

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Work Session Minutes

June 11, 2013

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Present	x	x		x	x	BUDGET HEARING	Budget Hearing Called to Order 6:01 p.m.
Absent						A. Call to Order	
Motion				x		➤ Mr. Mikolai called the Budget Hearing to order. He asked for budget comments. Mrs. Tisue thanked the Budget and Oversight Committee for their presentation at the last meeting. She asked the Board for discussion regarding the budget committee recommendations. Discussion took place regarding teacher planning time and what effect it could have on student achievement. Teaching positions were reduced last year and with the loss of reading instructional assistants, there needs to be some studies of the impact on reduced planning time.	
Second		x				➤ Discussion took place regarding the application process to procure grants for interventions and intercessions. The district is looking at ways to improve technology as we transition to the new state assessments. Additional online options are being pursued. Fuel efficiency is being restructured. The District is looking at working with vendors to buy fuel in bulk.	
Aye	x	x		x	x	B. Adjourn 6:17 p.m.	
No						WORK SESSION SUMMARY:	6:17 p.m.
						1. Legal Council on Board Vacancy – District C	
						➤ Mr. Schultz acknowledged the loss of Board Member, Mr. Harry Butler. He stated there will be a formal recognition at the June 18 Board Work Session.	
						➤ Mr. Schultz introduced Mr. David Dodero, Council from Hoskin, Farina and Kamp. Mr. Dodero thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with them to discuss next steps regarding the upcoming vacancy in Director District C. Mr. Dodero explained the detail of the statute which governs the process for filling a Board vacancy. There was discussion regarding adopting a resolution to fill the vacancy within 60 days from the date of the vacancy. This would make the date of appointment on or before July 31, 2013. The interview process for candidates must be done in open meeting. A Certificate of Appointment must be filled out and filed with the Colorado Department of Education. An Oath of Office must be administered within ten days of the appointment. This does not need to be administered during an open meeting. The Board President or Board Secretary may administer the Oath of Office.	
						➤ Mr. Dodero stressed the importance of following the statute to avoid any legal ramifications. Discussion took place regarding the timeline for filling the vacancy. Mr. Dodero advised the Board to make no contact with applicants during the application process. Applicants must include a resume, letter of interest and an Affidavit of School Director Candidate for Appointment on Qualifications for Office. The timeline is as follows:	
						○ The Board will bring a resolution to the Board Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 18.	
						○ The Board will begin advertisement for District C vacancy on Wednesday, June 19.	
						○ The deadline for applications will be 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 23.	
						○ The vacancy will be filled by the July 31 deadline.	
						[Mr. Mikolai called for a break 7:14 p.m. Resumed 7:25 p.m.]	

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2. Update on WCCC/BOCES – Ms. Brigitte Sundermann
 - Mr. Schultz introduced Ms. Brigitte Sundermann, Vice President of Community College Affairs. Ms. Sundermann gave the Board an update on Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) and the Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES). Ms. Sundermann provided a history of WCCC. She discussed the students who attend WCCC from Mesa County Valley School District 51. She outlined the programs which are available at WCCC. There was discussion regarding the travel time from District schools to WCCC. Ms. Sundermann invited the Board to visit the WCCC campus at any time.
 - The Board and Superintendent thanked Ms. Sundermann for the information.

3. SB191 Assurances Presentation – Mrs. Leigh Grasso
 - Mr. Schultz introduced Ms. Leigh Grasso, Executive Director of Academic Achievement. Ms. Grasso discussed the implementation timeline of the Great Teachers and Leaders Act SB10-191. Mrs. Grasso discussed timelines and the framework for the teacher evaluation system. She discussed sample surveys they are looking into. Mrs. Grasso discussed work with the Colorado Department of Education regarding guidelines for assessments and timelines. Mr. Schultz reported on a SB191 Assurance Document that will be presented to the Board at their Business Meeting on June 18.
 - Discussion took place regarding samples and assessments. The Board and Superintendent thanked Ms. Grasso for the update.

[Mr. Mikolai called for a break 8:05 p.m. Resumed 8:13 p.m.]

4. Long Term Plan Update – Mr. Schultz
 - Mr. Schultz reviewed the Long Term Plan goals, objectives and strategies. He reported each action plan identified specific steps taken. Each strategy may have one or more initiatives and steps included. Mrs. Kiesler stated the format was easy to follow. Mr. Mikolai asked for the document to be available on the Board SharePoint site. He also asked if there would be some color coding put in.

5. Board Open Discussion
 - Mr. Leany asked if the District has considered waiving out of some of the laws and mandates. Discussion took place regarding the possible ramifications. Mr. Mikolai stated the District could look at the waivers and review the impact to the District. He stated he would not want to create obstructions or problems for the District. Discussion took place on making things better for students and staff.

6. Adjourned

8:39 p.m.