raising for such purposes, or to foster broad-based community support for public education in the Grand Valley; and

WHEREAS, the administration has proposed to organize a private, non-profit corporation to be named the “District 51 Foundation,” to raise funds on a tax-exempt basis for capital projects and key performance programs and initiatives relating to public education in the District and to partner with other public and private institutions to improve overall community involvement among District educators, parents, students and community members toward the common goal of providing quality public education for District students; and

WHEREAS, the District 51 Foundation would be governed by a board of trustees composed of community members and designated representatives from the District; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the formation of the “District 51 Foundation” for the educational and charitable purposes identified above, provided such purposes shall be construed to be in furtherance of such exempt purposes as are permitted by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to take the steps necessary to organize and establish the “District 51 Foundation” as a non-profit corporation qualifying for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on August 17, 2010.

*Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education*