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						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present Absent	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	<u>BUDGET HEARING</u> A. Call to Order ➤ Mr. Mikolai reviewed the Budget Hearing process guidelines and noted the Board will not be making comments at the end of each audience comment. Comments which were received: Ms. Marisa Torchia, 1141 Powell Street, Fruita, CO 81521 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Torchia reported a letter writing campaign in the community of Fruita. People are writing letters to Board members regarding concerns about the Fruita Schools. Mrs. Torchia read a letter written by a member of the Fruita community. Mrs. Torchia stated teachers and parents in Fruita feel they are not receiving their fair share. She stated there is a perception by the Fruita community of inadequate support for all Fruita programs. Mrs. Torchia feels there is overcrowding in Fruita schools. She asked the Board to ensure the Fruita schools are funded at the same level of resources as all other schools in the District. The Board thanked her for her comments. Ms. Chandra Boulden, 608 Sabil Drive, Fruita, CO 81521 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Boulden thanked the Board for their time. She stated she has a family in Fruita and a second grader at Rim Rock Elementary. Ms. Boulden stated she has not seen a specific map of the affected boundary changes; however, her daughter does not want to change schools. She felt changing boundaries was disruptive to the educational process and busing students is not a good solution. The Board thanked for her comments. Mrs. Erin Kinney, 431 Gold Rush Drive, Fruita, CO 81521 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Kinney thanked the Board for their service. She stated she is speaking on behalf of the students in Fruita; specifically, Shelledy Elementary and Rim Rock Elementary. Mrs. Kinney stated there is a feeling of inequity with regards to student/teacher ratios in the Fruita schools. She has compared ratios to Scenic, Broadway and Wingate Elementary. She asked the Board to monitor student/teacher ratios and make sure they are equal across the District. The Board thanked Mrs. Kinney for her comments. Mr. Ron Rubalcaba, 2858 ½ B Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rubalcaba expressed his concern regarding the students who will be walking to Mesa View Elementary. He stated students will have to cross 29 Road and he feels there is a safety concern on this walking route. The Board stated they will look at, and consider, the safety of students in all new walking routes. The Board thanked Mr. Rubalcaba for his concerns. Ms. Shandee Talley, 523 Kaley Street, Fruita, CO 81521 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Talley thanked the board for their service. Mrs. Talley stated she has a kindergartener who is upset because of the change in school boundaries in Fruita. She asked the Board to retain students at their current schools and explore other solutions for alleviating crowding. Ms. Talley also expressed her disappointment with her perceived lack of communication regarding boundary changes. She stated she did not know about the boundary changes until she read about them in the local newspaper. The Board thanked Ms. Talley for her comments. 	Budget Hearing Called to Order 6:00 p.m.

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						<p>Ms. Jill Henneberg, 887 San Gabriel Street, Fruita, CO 81521</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Henneberg stated she has children who will be redistricted to Loma Elementary. She has heard positive reports regarding Loma Elementary; however, she is concerned about the twenty minute bus ride students will have to take to Loma. She would like the Board to consider putting a daycare bus stop at Discovery Kids Learning Center in Fruita. She stated this would make things easier for working parents. The Board thanked Mrs. Henneberg for her comments. <p>Mr. Kirk Huddleston, 286 N. Cherry, Fruita, CO 81521</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hubbleston thanked the Board for their time. He discussed the redistribution of students in the Fruita schools. Mr. Hubbleston works at Discovery Kids and would like to work with a representative from the District to do what is best for students. Mr. Hubbleston would allow a bus stop to be set up at Discovery Kids Learning Center. The Board thanked Mr. Hubbleston for his comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Leany stated he is writing an article for the Fruita Times describing the rationale and conclusions which were developed regarding the boundary changes in Fruita. Mr. Leany reported meeting with the Fruita City Council and felt there was great discussion regarding the challenges in Fruita. ➤ Mr. Butler stated his concern regarding all students in District 51. Mr. Butler reinforced the Board's belief of all decisions are made in the best interest of every student; which includes decisions for all students in Fruita. ➤ Mrs. Kiesler reported similar crowding concerns in all schools across the Grand Valley. The Board built a new school in Fruita to correct overcrowding and Fruita outgrew the new school. Mrs. Kiesler stated the Board is concerned about all families and are doing the best they can for all families and students. She stated the Board is not picking on any one area or group. Mrs. Kiesler stated modulars for overcrowding are not an option as they are a temporary fix. Modulars are just throwing money away. ➤ Mr. Mikolai apologized if there was miscommunication to families in Fruita. Mr. Mikolai stated decisions were made in the best interest of all students. Decisions were made regarding the overcrowding issues at Shelledy and Rim Rock schools. These schools are above building capacity. Loma Elementary is the most logical option for students in Fruita. This decision was not made overnight or lightly. Several weeks of discussion and research took place. Mr. Mikolai stated the transition is going to be slow, considerate and thoughtful. He reported this will be a long range solution to the overcrowding solution. The Board will look at all busing options and work with Discovery Kids to evaluate a bus stop at that location. All options will be discussed. All busing distances will take safety and distance into account. If the Board feels the safety of students is challenged, they will make the correct decision based on each individual situation. ➤ Mr. Schultz thanked everyone for sharing their concerns. He reported the Board and Superintendent do care about all students in the valley. He stated there has been a lot of emotion with regards to the budget and budget reductions. Mr. Schultz stated when the District started looking at boundary changes; they were trying to be forward thinking. The District asked a demographer to report to the Board regarding the state of the District. It was at this time overcrowding at Shelledy and Rim Rock Schools was discussed. 	

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						<p>➤ No decision had been made before the article was in the paper. The District will continue to work with the community of Fruita to address overcrowding issues. Mr. Schultz reported working in Mesa County Valley School District 51 for over thirty years. He stated the past few years have been the most consecutive years of budget decline, and challenges, during his tenure. The district has a high mobility rate; almost twenty-five percent of students change in one classroom from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Some schools have as high as a forty percent mobility rate. It is difficult to predict where students will land. The District will look at the numbers in the fall and as a community will work together to be problem solving. Mr. Schultz reminded everyone the District has cut over 31 million dollars from its budget over the past four years. All were cuts the District and Board did not want to make.</p>	
						<p><u>BUSINESS MEETING</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL</p> <p>➤ Mr. Mikolai welcomed attendees to the June Board Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, under <i>Item G. Audience Comments.</i></p>	6:37 p.m.
Present	x	x	x	x	x		
Absent							
Motion			x			B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted as presented
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x		C. MEETING MINUTES & SUMMARY APPROVAL	Adopted as Presented
Second		x				C-1. May 1, 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				C-2. May 22, 2012, Business Meeting Minutes	Adopted as Presented
Second			x				
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. 2012 Class of Boettcher Scholars Recognition [Resolution: 11/12: 113]	
						➤ Mr. Butler asked Chris Klene to come forward. Chris was selected as a 2012 Boettcher Scholar by the Boettcher Foundation. Boettcher Scholars are selected annually from a pool of approximately 1,300 highly qualified Colorado high school applicants who exhibit excellence in scholarship, leadership and extracurricular involvement. Chris was one of 40 scholars chosen for the class of 2012. Chris was in the top .01 percent of his class at Fruita Monument High School with a 4.3 GPA. He played varsity football all four years of high school. His leadership included being president of the Interact Club and President of the National Honor Society.	
						➤ The Board congratulated Chris on earning a tuition-free scholarship to the University of Colorado.	

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						<p>E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Tisue reported attending the Attack Counter Measures Training in Montrose on shooter survival. This training was specifically targeted for schools. ➤ Mrs. Kiesler reported attending the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Board Meeting <p>F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No information at this time. <p>G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Mikolai read the guidelines for meeting attendees to address the Board. Requests received: Mr. David Cox, 756 37 8/10 Road, Palisade, CO 81526 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cox addressed the board regarding the Pro Second Amendment Committee 2013 Essay Contest. Mr. Cox would like permission to distribute the essay information to all teachers. The Board thanked Mr. Cox for the information. <p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Superintendent Schultz read a letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency congratulating Mesa County Valley School District 51 for being an Energy Star Leader. ➤ Mr. Schultz discussed the audience comment from Mr. David Cox and asked for the Board's direction with fielding the large number of requests from the community for distribution of information regarding contests and advertisements. Mr. Schultz stated the District would like to work on how the District can communicate fairly and consistently. <p>H-1. Instructional Update: School Equity and Advisory Committee (SEAC) Reporting – Mrs. Cathy Haller, Prevention Services Coordinator and Mrs. Donna Bennett, Chairman of the SEAC Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Haller thanked the Board for their time. They reported the SEAC Committee worked hard this year. They stated members of the committee are very cooperative and work well with agency members and the community. They thanked Mr. Tim Leon, Safety Coordinator and Mrs. Susana Wittrock, Executive Director of Equity, for their support. The committee worked with Mr. David Price, Attorney for the District to expand the definition of bullying and revise the District Policy. Mrs. Bennett outlined the changes to the policy. • Mrs. Haller shared two brochures the committee developed for staff and parents to help understand bullying. Mrs. Haller reported Mr. Leon has trained custodial and First Student staff on bullying prevention. A video on child abuse reporting was developed by Mr. Ryan Cook, Media Specialist and will be available on the District website. The committee is working toward a consistent message regarding bullying. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent and Board thanked Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Haller for their hard work. <p>H-2. District Accountability Committee (DAC) Presentation to the Board on UIP (Unified Improved Plan) Patterns and Trends – Mrs. Sherry Price, DAC Co-Chair, Mr. Darryl Aday, DAC Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Price and Mr. Aday thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. Mrs. Price reported all UIP review comments and data are available for principals' access on the intranet. She thanked all of the groups who updated their goals in reports to DAC during the year. ➤ Mrs. Price listed the following recommendations for the Board to review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit new members for DAC • Work hard to discontinue using acronyms in all discussions • Make sure each school has a parent and staff representation at the UIP meetings • Continue to focus on student strategies and early intervention • Make sure students are part of "the District" and not part of a specific school • Work to encourage middle school parents to become more involved in their schools. ➤ The following successes were applauded by the District Accountability Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAR assessments are successful. • Applaud nutrition services. This program was a financial risk and now is operating in the black. Nutrition Services staff is to be commended. • The District is to be congratulated for making decisions in all students' best interest. ➤ Mr. Mikolai thanked the District Accountability Committee for their guidance and input. He stated DAC is important to the District during the process of moving forward with all mandates; specifically, regarding teacher effectiveness. ➤ Mr. Butler thanked Mrs. Price and Mr. Aday for their dedication to the District Accountability Committee and the quality of work they have done. ➤ Mr. Schultz thanked the District Accountability Committee for the teams willing to go to the UIP reviews at all 44 schools. He thanked Mr. Aday and Mrs. Price for their dedication to the District. He thanked DAC for their work with accountability, the budget committee, the unfolding long-term plan, the GVCIA and legislative mandated reforms. <p>H-3. Business Investment Reports -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Melissa Callahan deVita, Executive Director of Support Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion took place regarding employee benefits. <p>H-4. Clinic Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monthly claims were discussed. Mrs. Callahan-deVita and Mrs. Sheila Naski, Risk Management, are working on a summary which lists the type of visits staff and families are being seen for at the Employee Health Clinic. Overall the health of the insurance fund is good. 	

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						<p>H-5. Expulsion Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 2011-2012 school year ended with a decline in student expulsions. Mr. Tim Leon, Safety Coordinator, is conducting training with staff on the different drugs students are using. Mr. Leon showed symptomology which can be reported to building administrators. The same training will take place with additional staff throughout the 2012-2013 school year. <p>I. EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None at this time. <p>J. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>J-1. Personnel Actions</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">J-1-a. Licensed Personnel</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">J-1-b. Building Administrator Assignments 2012-2013</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">J-1-c. Support Personnel</p> <p>J-2. Gifts</p> <p>K. BUSINESS ITEMS</p> <p>K-1. Resolution for American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees, (AFSCME) Negotiated Agreement [Resolution: 11/12: 112]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Kate Jackson, AFSCME President, thanked the Board for their courageous efforts during the budget process. The Board thanked Mrs. Jackson for her time and dedication to the classified staff. <p>K-2. Resolution to Approve Attorney Contract [Resolution:11/12: 109]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Callahan-deVita reported on the contract for the attorney for Mesa County Valley School District 51, Mr. David Price. Discussion took place on a review of the contract, which is done on an annual basis. Mrs. Callahan-deVita stated the salary increase given to Mr. Price was negotiated three years ago; however, Mr. Price waived his annual increase for the previous three years. ➤ Mrs. Callahan-deVita stated Mr. Price is knowledgeable about school law and has been the attorney for the Colorado Association of School Boards. <p>K-3. Budget [Resolution: 11/12: 115, 116, 117 and 118]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A request was made to put detailed information in the Daily Sentinel outlining all budget reductions. <p>K-4. 2012-2013 Student Fee Schedule [Resolution: 11/12: 92]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion took place regarding the fee schedules. The fees schedules will be posted on the District Website for parent information. <p>K-5. Resolution for Mesa Valley Vision Contract [Resolution: 11/12: 108]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Members of the Mesa Valley Vision staff were present and thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Schultz reported changes to the Sunshine Law Language in the 	
Motion				x			Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x			Adopted
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Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x			Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
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Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
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Motion				x			Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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						<p>new Mesa Valley Vision contract. The new contract will be an ongoing contract, unless one of the parties requests a review or cancellation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mesa Valley Vision is required to apply for waivers with the State of Colorado, Department of Education every two to three years. 	
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	<p>K-6. Resolution for Refunding Bonds [Resolution: 11/12: 121]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Kirk Ryder was present to answer questions about the refunding of the District bonds. The presented resolution will allow Mr. Schultz and Mrs. Callahan-deVita to authorize refunding bonds when the pricing is optimal. ➤ The money saved by refunding these bonds is taxpayer dollars and does not go into the School District general fund. 	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	<p>K-7. Board Policy 2nd Reading and Adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ K-7-a. JS – Student Use of Information Technology Resources ➤ K-7-b. GBEE – Staff Use of Information Technology Resources ➤ K-7-c. GBEE-R – Staff Use of Information Technology Resources ➤ Discussion took place regarding the policies being adopted. Mr. Harwood stated these policies are being tied in with legislation. District Staff have worked on these policies for the past ten months. These updated policies put us in compliance with state mandates. 	Adopted as Revised
						<p>K-8. Board Policy 1st Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ K-8-a. JICDE – Bullying Prevention/Education ➤ K-8-b. EEAA – Walkers and Riders ➤ These policies will be brought back for approval on August 21. 	First Reading
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	<p>K-9. Resolution for BOCES Contract [Resolution: 11/12: 114]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz reported no change in the BOCES contract language or dues. Services will continue at the same level. 	Adopted
						<p>L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None at this time. 	
						<p>M. FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed. 	
						<p>N. EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None 	
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	<p>O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 p.m.</p>	Meeting Adjourned
						<p>_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education</p>	