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Board of Education
Mesa County Valley School District 51
Business Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2012
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Present Absent Excused	x	x	x	x	x	BOARD RETREAT SUMMARY: ➤ The Board worked on the draft Long Term Plan. Mr. Steve Schultz, Superintendent, facilitated and Mrs. Melissa Callahan deVita, Chief Operations Officer, recorded.	Meeting Convened: 4:55 p.m.
Present Absent	x	x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL ➤ Mr. Mikolai welcomed attendees to the October Board Business Meeting and gave instructions for meeting participants to address the Board, under <i>Item G, Audience Comments.</i>	6:00 p.m.
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	B. AGENDA APPROVAL ➤ Mr. Mikolai called for a motion to amend the Agenda. He asked to move Business Items K-1 through K-4 to the beginning of the Agenda, immediately after Item C.	Adopted as Presented
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	C. MEETING MINUTES & SUMMARY APPROVAL C-1. September 4, 2012, Work Session Notes	Adopted as Presented
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	C-2. September 18, 2012, Business Meeting Minutes [Move to section K of Agenda]	Adopted as Presented
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	K. BUSINESS ITEMS K-1. Year of the Student Project Resolution [Resolution 12/13: 13A] ➤ The Colorado non-partisan group Great Education Colorado requested the Board, as well as others across the State, adopt a resolution urging Colorado lawmakers to spend the 2013 legislative session searching for education funding. They are urging Boards to proclaim 2013 as the "Year of the Student." ➤ Board discussion took place and there were suggested changes, including eliminating four paragraphs from the original draft resolution presented at the September 18 Board Meeting. The updated resolution stated the Board of Education would join in supporting the "Year of the Student" Project. Mrs. Tissue stated she would like to see language added saying the State will continue to be fiscally responsible. ➤ The resolution, if adopted, will be sent to the legislature with other materials from Great Education Colorado.	Adopted as Presented
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	K-2. District Accountability Committee Membership Approval [Resolution: 12/13: 18] ➤ Mrs. Tissue asked Mrs. Lesley Rose, Director of Priority Schools, to discuss the proposed list of names and indicate which proposed members are new members and which proposed members are returning District Accountability Committee Members. Mrs. Rose reviewed the list with Mrs. Tissue and clarified which members were community members, parents and staff.	Adopted as Presented

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| <p>F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Kiesler reported attending the Federal Relations Network (FRN) Meeting to discuss, and work on, legislative resolutions. Mrs. Kiesler is studying information for the upcoming Colorado Association School Boards Delegate Assembly Meeting in October. <p>G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Kiesler read the guidelines for meeting attendees to address the Board. No request were received. <p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>H-1. 500 Plan – Mr. Matt Collins, Chamber BizEd Foundation, Mrs. Diane Schwenke, Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz introduced Mrs. Diane Schwenke and Mr. Matt Collins who were at the meeting to update the Board regarding The 500 Plan. This idea was designed to build bridges through education by providing an eight week volunteer commitment for one hour a week to read with Mesa County Valley School District 51 students. Approximately 250 volunteers have signed up for this program. The Bank of Colorado and the Alpine Bank are supporters of the Chamber of Commerce and this program. Student participating in The 500 Plan have been assessed and show improvement in their reading skills. ➤ Volunteers are required to have a State mandated background check, attend training from school staff and commit one hour a week, on Wednesday afternoon, to read one-on-one with a student. Tutors will receive support from school staff while they are involved in The 500 Plan. ➤ The Board and Superintendent thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their support of Mesa County Valley School District 51. <p>H-2. Foundation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz introduced Mrs. Jenn Hensel-Hildebrandt, Coordinator for the District 51 Foundation. Mrs. Hensel-Hildebrandt introduced Board Members from the Foundation who were present. Mr. Roy Blythe, District 51 Foundation Board, lead discussion regarding School District 51 Foundation fundraising and the development of their new website. Mr. Blythe discussed the mission of the Foundation, the benefits of having a Foundation, how Foundation funds are appropriated, the composition of the Foundation Membership and the relationship between the Foundation members and the Board of Education. Discussion took place regarding opportunities the Foundation Board had to introduce themselves to the community and discuss opportunities to volunteer and donate to the Foundation. ➤ The Board and Superintendent thanked the D51Foundation members for their hard work and dedication on behalf of Mesa County Valley School District 51. | |
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						<p>H-2-1. Housekeeping Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz informed the Board of an active application for a Charter School the District has received from Juniper Ridge Community School. This application is for an arts and nature based school using Waldorf Curriculum. Mr. Ron Roybal, Director of Academic Options, is verifying all components of the submitted application. ➤ After the verifying process is complete, the application review process will begin. Staff experts will review each section of the application. A subcommittee from the District Accountability Committee will review the application and make a recommendation. ➤ The Board will make their final decision at the December 11 Board Meeting. ➤ Mr. Schultz reported work on SB191 is continuing. Dr. Jody Mimmack, Executive Director of Academic Achievement and Growth, described the two groups working through recommendations from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). Work is taking place systematically with a hope to have all recommendations available by the end of the semester. Content collaborative groups developed by CDE are creating test banks which will be available in 2013. Building principals are beginning the information process with teaching staff. Dr. Mimmack informed the Board of an instructional support site on SharePoint. The Board and Superintendent thanked Dr. Mimmack for her work. <p>H-3. Business/Investment Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Vi Crawford, Budget Director, was available for questions. <p>H-4. Expulsion Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz reviewed the first Expulsion Report of the school year. He discussed changes in the expulsion laws and explained these changes should allow more flexibility with the expulsion process. <p>H-5. Clinic Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed. <p>I. EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None at this time. <p>J. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J-1. Personnel Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J-1-a. Licensed Personnel J-2. Gifts J-3. Grants 	
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						L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Leany shared books he had purchased with the other Board members. He discussed his opinion where kids are in need to be better educated in Civics and the constitution. Mr. Leany is researching textbooks for historical content. These textbooks could be used in schools. ➤ Mrs. Tisue would like the Board to begin instructional discussions on the ethics of hard work, the constitution and free market principals. ➤ Mr. Butler stated he would like to see flexibility for students who want to read religious literature during free time and study hall. 	
						M. FUTURE MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed 	
						N. EXECUTIVE SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None at this time. 	
						O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 p.m.	
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x			Meeting Adjourned
						_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education	