

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Board Work Session*

*January 8, 2013*

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|                              |   |   |   |   |   | <b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>  | <b>ACTION</b>                     |
| Present<br>Absent<br>Excused | x | x | x | x | x | <b>WORK SESSION SUMMARY:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Mikolai welcomed everyone to the January Board Work Session and called the meeting to order. He stated the Board Meetings will be videotaped and put on the District website for public information. Mr. Mikolai reminded everyone the meeting was a Work Session and there would be no public comment portion on the Agenda.</li> </ul> <p>1. School Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Schultz introduced the community members and the leaders of local law enforcement who came to talk to the Board regarding school safety and provide suggestions for addressing issues in Mesa County Valley School District 51: Grand Junction Police Chief, John Camper; Mesa County Undersheriff, Rebecca Spiess; Interim Palisade Police Chief, Mike Nordine; and Pro Second Amendment Committee members David Cox, Rich Bacher and Lynn Armstrong. Mr. Schultz reported to the Board a meeting which took place before the holidays. The meeting had approximately sixty people who discussed options to strengthen security in schools.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Cox contacted the Board and asked if Mr. Bacher, Mr. Armstrong and himself could address the Board with thoughts and suggestions for safety. Law enforcement personnel were asked to join the discussion with the Board.</li> <li>➤ Discussion included suggestions allowing teachers to conceal and carry guns in school, inviting law enforcement officers to patrol schools more frequently and/or having armed and unarmed volunteers patrol schools. Chief Camper indicated training staff on how to handle situations was an option local law enforcement agencies would like to offer the school District. Mr. Schultz stated a training focused on how to spot and deal with school shooters is also being planned. He stated there is a lot of concern regarding how to deal with safety in our schools. Mr. Schultz would like to see common ground in making District schools safe. He reinforced the Board, Superintendent and staffs are dedicated to making schools safe.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Mikolai asked Mr. Tim Leon, District 51 Safety Officer, to come forward and describe security measures which are currently in place.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Schultz reported there will be a development of a work group to review and discuss safety options. This group will report back to the Board with recommendations at the March Board Business Meeting. He would like to see law enforcement, Mr. Leon, staff and community personnel participate on this work group. Board discussion took place regarding budgetary pressures, active shooter training, donated training and monitor activities.</li> <li>➤ The Superintendent and Board thanked everyone for the information which was shared.</li> </ul> <p>2. 2013-2014 Calendar Follow-up Conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Schultz reported on work the Calendar Committee has continued to compile. Mrs. Jan Keirns, Calendar Committee Chair; Mr. Bob Cornelli, Calendar Committee; and Mr. Bill Larsen, Chief Academic Officer, came forward to report and review information. The Calendar Committee provided templates for updated and new calendars the Board had requested. The committee reported they had</li> </ul> | Meeting<br>Convened:<br>6:00 p.m. |

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scheduled three community input events which will take place on Thursday, January 10, 2013, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Comment cards will be provided for people attending the events to comment on the calendars which will be displayed for their viewing. The committee recommended a two year calendar adoption and would like to get on a two year calendar adoption cycle.

- Knowledge regarding research and best practice will be shared at the event on Thursday evening. Board members, administrators and staff members will be in attendance at these events. Discussion took place regarding the difference in the presented calendars. Calendars have been posted on the website since the first discussion of calendars in December. Information has been available in the paper, news and through Parent Bridge.
- Mr. Mikolai asked the Board to narrow the number of calendars for consideration to four. Discussion took place and consensus was to use the proposed traditional early calendar, five day extended, four day 8.25 hour day, four day 8.5 hour day.
- Mr. Schultz and the Board thanked the Calendar Committee for their hard work.

[Mr. Mikolai called for a recess at 8:09 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.]

#### 3. SB191 Update

- Dr. Jody Mimmack, Executive Director of Academic Achievement, came forward and outlined progress on the implementation of the new teacher evaluation system. She reported being on target with the communication plan. She outlined the meeting schedule of the groups and steering committees. Dr. Mimmack outlined and identified language in the negotiated agreement that will be discussed. Assessments continue to be an ongoing process. Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) will be one of the measures of growth as well as two additional assessments to be decided. She reminded the Board that next year is a “test year” of the new evaluation system.
- The Board and Superintendent thanked Dr. Mimmack and her committee for their work.

#### 4. School of Choice

- Mr. Schultz and Mrs. Tisue reported information regarding the District 51 current school of choice policy and practice. They directed Mr. Ron Roybal to research other school districts school of choice policies, verify the law and make recommendations based on what is best for students. Transfer requests were discussed. Mr. Schultz stated the demographer the district hired has been accurate for the past four years with enrollment projections. Using those projections, schools could be more definitive in making decisions regarding school of choice participants. Notification could be given earlier in the process and another window could be added.
- Mrs. Tisue reported there could be a possible savings to the transportation budget as parents are required to transport their children for school of choice. Money saved could even be given to the schools who accept school of choice students. Information and feedback from principals and staff will be solicited and additional feedback will be discussed at the January 22 Board Business Meeting.

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|  |  |  |  |  | 5. Mr. Schultz stated the Budget Oversight Committee continues to meet. He reported a couple of resignations from the committee and recommended adding four new members to the committee. He noted administration will advertise for people who are interested in participating on this committee. Once a list is generated, he will ask the Board will help selecting new members for the committee.<br><br>6. Adjournment: 9:00 p.m. | Meeting<br>Adjourned |
|  |  |  |  |  | _____<br>Terri N. Wells, Secretary<br>Board of Education   |                      |