

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Work Session

October 4, 2011

Work Session Minutes

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

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						AGENDA ITEMS	
Present			x	x	x	WORK SESSION	6:00 p.m.
Absent		x				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Butler called the work session to order. ➤ Superintendent Schultz greeted the Board and welcomed the visitors. [Mrs. Enos-Martinez: absent/excused] ➤ Proposal for Old Palisade High School Property Agreement Superintendent Schultz introduced Mr. Richard Sales, Interim Town Administrator for the Town of Palisade and reported a request to revise the agreement the District currently has with the Town of Palisade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sales reminded the Board about the current agreement with the District. Mr. Sales reported the Town of Palisade has been trying to build a new fire station; however, economic difficulties have forced them to take a look at the annex building. They would like to revise the current lease to reflect the Town of Palisade take over the responsibility for all costs for maintenance; including gas, electricity, water and sewer, and allow the District to store items in the annex for the next calendar year. • Construction on the fire station would begin in the spring of 2012 and items currently stored in the building could remain there until the fall of 2012. • Mr. Sales and the Board discussed the need for the Town of Palisade to have working space, the historical status of the building and the conditions of a new lease. • Superintendent Schultz stated the District's legal council would be consulted and a resolution or memo of understanding would be brought to a future Board Meeting for Board consideration. ➤ Dropout Retrieval/Grand River Virtual Academy Update Superintendent Schultz asked Mr. Ron Roybal, Director of Alternative Programs to come forward and report about Dropout Retrieval and the Grande River Virtual Academy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Roybal introduced Mr. Pat Chapin, Grande River Virtual Academy, and Mr. John Pomaski, Dropout Retrieval/Grant Writer for the District. Mr. Roybal thanked the Board for the opportunity to report to them. Mr. Roybal reported information as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stand-alone academic options for students ○ Student numbers enrolled in each program ○ Reported 164 students have been retrieved who were unattached to any school last year ○ Reported a change in the academic option department to better serve a greater population of students • Mr. Chapin shared information on the enrollment process and commitment required to attend Grande River Virtual Academy. • Mr. Pomaski discussed the process for dropout retrieval and shared student's personal stories. He reported the retrieval process pursues disenfranchised students and makes an immediate attempt to recover them. 	Convened
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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Schultz thanked Mr. Roybal, Mr. Chapin and Mr. Pomaski for their hard work. The Board thanked them for their dedication to students. <p>➤ Enrollment Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Schultz reported on enrollment and the September State forecast. He reminded the Board the District budgeted for enrollment to be down 165 students from last year. He explained the official count would not be available until the first part of November. He reminded Board members the District per pupil funding for the 2011-2012 school year will be \$6,137. • The enrollment count, based on the September 23 report, showed a total decline of 360 students district-wide. • The District's budget re-adoption must be completed by January of 2012. Based on the larger than budgeted enrollment declines, the District could need to find an additional 1.1 million to cut in the readoption. The Governor's Budget for the 2012/2013 fiscal year is due in November and will provide our first view of potential school funding for next year. • Property values have dropped by 16.6 percent from last year and 19.4 percent over the past two years. This will lead to an average reduction in residential property taxes of approximately \$300 per home. Grand Junction unemployment rates have declined to 9.5 percent and remain higher than the national average. • The Board discussed information received from the State. There has been no talk of a rescission at this time. There are a lot of unknown factors at this time. Superintendent Schultz reported the Special Education count will be December 1 and could soften the numbers. • Superintendent Schultz cautioned the Board the enrollment numbers reported tonight are very preliminary. • The Board thanked Mr. Schultz for the report. <p>➤ Board Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Butler reported attending the Parks Improvement Advisory Board and discussing the Lincoln Park remodel. He also reported attending the Region 10 CASB Meeting on October 3 with other Board members. At the CASB Meeting the Board received an update on the finances for the State. • There will be a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of the John Otto statue on Main Street on Friday, October 7. Chipeta Elementary will be sending their fourth graders to watch the installation of the statue earlier in the day. The formal unveiling is at 5:30 p.m. <p>➤ Adjournment</p>	
						<p>_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned 7:01 p.m.</p>