

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

March 1, 2016

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						AGENDA ITEMS	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	BUSINESS MEETING	6:00 p.m.
						A. Call to Order/Roll Call	
Motion					x	Agenda Approval	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	B. Licensed Personnel Action	Adopted
Second				x		➤ Mr. Schultz introduced Mr. Jory Sorensen as the new principal at Redlands Middle School. Mr. Sorensen is currently at principal in the Garfield 16 School District.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x		C. Calendar Discussion/Adoption	Adopted
Second		x				➤ Board members discussed a proposed calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. They discussed considerable emails, telephone calls and social media comments, as well as, poll results which showed a forty-six to fifty-four percent split between two calendar options. The Board discussed accommodating interest in more days off in August, while still honoring the previously adopted fall break dates. Mr. Williams asked the Calendar Committee to talk about their thoughts regarding the re-adoption of the calendar. The committee made constructive positive suggestions for restructure of the 2016-2017 school calendar. Mr. Williams asked anyone from the audience, who wanted to talk to the Board, to turn in a green "audience comment" sheet requesting time. The following people asked to comment:	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	➤ Mr. John Duffy, 811 Lanai Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506 Mr. Duffy thanked the Board for their work. He stated he would like to revise the calendar to add additional days to the summer. He stated there were responses on Facebook wanting the summer to be lengthened. He suggested taking days from the Thanksgiving and Christmas Break. The Board thanked Mr. Duffy for his comments.	
No						➤ Ms. Aparna Palmer, Colorado Mesa University, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 Mrs. Palmer is with the Board of Trustees and an employee at Colorado Mesa University. She stated Mrs. Holly Teal, Colorado Mesa University, asked her to talk to the Board to represent the Calendar Committee from Colorado Mesa University (CMU). She thanked Mrs. Bollinger and Mr. Cornielle for their hard work to try to meet everyone's needs. She stated currently the plan is to have CMU spring break from March 13 through March 17, 2017. She would like to work together to align calendars. She stated CMU would not be able to move their spring break to March 27; however, CMU would compromise and move spring break back a week to help parents who are students, parents who have students, faculty who have students, as well as, students at local high schools and Western Colorado Community College. The Board thanked Ms. Palmer for her thoughts.	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Debra Williams, 814 Golden Jubilee Drive, Fruita Colorado 81521 Mrs. Williams stated she has four children in District 51. She stated she appreciated the time and effort which goes into putting together a school calendar. She stated she is from Pennsylvania and is concerned with the number of contact days students attend school. She would like to see District 51 add contact days to their calendar. The Board thanked Mrs. Williams for her comments. ➤ Ms. Karen Trouster, 2714 N. 8th Court, Grand Junction, CO 81506 Ms. Trouster stated she is representing the business side of the community. She is concerned with kids coming into the work force with low working skills. Ms. Trouster is interested in creating internships which will help students gain skills to become work force ready. Ms. Trouster would like the District to help support students get better jobs in our community. She stated a longer summer would help the business community to hire and retain students for the summer. The Board thanked Ms. Trouster for her comments. ➤ Ms. Tina Snover, 2687 Wilshire Court, Grand Junction, CO 81506 Ms. Snover stated she is from Virginia where they had 189 student contact days. She would like to see students have more contact days and would like the District's spring break to align with CMU. The Board thanked Ms. Snover for her comments. ➤ Ms. Jocelyn Mullen, 2027 Charis Court, Grand Junction, CO 81507 Ms. Mullen stated she would like to see data regarding starting school early in August versus starting school early in September. She does not believe the District has been forthcoming with costs for cooling buildings. The Board thanked Ms. Mullen for her comments. ➤ Mrs. Brooke Birch, 2546 Moonridge Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81505 Mrs. Birch has two students at Pomona Elementary and is happy with the support she has at the school. She stated it is interesting to hear the different perspectives regarding the school calendar. Mrs. Birch does have concerns regarding the heat in buildings during the month of August. She agreed with the idea of taking days from the Christmas Break to balance the semesters. The Board thanked Mrs. Birch for her comments. ➤ Ms. Linda Findley, 2500 North Avenue #1, Grand Junction, CO 8501 Ms. Findley would like to do away with the fall break and call the break during the Thanksgiving week, fall break. The Board thanked Ms. Findley for her comments. ➤ Mr. Levinson stated he would like to discuss the proposed calendar with regards to the spring break. He would like to see the spring break aligned as closely with CMU as possible. Ms. Palmer, from CMU, stated they could work with District 51 to make the spring break March 20 through March 24. 	
Motion							
Second							
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						<p>C-1. Calendar Adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Mikolai stated he would like to address a number of items regarding the calendar. He stated he would like to see Mesa County Valley School District 51 have 180 contact days; however, this would make a longer calendar and 	Adopted

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Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>shorten the summer costing the District over \$600,000 per day for each additional day. Mr. Mikolai stated during the past five years funding in District 51 has been cut over \$124 million dollars. Mr. Mikolai stated JUCO (Junior College) World Series has nothing to do with how District 51 develops their annual school calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Williams stated the most important thing in education is teachers and contact days. He reported in the 2008-2009 school year there was over \$30 million dollars cut. He stated the Colorado legislature is predicting low funding for the 2016-2017 year. Mr. Williams directed Mrs. Bollinger and her Calendar Committee to begin preparing calendars, without a fall break, adding days to the summer, aligning with CMU's spring break and balancing quarters. He would like to see two years of calendars prepared, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. <p>D. Adjourn</p> <p><u>WORK SESSION</u></p> <p>1. Career and Technical Education (CTE) – Mr. Matt Diers, Mrs. Laurie Krizman, Ms. Sherri Arosteguy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Sherri Arosteguy, CTE Instructor at Colorado Mesa University, Mr. Matt Diers, Executive Director of High Schools, Mrs. Laurie Krizman, CTE Specialist, presented information about Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings in District 51 and the goals for CTE expansion in the years to come. The current CTE offerings include vocational programs at the Career Center, concurrent enrollment classes at Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) and a variety of programs at District 51 middle and high schools. The newest programs include a media production program at Fruita Monument High, a bike maintenance and repair shop at R5 and new STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) courses at West Middle. New CTE classes this fall will include WCCC culinary arts classes and an electrician tech program, which will allow students who begin the program as juniors, to graduate from high school with both a diploma and an associate's degree. The District would like to revitalize the ProStart Culinary Arts Program at Fruita Monument High, expand journalism, art and design, surveying and marketing pathways for high school students, add more business and instructional technology programming, expand community partnerships, postsecondary options and industry certifications, explore alternative cooperative education offerings at Valley and Grand River Academy. Instructional goals for District 51 CTE programming include increasing the number of CTE credentialed employees, providing more CTE professional development, working to make CTE programming seamless from one level to the next, expanding STEM opportunities District-wide. Technology and facilities goals include increasing computer access across all programs, obtaining industry standard equipment to train students using 	<p>7:05 p.m. Business Meeting Adjourn</p> <p>7:14 p.m.</p>

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						<p>the tools they would be expected to use in their chosen field, updating lab facilities, exploring ways to reuse and recycle equipment and upgrading tech ed labs.</p> <p>2. ADJOURNMENT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education</p>	<p>Adjourn – 8:30 p.m.</p>



Board of Education Resolution: 15/16: 61

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Certified Administrator Assignment

Jory Sorensen
Redlands Middle School

Education:

- M.A. University of Phoenix (2003)
Educational Administration

- B.S. Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO (2000)
Zoology/Biology/Natural Resources Teaching Concentration

Experience (Administrative):

- 2010-present Grand Valley Middle School, Garfield 16 Schools, Parachute, CO
Principal

- 2009-2010 St. John Elementary, Garfield 16 Schools, Parachute, CO
Principal

- 2007-2009 St. John Middle School, Garfield 16 Schools, Parachute, CO
Assistant Principal

Experience (Teaching):

- 2001-2007 Mountain View High School, Thompson R2-J, Loveland, CO
High School Science Teacher