

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Work Session Meeting*

*March 8, 2012*

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### **Work Session Minutes**

A - Jeff Leany  
 B - Ann Tissue  
 C - Harry Butler  
 D - Leslie Kiesler  
 E - Greg Mikolai

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	<b>WORK SESSION SUMMARY:</b> ➤ Mr. Mikolai welcomed everyone to the March Board Work Session. He reviewed the Work Session Agenda. Mr. Mikolai stated there would be no public comment at this Work Session. He noted the Board would not be voting on any Agenda topic.  1. Early Retirement Option (ERO) Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board discussed, and agreed, to not offer an ERO for District 51 staff. The Board felt it was not financially feasible to participate in an ERO at this time.</li> </ul> 2. 2012-2013 School Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas and information were shared regarding to the 2012-2013 school calendar. The instructional team, consisted of Mr. Andy Laase, Ms. Lesley Rose, Mr. Bill Larsen, Mrs. Mary Jones, Dr. Jody Mimmack, Mrs. Tanya Skalecki and Mrs. Jennifer Smyth. Differences between the four-day week and the five-day week options, which were presented to the Board were compared. Statistics and topics were discussed.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The district would need to apply for a waiver from the Colorado Department of Education to approve a four day calendar option.</li> <li>○ While the number of days may lessen in the four-day week calendar options, the number of student-contact hours will stay the same or increase depending on which calendar is chosen.</li> <li>○ The four-day week will save approximately 1.5 million, depending on the exact calendar chose.</li> <li>○ The Board expressed concern about the length of the day, causing fatigue or a decrease in performance in students and staff.</li> <li>○ At the high school level a longer day could be difficult for students involved in after school activities.</li> <li>○ The Board asked for information on the increase in crime due to a four day calendar. Mr. Tim Leon, Safety Coordinator, has investigated this concern with districts who are currently utilizing four-day weeks (rural school districts). Studies showed no increase in crime.</li> <li>○ Mr. Dan Sharp presented some information regarding the impact to the nutrition service program if a four-day week were adopted. Revenue would predict a loss of \$328,000 in salaries/staffing with a possible reduction in force of almost thirty positions. Meal prices would need to increase with the possible elimination of breakfast programs at some schools. It was noted nutrition services is a separate fund from the District's general fund.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Meeting Convened: 6:00 p.m.
Absent							
Excused							

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mrs. Callahan deVita presented an implementation activity/punch list if a four-day week is approved for the 2012-2013 school year.</li> <li>○ The Board questioned how a four-day week would impact the new Guaranteed Viable Curriculum and Dr. Jody Mimmack explained all the curriculum would need to be revised and rewritten.</li> <li>○ Data from the budget survey (as of March 7, 2012) was presented to the Board.</li> </ul> <p>[Mr. Mikolai called for a break at 7:23 p.m. Resumed at 7:33 p.m.]</p> <p>3. Options Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mrs. Tissue thanked everyone who participated in the Options Fair, which was held on February 22 at R5 High School. She felt it was a great success and attendance was good.</li> </ul> <p>4. School Boundaries Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Board discussed boundary changes presented at the February Board Meeting by the District demographer. The Board agreed they needed to look at solutions to alleviate overcrowding at Shelledy and Rim Rock Elementary Schools for the 2012-2013 school year.</li> <li>● The Board discussed some of the implications of each of the options presented in February. The Board leaned toward utilizing option three – moving west Rim Rock students to Shelledy and south Fruita/Shelledy students to Broadway. The Board noted option three does not help save money.</li> <li>● The Board requested the District staff work to bring forward a resolution with regards to discussed changes in boundaries and have the resolution ready for action at the March 27 Board Business Meeting.</li> <li>● The Board requested staff work with the community in Fruita to develop a transitional plan for the proposed boundary changes. The transition would happen over time and honor the family unit.</li> <li>● The Board requested staff work with principals to understand a transition plan to handle the proposed boundary changes.</li> <li>● Mr. Mikolai cautioned utilizing option three does not save the District money. District leaders project the Board will have to cut five to eight million dollars from the 2012-2013 budget.</li> </ul> <p>5. Adjournment: 8:14 p.m.</p>	
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