

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Board Work Session*

*April 2, 2013*

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 B - Ann Tissue  
 C - Harry Butler  
 D - Leslie Kiesler  
 E - Greg Mikolai

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						<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Present	x	x	x		x	<b>WORK SESSION SUMMARY:</b>	Meeting
Absent						➤ Mr. Schultz welcomed everyone to the April Board Work Session and called the meeting to order. Mr. Schultz introduced the Crime Stoppers staff who were present at the meeting to discuss the Crime Stoppers Program. In attendance were: Mr. Brian Langfitt, Ms. Kathy Daniels and Mr. Randy Smith.	Convened: 6:02 p.m.
Excused				x		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crime Stopper Program Update/Discussion –           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Langfitt thanked the Board, Superintendent and Mr. Tim Leon, District 51 Director of Safety and Transportation, for working together to make District 51 schools safer. Crime Stoppers has an eighteen member board comprised of civilians and volunteers, including advisory members from the Grand Junction Police Department and the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Crime Stoppers does not receive federal assistance or grant money for their program. Crime Stoppers funding is provided by donations and support from local law enforcement. One hundred percent of the money received by Crime Stoppers stays in Mesa County.</li> <li>➤ The objective of Crime Stoppers is solving crimes. They have an extensive system in place. Mr. Langfitt shared some local statistics regarding crimes which have been solved over the past thirty years. He discussed the rewards which have been given to tipsters.</li> <li>➤ Crime Stoppers have provided Scholastic Programs in schools since 1996. Every middle and high school in Grand Junction has a Crime Stoppers Scholastic Program. Crime Stoppers are involved in the annual safety fair for all District 51 second graders. Crime Stoppers donates money to schools to offer rewards to students who participate in the program. Mr. Langfitt would like to work with District administration to improve the Crime Stoppers Program and help make it more solid for District 51 schools. Mr. Langfitt stated Crime Stoppers would like to educate every person who is on a school campus regarding the opportunity to stay informed and use Crime Stopper tools to ask for help with all situations.</li> <li>➤ Discussion took place regarding funds which are provided to all schools. Mr. Schultz stated he would like to see all school District PTA's and PTO's become involved. Mr. Langfitt asked for support and recommendations from the Board and Superintendent to maximize exposure of Crime Stoppers in schools. The Board stated they support the collaboration with Crime Stoppers in Mesa County Valley School District 51.</li> <li>➤ The Board and Superintendent thanked the people from Crime Stoppers for all of their work with the students of District 51.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Mr. Schultz asked Mrs. Mary Jones, Executive Director of Academic Growth and Achievement, and Mr. Tim Leon, Director of Safety and Transportation to come forward. He asked them to update the Board on the work of the Safety Work Group Committee.</li> </ol>	

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- Mrs. Jones distributed a binder to each Board member providing them with articles, presentations and information from the meetings which were held by the Safety Work Group. She described the recommendations by the committee and stated several of the things on the list could be implemented immediately. Mrs. Jones stated Crime Stoppers was the number one thing on the Safety Work Group List. Also, the Watch Dog Dad's Program (currently being piloted by Shelledy Elementary) could be implemented immediately. This is a national program and could be implemented quickly in elementary schools. Mr. Leon would provide training to Watch Dog Dad volunteers. Mr. Leon would do background checks and there would be no cost to the District. Mrs. Jones suggested using the Watch Dog Dad Program in all elementary schools and modifying the program to be used in the middle schools.
  - The committee recommended continuing threat assessment training for staff. This training gives staff a tool to evaluate the seriousness of a threat and helps them decide what the next steps would look like. Security should be enhanced with building walkthroughs identifying areas of need. Building walkthroughs should take place on an annual basis. Homeland security would collaborate with us in looking at how to "harden" District 51 buildings. Panic buttons, keyless locks, bullying prevention are other areas to provide security in schools. There was also a recommendation to provide the Eddie Eagle Safety Program to elementary students. Discussion took place regarding funding the recommended programs. The Board suggested beginning implementation of the low cost recommendations as soon as possible.
  - Mr. Leany expressed disappointment the concealed weapon piece was left off of the Safety Work Group recommendations list. Mr. Schultz stated there could be a conversation with Sheriff Stan Hilkey to see what the concealed weapon piece would look like.
  - The Board and Superintendent thanked Mr. Leon and Mrs. Jones for the update.
3. Mr. Schultz reported there will be a Juniper Ridge update to the Board at their Business Meeting on April 16. He asked Mr. Ron Roybal, Director of Alternative Programs, to distribute an updated timeline for the opening of Juniper Ridge School. Mr. Roybal reported Mr. Cal Clark, Director of Maintenance, is working with Juniper Ridge to help with the process to set up modulars and inspect these modulars before school begins.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call
- B. Executive Session:  
Negotiations: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (e). For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators.

Present	x	x	x		
Absent					
Excused				x	
Motion	x				
Second		x			
Aye	x	x	x		x
No					

7:29 p.m.

Moved to Executive Session

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						<p><u>Property: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (a).</u> To discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Present: Mr. Butler, Mr. Leany, Mr. Mikolai, Mrs. Tisue</li> <li>➤ Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Callahan-deVita, Mrs. Martin</li>   <li>➤ Return to Open Meeting: 8:52 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>Moved to Executive Session</p> <p>Convened: 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Return to Open Meeting</p>
<p>Motion Second Aye No</p>	x	x	x		x		
<p>Motion Second Aye No</p>	x	x	x		x	<p>C. Adjournment: 8:52 p.m.</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>
						<p>_____            Terri N. Wells, Secretary            Board of Education</p>	