

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Work Session Minutes

May 7, 2013

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Present		x	x	x	x	<p><u>WORK SESSION SUMMARY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Mikolai welcomed everyone to the May Board Work Session and called the meeting to order. [Mr. Leany arrived at 6:11 p.m.] <p>1. Personalized Learning Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Mikolai apologized for not being able to present information to the Board on personalized learning, due to technical difficulties; he would present the information at a later date. <p>[Due to the District's internet not working there was a delay moving to Agenda item 2. Mr. Schultz suggested this would be a good time for the Board to do Board Reports.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Tissue reported the Junior Achievement Program has had a change in coordinators and would be making a presentation to the Board in June. The program will be adding Fruitvale Elementary, which is one of the largest elementary schools Junior Achievement has done, and they are looking for volunteers. Volunteer training will take place on May 9 and interested persons should contact Athena Borgialli at (307)421-9361. ➤ Mr. Schultz reported students from New Emerson, Orchard Mesa Middle School, West Middle School, and Central High School in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program (STEM) have applied for and received a grant to allow the teams to work together. The grant is a two year grant which will help with professional development. The teams will be working in cooperation with the John McConnell Math and Science Center. <p>[Moved to item 3 of the agenda due to continued internet problems.]</p> <p>3. Third Grade Reading Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Laase presented a power point showing the results of the third grade TCAP scores released earlier today. The early release will allow for more opportunity to see the data for planning, with the balance of data coming in late July or early August. The power point showed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District 51 students were 74% proficient or advance whereas the statewide average was 73%. • The percentage of students proficient or advanced in the District in comparison to the state average over a five year period. • The contributing factors believed to be the reason for the improvement. ➤ Mr. Laase answered questions from the Board. ➤ Mr. Schultz shared the state may start reading and math monitoring at third grade; however, our District starts monitoring students at kindergarten. ➤ Mr. Mikolai noted the teachers in District 51 are doing a fantastic job which the data shows; especially with the challenges over the past few years. 	<p>Meeting Convened: 6:02 p.m.</p>
Absent	x						
Excused							

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						2. Board SharePoint Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Kathy Schlauger, Manager Technology Support displayed the District's SharePoint site and explained the various aspects of the different member sites and capabilities within each site. Ms. Schlauger explained the different ways the Board members could log into the Board of Education member site and distributed a handout illustrating the log in process. ➤ Mr. Schultz noted the site was available as a way to organize information the Board receives and also provides the ability to archive information. 	
						<u>BUSINESS MEETING</u> A. Call to Order/Roll Call	6:30 p.m.
Present	x	x	x	x	x		
Absent							
Excused							
Motion	x					B. Personnel	Adopted
Second				x		1. Temporary, Part-time and Probationary (not recommended for re-employment 2013 – 2014)	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			2. Administrative Assignments	Adopted
Second		x				➤ Mr. Schultz introduced the three people being recommended for the following positions: Executive Director of Equity and Minority Student Success, Mrs. Susana Wittrock; Director of Student Growth and Achievement – Elementary; Mrs. Cheryl Taylor, and East Middle School Principal, Ms. Leah Gonyeau. Mr. Schultz explained all three went through the hiring process.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	➤ Mr. Schultz announced Mrs. Melissa Callahan deVita, Chief Operations Officer, will be leaving the District in June. Her position will be posted in-state and nationally within the next two weeks.	
No							
Motion				x		C. Juniper Ridge Contract	Tabled
Second	x					➤ Mr. Schultz introduced Mr. Ron Roybal and Mr. David Price. Mr. Price noted Juniper Ridge's contract has been negotiated and approved by the charter's Board but there were some concerns:	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District has received a sublease from Caprock Academy to Juniper Ridge; however the sublease did not contain the approval from the landlord. This approval is a requirement of the original lease. Mr. Price did receive a copy of the sublease and an email indicating the landlord's consent to the sublease, but nothing in writing with the landlord's signature. • The sublease goes into effective June 30, 2013, and the lease begins on August 1, 2013. Mr. Price received an email regarding Juniper Ridge gaining access to the property prior to the lease going into effective; a type of gentleman's agreement. 	
No						➤ Discussion took place concerning the aspects of the lease, possession of the property, and improvements needing to be completed on the property. No one was present from Juniper Ridge to field questions.	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Mikolai asked for a motion for the item to be tabled until the next Board meeting on May 21, 2013. <p>[Mr. Leany was excused at 6:52 p.m.]</p>	
Motion Second Aye No Excused	x	x	x	x	x	Executive Session: 6:53 p.m. <u>Negotiations: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (e).</u> For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators. <u>Legal Advice: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (b).</u> For a conference with legal counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.	Moved to Executive Session
Motion Second Present Absent	x	x	x	x	x	Return to Open Meeting Call to Order/Roll	Reconvened 6:56 p.m.
Motion Second Aye No		x	x	x	x	C. Juniper Ridge Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Mikolai reminded the Board of the discussion to approve the Juniper Ridge contract was tabled; the tabled resolution was now being revisited by the Board. Mr. Patrick Ebel, Juniper Ridge Coordinator arrived with lease documents, signed by the landlord, as required to sublease the property. ➤ Mr. Ebel answered questions from the Board, noting the section of the sublease allowing Juniper Ridge to take possession of the property prior to the lease going into effect. This gave the Board a timeline when the modulars are scheduled to be in place. Mr. Ebel noted he was in the process of locating an alternative temporary site in the event the property would not be ready on opening date. ➤ Mr. Price elaborated on the legality of taking possession of the property prior to the lease going into effect. ➤ Mrs. Kiesler expressed to Mr. Ebel the importance of following the timelines and having everything in place for their students. 	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No		x	x	x	x	Executive Session: 7:14 p.m. <u>Negotiations: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (e).</u> For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators. <u>Legal Advice: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (b).</u> For a conference with legal counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.	Moved to Executive Session Convened: 7:15 p.m.
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Present: Mr. Butler, Mrs. Kiesler, Mr. Mikolai, Mrs. Tisue, Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Callahan-deVita, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Price, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Crawford 	

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Motion Second Aye No		x x	x x	x x	x x	Return to Open Meeting: 8:00 p.m. ➤ Discussion took place concerning the projected budget and negotiations.	Return to Open Meeting
Motion Second Aye No			x x	x x	x x	Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.	Meeting Adjourned
						<hr/> Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary Board of Education	



Temporary, Part-Time and Probationary Non-Renewal

Beach, Douglas

Behrman, Stephanie

Bilbo, Megan

Bridgewater, Jennifer

Bruner, Olivia

Caiza Valera, Stephanie

Clark Jr., John

Clodfelter, Emily

Cornum, Chelsi

DeBord, Brittney

Dickson, Bryant

Egan, Karen

Flick, Carol

Gallegos, Michael

Grace, Colleen

Hawkins, Amanda

Hoffman, Charles

Jarman, Manda

Jiron, Amber

Jull, Christina

Karisny, David

Katzer, Cherisse

Kissner, Crystal

Lake, Kristen

Lawler, Sarah

Lee, Brenda

Mattioli, Jill

McClure, Melissa

Morgan, Kathleen

Osburn, Tami

Peters, Justin

Pollert, Jacob

Rangel, Michelle

Rusling, Blythe

Ryden, Stephanie

Sawyer, Heather

Schwarz, Christopher

Smith, Shelly

Snyder, Jessica

Stluka, Megan

Stocks, Amy

Stone, Jackie

Wade, Ashley

Weathers, Kelly



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Certified Administrator Assignment

Susana Wittrock
Executive Director of Equity and Minority Student Success

Education:

M.S. National University, San Diego, California (2006)
School Psychology

B.A. San Diego State University, San Diego, California (1995)
Sociology
Minor: Spanish

San Diego State University, San Diego, California (1995)
Wilderness Education Association – National Standard Program Certificate Professional Leadership

Experience (Administrative):

2008-2012 Mesa County Valley School District 51, Grand Junction, Colorado
Executive Director of Equity and Minority Student Success

Experience (Other):

2012-2013 Mesa County Valley School District 51, Grand Junction, Colorado
School Psychologist

2006-2008 Mesa County Valley School District 51, Grand Junction, Colorado
School Psychologist

2000-2005 City Heights Ed Pilot Program San Diego University Foundation, San Diego, California
Student Advocate

1996-2000 San Diego Choice San Diego University Foundation, San Diego, California
Youth Services Worker (1996-1997)
Family Resource Worker (1997)
Services Supervisor (1998-2000)

1995-1996 Children’s Energy Center, San Diego, California
Afternoon Teacher



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Certified Administrator Assignment

Cheryl Taylor
Director of Student Growth and Achievement - Elementary

Education:

- M.Ed. West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas (1996)
Administration/Counseling
- B.A. University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado (1992)
BA in Education - Kinesiology

Experience (Administrative):

- 2005-2013 Pear Park Elementary School, Grand Junction, Colorado
Principal
- 2002-2005 Mt. Garfield Middle School, Grand Junction, Colorado
Principal
- 2001-2002 East Middle School, Grand Junction, Colorado
Assistant Principal
- 2000-2001 Crockett Middle School, Amarillo, Texas
Assistant Principal

Experience (Teaching):

- 1998-2000 Bonham Middle School, Amarillo, Texas
Counselor
- 1996-1998 Caprock High School, Amarillo, Texas
Counselor
- 1995-1996 Caprock High School, Amarillo, Texas
Mathematics Teacher
- 1992-1995 Aldine High School, Houston, Texas
Mathematics Teacher



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Certified Administrator Assignment

Leah Gonyeau
East Middle School Principal

Education:

Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado (2007)
Principal Licensure

M.Ed. Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts (1996)
Masters in Education/Computers in Education

B.S. Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colorado (1991)
Mathematics Education

A.S. Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colorado (1991)
Computer Science

Experience (Administrative):

2009-2013 Fruita 8/9 School, Grand Junction, Colorado
Assistant Principal

2007-2009 Grand Junction High School, Grand Junction, Colorado
Assistant Principal

Experience (Teaching):

2001-2007 Fruita Monument High School, Grand Junction, Colorado
Mathematics Teacher

1991-2001 Central High School, Grand Junction, Colorado
Mathematics/Computer Science Teacher

**Approval of Charter School Contract
Juniper Ridge Charter School**

Board of Education Resolution 12/13: 83

Presented May 7, 2013

WHEREAS, by Resolution 12/13:37 dated December 11, 2012 (the “Charter Resolution”), the Board of Education approved an application for establishment of the Juniper Ridge Charter School, which approval was contingent upon the applicants executing on or before March 11, 2013 a charter school contract acceptable to the Board, which contract was to include certain terms and conditions regarding the governance and operation of such school; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent extended the Charter Resolution’s deadlines in order to allow applicants more time to secure a suitable site for the charter school; and

WHEREAS, the administration has now successfully completed negotiations with a representative of the Juniper Ridge Charter School regarding a Charter School Contract meeting the requirements of the Charter Resolution, and applicants have executed the contract, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached Charter School Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Charter School Contract, and authorizes the Board president and secretary to execute the Contract on behalf of the Board.

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 May 7, 2013.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education