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**Board of Education**  
**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2012  
 Adopted: August 7, 2012

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						<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
						<u>BUDGET HEARING</u>	Budget Hearing
Motion Second Aye No			x			<p>A. Call to Order [Mr. Mikolai, absent/excused]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Schultz reviewed the Budget Hearing Process and noted there will be two Budget Hearings available for public comment.</li> <li>➤ Mrs. Kiesler read the guidelines for meeting attendees to address the Board. Requests received:            Mr. Tom Acker, 2410 Sandridge Court, Grand Junction, CO 81507            Ms. Nicole Bernal Ruiz, 1137 Richwood Avenue, Fruita, CO 81521</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Acker and Ms. Ruiz are representing the Western Colorado nonprofit Hispanic Affairs Project and wanted to voice their concern for the budget reductions which are being proposed. They shared statistics and asked the Board to reconsider cutting the Leadership for Education, Achievement and Graduation (LEAG) Program. The Board thanked them for their comments.</li> <li>• Mr. Schultz stated Mesa County Valley School District 51 has been through a declining budget for the past few years. He stated cuts have made an impact on all employee and student groups in District 51. Mr. Schultz reported the Board has been receptive of input they have received from all budget groups and the Board continues to make the best decisions possible.</li> <li>• If the District was funded at the legislation required level, there would be an additional twenty-five million dollars in the budget. Mr. Schultz would like to find a way to work, as a community, to think of different ways to provide opportunities to students. He stated the District is committed to moving ahead. He reiterated the majority of the LEAG employees who had their positions cut would be retained in the District in another position.</li> <li>• Mrs. Kiesler reported advocating for the District at the state level.</li> <li>• Mrs. Tissue stated some of the cuts were efficiencies; for example, moving teachers due to a reduction in students at some schools.</li> <li>• Mr. Leany stated the District will spend within their means. Mr. Leany reported, when it comes to state and federal mandates, the District does not have a say in how to spend a portion of its budget. He reported the Board spends hours and days looking at data and making the hard decisions.</li> </ul> <p>B. Adjourn</p> <p><u>WORK SESSION SUMMARY:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Youth Policy Summit – Mrs. Teresa Coons           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mrs. Teresa Coons, Director of the Western Colorado John McConnell Math and Science Center, and students from various high schools who were in a Youth Policy Summit Program, presented on their studies from the 2011-2012 school year.</li> <li>➤ Through the program, the students completed research on how to incorporate energy education information into the school district. Students presented recommendations to the Board asking the Board to begin to explore the possibility of adding an Energy course to the District’s curriculum.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Called to Order 6:03 p.m.</p>
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- Mrs. Coons reported a Chevron Grant was received for the John McConnell Western Colorado Math and Science Center. This grant has been used to support high school students from across the district to participate in the Youth Policy Summit. Participation in this summit was considered extracurricular. Students earned six college credits through Colorado Mesa University. The students who were presenting were:
  - Courtlyn Carpenter from Fruita Monument High School
  - Lindsey Whitesides from Fruita Monument High School
  - Emily Djokic, Central High School
  - Chris Klene, Fruita Monument High School
  
- The Board thanked the students for the informative presentation. Recruiting is currently going on for twenty additional students to participate in the program during the 2012-2013 school year.
  
- 2. Gifted and Talented Report – Mrs. Heather Baskin, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, and Mrs. Jessica Mulvey, Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee
  - Mrs. Baskin and Mrs. Mulvey reported on the state of Gifted and Talented in the District and shared survey results showing areas of challenge with Gifted/ Talented Services. Mrs. Baskin detailed the 2012-2016 plan for the Gifted and Talented Department and discussed the upcoming audit by the Colorado Department of Education, which will take place in 2013. Mrs. Baskin and Mrs. Mulvey reviewed the advisory committee work for the 2011-2012 school year. There are approximately twenty people on the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee.
  
- [Mrs. Kiesler called for a break 7:14 p.m. Resumed 7:25 p.m.]
  
- 3. Junior Achievement Update – Mr. David Brown, Area Program Coordinator
  - Mr. Brown thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak with them. Mr. Brown discussed the Junior Achievement activities in the District during the 2011-2012 school year. The primary focus was Junior Achievement in a day at five elementary schools.
  - Additionally, several classes were offered at two middle schools and R-5 High School. Approximately 800 students in District 51 completed Junior Achievement activities this year.
  - This program is not paid for from Fund 10. There is a high level of interest for continuing participation in this program in the fall of 2012.
  - Junior Achievement is putting together an Advisory Board for the Western Slope area. The Daniel's Fund paid for Junior Achievement in the Grand Junction area for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Brown announced he is stepping down as the local coordinator. A new coordinator will be named soon.
  - Close to 50 volunteers, and all of the Community Hospital staff, provided services for this program. The Board and Superintendent thanked Mr. Brown for his dedication to Junior Achievement and his participation for our District.

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						4. SB191 Implementation Update ➤ An update regarding SB191 was presented by Dr. Jody Mimmack, Executive Director of Instructional Support, Mrs. Colleen Martin, Executive Director of Human Resources and Mrs. Leah Gonyeau, Assistant Principal at Fruita 8/9 School. The presentation covered the history and purpose of State legislation and covered new requirements. The State and District implementation timelines were reviewed. ➤ An overview of the summit held on Wednesday, May 30, at Bookcliff Middle School was presented. The summit group created goals and mapped out action items for the next thirteen months. Approximately thirty people attended the summit. Mr. Schultz thanked Mrs. Tisue for her attendance. ➤ District 51 was awarded Race to the Top Grant funds to help with staff development for the implementation of SB191. The District will receive approximately \$180,000 over the next three years. ➤ Mr. Schultz and the Board thanked everyone for their hard work.  5. Board Policy 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading for Information Only ➤ Policy JS – Student Use of Information Technology Resources was brought forward for first reading.  <u>BUSINESS MEETING:</u>	
Present	x	x	x		x	A. Call to Order/Roll Call	8:03 p.m.
Absent					x		
Motion			x			B. Personnel Actions	Adopted
Second	x					B-1. Licensed Personnel	
Aye	x	x	x	x			
No							
Motion			x			C. Motion to Adjourn Business Meeting: 8:23 p.m.	Adjourned
Second					x		
Aye	x	x	x	x			
No							
						_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education	