

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Board Work Session Minutes*

*October 13, 2015*

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### **Work Session Meeting Minutes**

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**BOARD WORK SESSION**

- Mr. Schultz welcomed everyone to the October Work Session.
- Mrs. Tisue informed the Board about District 51's new online tool to anonymously report bullying incidents. She reported there had been two referrals since the rollout of the new system on October 1, 2015.

**A. Attendance Truancy Prevention Report – Mrs. Susana Wittrock, Executive Director, Equity/Minority Student Performance**

- Mrs. Wittrock reported the Office of Attendance adopted the Jefferson County model for truancy prevention last year. This model builds rapport with the families and works to identify the barriers keeping students from attending school. Mrs. Wittrock introduced Mr. Will McNulty, Magistrate in Mesa County Court, Mrs. Stephanie Rubinstein, Magistrate in Mesa County Court and Tami Eret, Lawyer for District 51, and thanked them for their partnership with Mesa County Valley School District 51.
- Attendance Case Manager, Mrs. Jessie Herrera reported employees are transforming truancy in District 51 with collaboration between families, community partners and District resources. She stated all parties work together to provide expertise, resources and support to families to get the students in school.
- Mrs. Bernadette Hendrickson, Attendance Case Manager Secretary, shared the systemic solutions which have been created to improve the truancy process for staff and students. The group listened to suggestions and requests from attendance and records secretaries, to help develop the systemic solutions. The improvements include systemized forms with online access, truancy training, data entry standards, an updated attendance handbook and a revised tier support system.
- Attendance Case Manager, Mr. Lupe Navarro, reported on the tiered system of support and explained the steps and actions taken when students reach a certain attendance threshold. Also, in response to Senate Bill 184, District 51 formed a truancy committee made up of members from various community and government organizations. One outcome of the committee was the truancy checklist. If the checklist is approved, it could be provided to the magistrate when a school has exhausted all of its resources, and the truancy court receives the case. The magistrate can see the actions taken by the school prior to court. Mr. Navarro shared the 2014-2015 truancy data.

[Break at 7:05 p.m. and resumed meeting at 7:17 p.m.]

**B. Post Work Force Readiness Update – Mr. Matt Diers, Executive Director for High Schools**

- Mr. Diers presented an update on the changing graduation guidelines and post-secondary workforce readiness. He showed the Board the Colorado Department of Education Menu of College and Career-Ready demonstrations which students will use to demonstrate competency to graduate from high school. The District, along with the community, will select

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					<p>options from the menu to create our customized graduation requirements. Mr. Diers reported the state added competency exceptions so school districts will have the authority to adjust the competency demonstrations for students with disabilities, English language learners and gifted students. Mr. Diers stated the District has several ways students can demonstrate workforce readiness, including ACT Work Keys, the National Career Readiness Certificate, Career and Technical Education and Career Internships and Job Shadowing. The District will finalize the post-secondary workforce requirements and submit the suggested graduation guidelines options to the Board of Education for approval by the spring of 2017.</p> <p>C. ADJOURNMENT</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> <hr style="width: 200px; margin: 0 auto;"/>           Terri N. Wells, Secretary            Board of Education         </p>	Adjourn – 7:56 p.m.