

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

August 4, 2015

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	<p><u>WORK SESSION SUMMARY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz welcomed everyone to the August Work Session. ➤ Mr. Schultz provided an update and preview of the District's focus for the 2015-2016 School Year. Mr. Schultz welcomed the class of 2028 who just started kindergarten. He stated the Educator's challenge is to prepare the students of today for adulthood in thirteen years. He asked everyone to think about the jobs and technology which will exist. He compared the change in technology now to thirteen years ago. He stated District 51 is preparing students to be lifelong learners and be able to use knowledge in the 21st Century. <p>1. Instructional Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer outlined first steps the District is taking toward becoming a performance-based District. New administrators will take on a variety of tasks, introducing different approaches to classroom instruction. District 51 will begin transformation into a performance-based district with seven schools demonstrating and participating (Broadway Elementary, Chipeta Elementary, Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary, New Emerson, East Middle School, Grand Mesa Middle School and R-5 High School.) Teachers from across the District may take part in training aimed at helping them work more closely together in professional learning communities. This idea is to tie together an approach to education which allows students to progress as quickly as possible, aided by teachers who will work with students on an individual basis. The teachers will direct and focus instruction for students. In this new approach things will be tied together toward new approaches to instruction with the District's strategic compensation system. Additional data will be aimed at giving a closer look at student performance and greater community involvement. At some point, the District will have to look at new technology and new facilities aimed at delivering education; these steps will cost money. These elements of the transformation; however, will be developed later. Mr. Paul Jebe, Director of Educational Effectiveness, told the Board he will work with principals on how best to coach teachers, who will then coach students toward their goals. <p>[Mr. Mikolai called for a break at 7:07 p.m. Meeting resumed 7:17 p.m.]</p> <p>Ms. Laurie Westfall, who heads Instructional-Data Services, said she is working on ways to access student progress and use the information to better drive instruction. It will take several years for the District's new approach to take shape though some might see differences in the District's approach this year. One new element could be the use of a smartphone app aimed at getting information directly to parents and students, as well as, the recruitment of 25 community volunteers who will carry the District's message to the public. The District 51 app is close to being approved by Apple and soon after, for Android systems. While official's studied schools in Lindsay, California, this is not the only model being used by District 51. Other Districts have taken similar approaches six to seven years into the process, so changes will progress over time.</p>	6:00 p.m.

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