

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting

June 17, 2008

Minutes



- A - Diann Rice
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Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL > Mrs. Kiesler welcomed attendees to the June 17, 2008, Business Meeting and gave opening comments.	6:04 pm
Absent							
						BUDGET HEARING > Mrs. Kiesler asked for public comment on the 2008-2009 Budget. > No one came forward for public comment. > Mr. Rowley acknowledged concern regarding fuel costs. This is an area that will continue to be monitored closely. He mentioned the Work Session presentation on June 3, by Eric Anderson, on building energy use. He is encouraged by the work in this area to identify, monitor, and manage building energy use and costs. > Board members extended their appreciation to Melissa Callahan DeVita, Vi Crawford and Melodee Bergin for their excellent work on the 2008-2009 Budget.	Opened: 6:04 pm Closed: 6:06 pm
Motion				x		B. AGENDA APPROVAL > The Agenda was amended to postpone <i>Business Item, K-6. Vision School Contract</i> , to be considered by the Board in August. An additional <i>Business Item, K-9, Consolidated Application</i> , was added for formal approval.	Adopted As Amended
Second Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion	x					C. MINUTES APPROVAL C-1. May 2, 2008, Special Meeting, Executive Session Record	Adopted As Presented
Second Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion	x					C-2. May 6, 2008, Regular Meeting	Adopted As Presented
Second Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion	x					C-3. May 20, 2008, Business Meeting	Adopted As Presented
Second Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS D-1. Meritorious Budget Award, Association of Business Officials [Resolution 07/08: 129]	
						> Mrs. Rice read the resolution and presented the Board's Certificate of Recognition to Melissa Callahan DeVita, Vi Crawford and Melodee Bergin. > The award represents significant achievement which reflects the District's commitment to achieving the highest standards of school budgeting. This is the ninth year the District has received the award. > The Board and Superintendent extended their appreciation and congratulations.	

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						<p>E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Mrs. Enos-Martinez extended appreciation to the district technology staff for the software training she attended at Bookcliff Middle School. Odus Harwood, Executive Director of Technology, indicated he would convey that appreciation to his staff. > Mrs. Kiesler, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Rowley attended the recent Middle School / High School Summit Conference. They reported the conference was reaffirming in terms of the current work and focus of the district in the areas of middle school and high school education. > Mr. Butler reported he attended a Parks Improvement Advisory Board (PIAB) meeting. He acknowledged Laurie Kadrach, Grand Junction City Manager, for her work with the PIAB Board. <p>E. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > None at this time. <p>F. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None at this time.</p> <p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Tim Mills</p> <p>H-1. Chipeta Elementary School Project Update: Cal Clark & Ethan Gibson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Several PowerPoint slides were shown as the update was presented. > Ethan Gibson reviewed the summer schedule, which included the plans for the asbestos removal in the old building and the demolition, the process for obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy, plans for moving, delivery of furniture, and the return of students on August 18. > He reviewed the areas at the location that will and will not be useable when students return. By August 18, the parent and bus drop off will be complete and useable. There will be several areas at the site that will be in the process of completion, with full site access scheduled for September 26. > Slides were displayed comparing the progress of current work with work last month. The project is on schedule and within budget. > The report included plans for final finish work, building clean-up, and metal trim. > There has been no change in LEED status. > Dr. Mills announced the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is being planned for the week of August 11. > Mrs. Rice asked about a group who contacted her from <i>Homegrown Prosperity</i>. They will be touring Colorado in a biodiesel bus, and they would like to stop at the Chipeta School and congratulate the community on this ecological project. > Ethan Gibson indicated he has been in communication with the group and has sent them information on the sustainable features. The visit is planned during the week of August 4. <p>H-2. Dual Immersion Academy (DIA) Expansion Update: Cal Clark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Information was presented, regarding the construction plans at Bookcliff Middle School for the Dual Immersion Academy middle-school strand. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cal reviewed the tentative design plans and the site location, noting the new construction will blend in with the existing building. ➤ Dr. Mills provided information on the continued growth of the Dual Immersion Academy. The plan includes the addition of a 6th grade, with the 7th & 8th grades to follow. The project will allow students starting kindergarten at DIA to attend through middle school. Students, parents and staff are excited about the expansion. ➤ Mrs. Enos-Martinez asked about pre-kindergarten at DIA. Judy Thornburg and Melissa Callahan DeVita indicated there is a tentative plan for up to 103 preschool slots. The possible location for this program is the Riverside Community Center. ➤ The Board and the Superintendent thanked Cal for the presentation. <p>H-3. District Accountability Committee (DAC) Report: Steve Schultz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Karen Foster, Chair of the DAC, was unavailable to attend the meeting. ➤ Steve Schultz, speaking as the District Liaison for DAC, gave a brief background of the role of DAC in District 51, as outlined in State Statute. Those areas of responsibility include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring progress on District Goals. Each AIM Committee has presented results and progress on their goals to DAC; • Input on the Budget Process; • Review of the Individual School Improvement Plans. ➤ A draft end-of-year report was presented which included general comments and recommendations. ➤ The report on Continuous Student Success will be coming forward after the data is received in August. ➤ Steve offered interested board members a packet of reports for further information and in-depth study. ➤ New member recruitment was discussed. Principals and community groups will make recommendations for new members to serve on the DAC. There is a considerable time commitment involved for DAC membership. ➤ Board members discussed next steps and providing future direction, after the Board's review of the report. Further discussion and input from the Board to the DAC will be planned for the August Board Retreat. ➤ Steve conveyed appreciation for Board member representation on the DAC; Mr. Rowley and Mrs. Rice represent the Board on the committee. <p>H-4. Consolidated Application: Judy Thornburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Judy Thornburg reviewed with the Board the annual planning process for the Consolidated Application, which brings approximately 5 million dollars of categorical federal funding to the District for Title I schools. A major focus is placed on narrowing the achievement gap. Funding areas include: core academic interventions, extended learning, before and after-school programs, parent involvement, community partnerships, support for preschool education, recruitment and retention of highly qualified teachers, technology integration, and safe and drug free school programs. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The report included the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A background and time-line for the Consolidated Application; • A review of the funds, including the purpose and utilization of expenditures for each fund. ➤ Judy emphasized the importance of the census in determining the socio-economic status of students in the district, in order for the district to receive an accurate federal allocation. The district currently has eight Title I elementary schools: Chipeta, Clifton, Rocky Mountain, Chatfield, Pear Park, Dos Rios, Nisley and Dual Immersion Academy. Schools are eligible if they have 50% or more students receiving Free & Reduced Lunches. ➤ Discussion included Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and unfunded and under-funded mandates. ➤ Annually, in February, the management team meets to determine and prioritize the needs this funding will support. This substantial application is due on June 20; it is written by Doug Shawcroft, Brenda Wallace, and Judy Thornburg. ➤ Dr. Mills added that the focus is always on meeting the needs of the individual child, and this funding is important as we move forward in our mission. ➤ The Board and Superintendent thanked Judy for her work and the presentation. <p>H-5. Business/Investment Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Melissa Callahan DeVita and Vi Crawford were available to answer questions, regarding the monthly reports. Vi stated the close of the fiscal year is June 30, and the budget targets will be met as planned. ➤ Mr. Rowley emphasized the importance of monitoring fuel costs. He indicated that he anticipates the revenue savings from energy efficiency in high performance buildings will be a long-term pay back, providing additional funds for the learning needs of kids. ➤ Discussion included the school-lunch program. Mrs. Kiesler extended her appreciation to Food Service for their efforts in keeping down the cost of school lunches. <p>H-6. Expulsion Report: Dr. Mills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Mills reported the number of expelled students for the 2007-2008 school year is down by 21 students from a year ago. He noted with the increased student enrollment, the ratio has dropped and is less. He attributed the Positive Behavior Support Program as a factor in the lower number of expulsions. He acknowledged the newly established Expulsion School as a support for students to continue their learning. ➤ Board members discussed where the lower numbers have occurred and the offenses involved. All agreed that safety in the schools is paramount. ➤ Dr. Mills emphasized that discipline is about fair consequences for students. Teachers and administrators are focused on safety and minimizing disruptions in the learning environment. 	

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						I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.	
Motion					x	J. CONSENT AGENDA [Resolutions 07/08:122, 132, 123, 124, 125, 126]	Adopted
Second		x				J-1. Personnel Actions	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	J-1-a. Licensed Personnel	
No						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dr. Mills acknowledged the appointments of Susana Wittrock as the Executive Director of Equity, and Cathy Gonzales as the Director of Curriculum and Professional Development. 	
						J-1-b. Support Personnel	
						J-1-c. Central Office Administrative Assignments 2008-2009	
						J-1-d. Building Administrator Assignments 2008-2009	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Mrs. Kiesler welcomed the Central Office and Building Administrators back for the 2008-2009 school year. 	
						J-2. Gifts	
						Recess: 7:23 pm, Reconvene: 7:33 pm	
Motion					x	K. BUSINESS ITEMS	
Second			x			K-1. Budget	Adopted
Aye	x		x	x	x	K-1-a. 2008-2009 Budget Adoption [Resolution: 07/08:109]	
No						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Mr. Rowley assured meeting attendees that although there was minimal discussion of the budget at this meeting, there has been a very significant amount of discussion and work accomplished by the Board through the year-long budget process, leading to the annual budget adoption. 	
Motion		x			x	K-1-b. Use of Beginning Fund Balance [Resolution: 07/08:110]	Adopted
Second	x	x	x	x	x		
Aye			x			K-1-c. Borrow Unencumbered Money from Other District Funds	
No	x	x	x	x	x	[Resolution: 07/08:111]	Adopted
Motion			x		x	K-1-d. Bond Interest Transfer [Resolution: 07/08:112]	Adopted
Second	x	x	x	x	x		
Aye		x				K-2. Board Policy 2 nd Reading & Adoption	
No	x	x	x	x	x	K-2-a. <i>JEA, Compulsory Attendance Age</i>	Adopted
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Per statute, CRS 22-33-104, effective July 1, 2008. 	
Motion		x			x	K-3. BOCES Contract	Adopted
Second					x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dr. Mills provided information regarding the annual contract with the Western Colorado Community College. He highlighted the details of the contract which is in partnership with Mesa State College. The contract fee is for District 51 students to participate in career 	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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						<p>technical training in a variety of areas, which include: medical preparation, technology integration, graphic arts, machining, transportation technology, computer aided drafting, welding, marketing, media technology and construction technology. Dr. Mills emphasized the importance of college and work readiness for high school students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion included making access to vocational programs more convenient for students to participate, and the significance of the partnership in sharing the cost of technology in these career fields. 	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>K-4. Superintendent Contract [Resolution: 07/08: 127]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Kiesler read a prepared statement: <i>Over the past five years, Mesa County Valley School District 51 has experienced growth, challenges, and success under the guidance of Superintendent Dr. Tim Mills. The district has been focused on improving a system of academic support for all children, supporting professional growth for teachers, ensuring financial stability, providing sufficient schools and classrooms, and promoting continuous improvement and long range planning.</i> ➤ Included in the statement were notable successes during this time, and a salary comparison of superintendents in eight school districts in Colorado, by state rank in student enrollment. Additional data was provided, regarding salary ranges of administrators in local municipalities. ➤ Board members extended their appreciation and support to Dr. Mills. ➤ Dr. Mills acknowledged the accomplishments over the past five years and the challenges ahead. He thanked the Board for their support and the opportunity to continue his mission and focus on children in the district. 	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>K-5. Advance Placement (AP) Textbook Adoption [Resolution 07/08: 128]</p>	Adopted
						<p>K-6. Vision School Contract [Information Only]</p>	Postponed
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>K-7. Independence Academy Charter School Property Lease [Resolution 07/08: 130]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board members commented that they are pleased the Lincoln Park School building will continue to serve students in our community at the charter school. 	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>K-8. Nisley Elementary School Easement [Resolution: 07/08: 131]</p>	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>K-9. Consolidated Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The application was approved by the Board, as presented by Judy Thornburg, Executive Director of Student Services, during the Superintendent's Report, Item H-4. 	Approved

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						<p>L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Mills gave an over-view of a presentation given by a researcher from John Hopkins University, at a recent Governor’s P-20 Meeting. The data supports the District’s current plan for school wide interventions, Positive Behavior Support (PBS), and progress monitoring. The report is reaffirming, and staying the course is needed with a focus on individual children. ➤ Dr. Mills emphasized the importance of partnerships with parents, and acknowledged the high commitment of staff, teachers, and administrators in “continuing our journey.” He noted the challenges of meeting student needs in a changing environment, and several strategies to address the challenges as we move forward: refining the work and intervening as quickly as possible, providing opportunities to expand time, and looking at data in a detailed way to ensure a child by child focus. ➤ Dr. Mills thanked the Board of Education for their leadership. <p>M. FUTURE MEETINGS: Reviewed</p> <p>N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.</p> <p>O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 pm</p>	
Motion Second Aye No	x						
	x	x	x	x	x		
					x		
					x		
						_____ Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education	



Mesa County Valley School District 51
Meritorious Budget Award
Association of Business Officials (ASBO)
Melissa Callahan deVita, Vi Crawford, Melodee Bergin

Board of Education: 07/08: 129

Presented: June 17, 2008

Accurate, excellent, and transparent are just a few words used to describe the highly recognized preparation and issuance of School District 51's annual budget. For the ninth year, the Association of School Business Officials International announced that Mesa County Valley School District 51 has received ASBO's Meritorious Budget Award for Budget Excellence for the 2007-2008 annual budget.

The award represents significant achievement by the District and the work of Melissa Callahan de Vita, Executive Director of Support Services, Vi Crawford, Budget Director, and Melodee Bergin, Executive Secretary of Support Services. The award is a result of the work they each accomplish in the preparation of the annual budget, which reflects the District's commitment to achieving the highest standards of school budgeting.

The Meritorious Budget Award Program was designed by ASBO International and school business management professionals to enable school business administration to achieve excellence in budget presentation. The programs help school systems build a solid foundation in the skills of developing, analyzing, and presenting a budget...all things District 51 continues to excel at.

The Board of Education is pleased to recognize the high level of excellence and amount of work involved in the preparation of the annual budget. Congratulations to Melissa, Vi, and Melodee for your contribution to budget excellence.



Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 122

Adopted: June 17, 2008

New Administrator Assignments for 2008-2009 School Year

Jeff Bradley
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Education:

- B.S. – Colorado State University (1990)
Major: Exercise & Sport Science
- M.A. – University of Northern Colorado (2006)
Major: Educational Leadership

Experience (Teaching):

- 1993-2000 Bea Underwood Elementary, Parachute, CO – P.E.
- 2000-2005 Grand Valley High School, Parachute, CO – P.E.

Experience (Administrative):

- 2000-2008 Athletic Director – Grand Valley High School, Parachute, CO
- 2005-2008 Assistant Principal – Grand Valley High School, Parachute, CO

William D. “Dan” Bunnell
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - GRAND MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Education:

- B.A. – Black Hills State University (1996)
Major: Elementary Education
- M.A. – University of Northern Colorado (2000)
Major: Spedal Education: Moderate Needs
Principal Licensure Program – University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (2008)

Experience (Teaching):

- 1997-1998 Fruita Middle/Mt. Garfield MS, Grand Junction, CO – Spec. Ed.
- 1998-2000 East MS/ Grand Junction, CO – Special Education
- 2000-2007 Grand Junction HS – Special Education
- 2007-2008 Grand Junction HS – Progress Monitor



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New Administrator Assignments for 2008-2009 School Year (Continued)

Marla Ladd
SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Education:

- B.S.-Pittsburg State University, KS (1990)
Major: Psychology & Spanish
- M.S. – Pittsburg State University (1991)
Major: Psychology
- Ed.S. – Pittsburg State University (1992)
Major: School Psychology

Experience (Teacher/Psychologist):

- 1989-1990 Spanish Teacher, Joplin HS, Joplin, MO
- 1992-1994 School Psychologist, Liberal School Dist., Liberal, KS
- 1994-2002 School Psychologist, District #51, Grand Junction, CO

Experience (Administrative):

- 2002-2002 Special Education Coordinator, District #51
- 2002-2003 Special Education Coordinator, Denver Public Schools, Denver, CO
- 2003-2008 Director of Special Education, St. Vrain Valley Dist., Longmont, CO

Jennifer Marsh
SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Education:

- B.A. – Mesa State College (1995)
Major: Social & Behavioral Sciences/Political Science
- M.A. – University of Northern Colorado (2001)
Major: Special Education
- Principal/Administrator Licensure Program in progress – Mesa State College

Experience (Teaching):

- 1998-2007 Grand Junction HS – Special Education Teacher

Experience (Administrative):

- 2007-2008 Grand Mesa MS – Assistant Principal



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Licensed Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution 07/08: 132

Adopted: June 17, 2008

Susana Wittrock
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EQUITY

Education:

National University – San Diego, California
Master of Science in School Psychology

San Diego State University – San Diego, California
Bachelor of Arts of Sociology
Minor: Spanish

Wilderness Education Association – San Diego State University
Completed National Standard Program certification in professional leadership

Experience

8/2006 – Present	School Psychologist	MCVSD 51
10/2000 – 9/2005	Student Advocate	City Heights Educational Pilot Program San Diego State University Foundation
1/1998 – 9/2000	Services Supervisor	San Diego Choice – San Diego State University Foundation
4/1997 – 12/1997	Family Resource Worker	San Diego Choice – San Diego State University Foundation
11/1996 - 8/1997	Youth Service Worker	San Diego Choice – San Diego State University Foundation
10/1995 – 01/1996	Afternoon Teacher	Children's Energy Center – San Diego, California



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Licensed Personnel Action

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Catherine Gonzalez
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULM

Education:

University of California – BA in English

California State University – MA in Education

Experience

5/1991 – Present	Teacher/Administrator	MCVSD 51
1984 – 1991	English/ESL Teacher	Santiago HS Garden Grove, CA
1986 – 1988	Adult ESL	Rancho Santiago College Santa Ana, CA
1981 – 1983	9-12 English/ESL Teacher	Lesotho HS Lesotho, CA
1980	9-11 English Teacher	Boka Grande HS Garden Grove, CA
1979	7/8 English/Reading Teacher	Marco Forester Jr. High San Juan, CA



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Retirement -110/110

David Fricke
 Years in District 51 – 33
 Years in Education -- 33

School/Assignment

Rocky Mtn./Principal

Effective Date

June 9, 2008

Resignations

Robert Davis
 Laura Farnsworth
 Brett Livingston
 Mark Newton
 Casey Payte

School/Assignment

Central HS/Business
 Grand Junction HS/Math
 Orchard Mesa Middle School
 Grand Junction HS/Journalism
 Scenic Elementary/Grade 2
 (currently on leave)

Effective Date

June 5, 2008
 May 23, 2008
 July 1, 2008
 May 23, 2008
 May 13, 2008

Monica Solawetz
 Michelle Spiess
 Larry Walling

Appleton Elementary/Kind.
 Shelledy Elementary/Grade 2
 Executive Director of Assessment

May 23, 2008
 May 23, 2008
 June 30, 2008

Leave of Absence

Nellie Jones

School/Assignment

Orchard Avenue/Grade 3

Effective Date

August 11, 2008 through
 August, 2009

Lisa Orr

Wingate Elementary/Kind.

August 11, 2008 through
 August, 2009

Florence I. "Renee" Shields

Grand Junction HS/Deaf Ed.

August 11, 2008 through
 August, 2009

Seth Wollam

Grand Junction HS/Band
 (currently on leave)

August 11, 2008 through
 August, 2009

New Assignments

Juan Caiza Valera
 Stephanie Crossley
 Scott Finholm
 Lyddia Getaweru-Kagima

School/Assignment

DIA/Grade 3
 Central HS/Math
 Grand Mesa MS/Social Studies Grade 8
 Fruita Monument HS/Home Economics-Family & Consumer
 Studies

Darcy Hall
 Shiarra Hickey
 Adam Korte
 Wade Livingston
 Sharon McGourty
 Bobbi McLaughlin
 Alice Morgan
 Dale Owens
 James Parker
 Ezequiel Perez Soto
 Jill Phillips
 Jimmie Phillips
 Scott Vanlandingham

Palisade HS/English Language Arts
 Central HS/English Language Arts
 Palisade HS/English Language Arts
 Emerson/Psychologist
 Emerson/Psychologist
 Fruita MS/Grade 7 Social Studies
 Hawthorne/Speech-Language Specialist
 Grand Junction HS/Progress Monitor
 Emerson/Psychologist
 Grand Junction HS/Spanish
 Bookcliff MS/Vocal Music
 Bookcliff MS/Literacy Grade 6-8
 Fruita MS/Grade 6



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Support Personnel Actions

Board of Education Resolution 07/08: 123

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT		LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
RETIREMENTS				
Bailey Williams, Margaret A	Instructional Asst		Taylor Elementary	5/22/2008
Brouse, M Joan	Deaf Ed Interpreter		Dos Rios Elementary	5/22/2008
Jens, Bert C	Warehouse Person		Warehouse	6/30/2008
Rasmussen, Linda E	Executive Assistant		Human Resources	6/30/2008
RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS				
Beaver, Barbara J	Career Ctr Custodian	Parttime	Career Center	5/30/2008
Bingaman, Connie R	Instructional Asst	Sped	Rim Rock Elementary	5/22/2008
Campbell, Wendy N	Chs Secr Ii, Counselor		Central High School	5/1/2008
Cano, Marla D	Dia Parent Liaison		Dual Immersion Academy	5/22/2008
Clark, Dorsey E	Nisley Custodian, Night		Nisley Elementary	6/11/2008
Espinoza, Elizabeth C	Instructional Asst	Sped	Rim Rock Elementary	5/22/2008
Harness, Amber R	Instructional Asst		R-5 High School	5/22/2008
Humphrey, Gregory K	Instructional Asst		Rim Rock Elementary	5/22/2008
Jensen, Melanie L	Instructional Asst	Reading	Mesa View Elementary	5/22/2008
Johnson, Carole S	Comp Programmer Analyst		Technology Services	5/30/2008
Kiel, Valerie J	Secretary		Tope Elementary	6/9/2008
Shiflet, Victoria A	Secretary, Special Ed		Rocky Mountain Elementary	5/22/2008
ASSIGNMENTS (None At This Time)				
LEAVES OF ABSENCE				
Barry, Erin	Department Secretary		Human Resources	6/20/2008
Williams, Glenda	Instructional Assistant		Pear Park	5/1/2008



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Central Office Administrative Assignments

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Central Office Administrative Assignments

2008-2009 School Year

Instructional Administrators:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Steve Schultz	Assistant Superintendent
William Larsen	Executive Director of High Schools
Debra Bailey	Executive Director of Middle Schools
Andy Laase	Executive Director of Elementary Schools
Leslie Whitacre	Assistant Executive Director of Elementary Schools
Judy Thornburg	Executive Director of Student Services

Support Administrators:

Melissa Callahan DeVita	Executive Director of Support Services
Colleen Martin	Executive Director of Human Resources
Odus Harwood	Executive Director of Technology Services

Whereas, the Board of Education has considered the recommendations for administrative assignments listed above, and

Whereas, the Board of Education deems the recommendations to be appropriate and in the best interests of the District,

Now therefore be it resolved that the administrative assignments listed above are approved.



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Building Administrator Assignments

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 125

Adopted: June 17, 2008

Building Administrative Assignments – 2008-2009 School Year

Elementary Principals

Assignment

Mary Biagini	Mesa View Elementary School
Phillip Boatright	Wingate Elementary School
Patrick Buckley	Chipeta Elementary School
Diane Carver	Thunder Mountain Elementary School
Rosa Culver	Dual Immersion Academy
Jeannie Dunn	Tope Elementary School
David Fricke	Rocky Mountain Elementary School
Corey Hafey	Taylor Elementary School
Kathy Hays	Fruitvale Elementary School
Denise Hoctor	Orchard Avenue Elementary School
Sharon Kallus	Broadway Elementary School
Tami Kramer	Rim Rock Elementary School
Emma-Leigh Larsen	Pomona Elementary
Doug Levinson	Scenic Elementary School
Michelle Mansheim	Clifton Elementary School
Curry Newton	Nisley Elementary School
Meri Nofzinger	Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary School
Vernann Raney	Dos Rios Elementary School
Karen Rigg	Loma Elementary School
Mark Schmalz	Appleton Elementary School
Terry Schmalz	New Emerson at Columbus
Steven States	Shelledy Elementary School
Margie Shean	Chatfield Elementary School
Cheryl Taylor	Pear Park Elementary School

Elementary Administrative Interns – 2007-2008 School Year

Cynthia Cooper	.5 Tope Elementary School
Sharon Davis	Rim Rock Elementary School
Jerri Hahnenberg	Thunder Mtn. Elementary
Deborah Lamb	.5 Nisley Elementary
Beverly Miller	.5 Rocky Mountain Elementary
Patty Virden	Clifton Elementary School
Carol Wethington	Shelledy Elementary School
Jackie Wilson	.5 Fruitvale



Mesa County Valley School District 51

Building Administrator Assignments

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 125

Adopted: June 17, 2008

Building Administrative Assignments – 2008-2009 School Year

Middle School Principals

Irene Almond
Marty Bassett
Leigh Grasso
Kelly Reed
(To Be Determined)
Terrie ReQua
Mark Vana
Vern Walker

Assignment

Fruita Middle School
Bookcliff Middle School
East Middle School
Redlands Middle School
Orchard Mesa Middle School
Mt. Garfield Middle School
Grand Mesa Middle School
West Middle School

Middle School Assistant Principals

Lori Alpino-Holloway
Dan Bunnell
Rema Dunn
Larry Allison
William (Pat) Chapin
Hugo Meza
Larry Padgett (P-2 going to P-3)
Janet Vogt
Robert Scandary

Assignment

Mt. Garfield Middle School
Grand Mesa Middle School
East Middle School
Redlands Middle School
Orchard Mesa Middle School
Bookcliff Middle School
West Middle School
Fruita Middle School
Grand Mesa Middle School



Mesa County Valley School District 51

Building Administrator Assignments

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 125

Adopted: June 17, 2008

Building Administrative Assignments – 2007-2008 School Year

High School Principals

Jon Bilbo
Dean Blair
David Casey
Matthew Diers
Jody Frost
Jim Hanks
Cristal Loehr
Jody Mimmack
Brenda Witte

Assignment

Grand Junction High School
Career Center
R-5 High School
Palisade High School
Central High School
Gateway School
Fruita 8-9 School
Fruita Monument High School
Valley School

High School Assistant Principals

Dan Bollinger
Jeffrey Bradley
Lee Carleton
Jason Eidinge
Anna Goetz
Leah Gonyeau
Cindy Granum
Todd McClaskey
Jason Plantiko
Randy Powell
Beth Sass
Sherry Schreiner
Donald Trujillo

Assignment

Palisade High School
Central High School
Fruita Monument HS
Grand Junction HS
Palisade HS
Grand Junction HS
Central High School
Fruita Monument HS
Fruita 8-9 School
Central High School
Fruita 8-9 School
Fruita Monument HS
Grand Junction High School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered the recommendations for administrative assignments listed on pages 1, 2, and 3; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education deems the recommendations to be appropriate and in the best interests of the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the administrative assignments listed on pages 1, 2, and 3 are approved.



GIFTS

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 126

Adopted: June 17, 2008

Donor	Rotary Club of Grand Junction Horizon Sunrise
Gift	Cash donation
Value	\$300.00
School/Department	Thunder Mountain Elementary School Library

Donor	Rotary Club of Grand Junction Horizon Sunrise
Gift	Cash donation
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Pomona Elementary School Library

Donor	Linda Reeves
Gift	History posters, books, lesson plans, teaching aides
Value	\$500.00
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School Social Studies Department

Donor	Laurie Corbin
Gift	Cash donation
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Child Find

Donor	Safari Club International - Bookcliff Chapter
Gift	Cash donation (to support PBS vision during the summer)
Value	\$1,200.00
School/Department	Extended Learning Program

Donor	Gene Taylor's Sporting Goods
Gift	Cash donation (to sponsor a child for Camp Red Cloud field trip)
Value	\$50.00
School/Department	Chatfield Elementary School

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education, in accepting the donations listed above, extends their appreciation and acknowledges these important partnerships within the community which support learning for all students.

Mesa County Valley School District 51
2008-09 Budget Adoption

Board of Education Resolution 08/09: 109

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has published June 17, 2008, as the date of adoption for the 2008-09 budgets for Mesa County Valley School District 51; and

WHEREAS, the Board may adopt the budgets at any regular or special meeting on or before June 30, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 does hereby adopt the budgets and reserve all ending balances, as presented, and authorize the following fund amounts to be appropriated as specified in the adopted budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>PAGE #</i>	<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>ESTIMATED BEGINNING BUDGETARY BALANCE</i>	<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</i>
General Fund (10)	10	\$148,029,077	\$9,600,716	\$157,629,793
Colorado Preschool Program (19)	14	\$1,340,338	\$291,845	\$1,632,183
Independence Academy Charter School (11)	16	\$1,073,594	\$78,000	\$1,151,594
Special Revenue Funds				
Capital Reserve (21)	18	\$5,858,114	\$9,169,163	\$15,027,277
Physical Activities (23)	24	\$515,700	\$77,006	\$592,706
Beverage (27)	26	\$454,472	\$374,901	\$829,373
Governmental Designated Purpose Grants (22 & Sub-funds 70-99)	28	\$15,911,407	\$0	\$15,911,407
Career Center Grant (26)	32	\$237,500	\$52,506	\$290,006
Other Local Projects/Grants (28)	34	\$73,372	\$161,048	\$234,420
Debt Service Fund				
Bond Redemption (31)	36	\$11,746,079	\$10,999,779	\$22,745,858
Capital Project Fund				
Building (42)	42	\$150,000	\$2,037,888	\$2,187,888
Enterprise Fund				
Food Service (51)	47	\$6,847,098	\$2,017,049	\$8,864,147
Internal Service Fund				
Insurance (64)	49	\$2,050,000	\$1,647,784	\$3,697,784
Dental Insurance (63)	51	\$1,800,000	\$745,204	\$2,545,204
Medical Insurance (62)	53	\$11,465,000	\$1,479,587	\$12,944,587
Trust and Agency Fund				
Student Body Activity Funds		\$6,000,000	\$0	\$6,000,000

Mesa County Valley School District 51
Use of Beginning Fund Balance

Board of Education Resolution 08/09: 110

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 03-149 created a new subsection in C.R.S. 22-44-105 1B (1.5) (a) that states:

"A budget adopted pursuant to this article shall not provide for expenditures, interfund transfers, or reserves, in excess of available revenues and beginning fund balances. If the budget includes the use of a beginning fund balance, the school district board of education shall adopt a resolution specifically authorizing the use of a portion of the beginning fund balance in the school district's budget. The resolution, at a minimum shall specify the amount of the beginning fund balance to be spent under the school district budget, state the purpose for which the expenditure is needed, and state the school district's plan to ensure that the use of the beginning fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit." and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has set June 17, 2008, as the date of adoption for the 2008-2009 budgets for Mesa County Valley School District 51; and

WHEREAS, the Board may adopt the budgets at any regular or special meeting on or before, June 30, 2008;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 does hereby approve the usage of the beginning fund balances as specified in the plan below for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending on June 30, 2009.

FUND	PAGE #	AMOUNT OF BEGINNING FUND BALANCE TO BE SPENT	PURPOSE FOR EXPENDITURE	PLAN
Capital Reserve		\$520,460	Complete Projects	Continue to Maintain/Upgrade Buildings
Physical Activities		\$72,846	Fuel, Lodging Costs, Continue to Increase	Monitor & Make Adjustments As Needed
Beverage		\$221,158	Special Projects, Staff Development	Monitor & Make Adjustments
Building		\$2,037,888	Complete Upgrades/ Building Projects	Complete Projects
Food Service		\$309,599	Remodel/Replace Equipment	Monitor & Make Adjustments
Insurance		\$102,200	Insurance Costs	Monitor & Make Adjustments

Mesa County Valley School District 51
Borrow Unencumbered Money from Other District Funds

Board of Education Resolution 08/09: 111

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, C.R.S.22-44-113 authorizes the borrowing of unencumbered monies from any one fund, except the Bond Redemption Fund, and

WHEREAS, in order to meet ongoing obligations of an current fund it may be necessary to borrow up to \$5,000,000, and

WHEREAS, estimated unencumbered monies not to exceed \$5,000,000 may exist in any of the district funds, except the Bond Redemption Fund, during FY 2008-09,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the borrowing of up to \$5,000,000 from unencumbered monies from any district fund except Bond Redemption Fund, for the benefit of any other fund effective July 1, 2008, such monies to be repaid to said funds not later than June 30, 2009.

Mesa County Valley School District 51
Bond Interest Transfer

Board of Education Resolution 08/09: 112

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 is the governing body authorized by law to administer the affairs of the school district; and

WHEREAS, interest earned in the Bond Redemption Fund can be transferred to the General Fund, if approved by resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 does hereby approve the transfer of interest earned in the Bond Redemption Fund to the General Fund.



Mesa County Valley School District 51

JEA

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES

Related: JEA-R

Adopted: June 13, 1972

Revised: April 1, 1997; August 6, 2002, May 22, 2007

Adopted: June 17, 2008

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Every child who has attained the age of six (6) years on or before August 1 of each year and is under the age of seventeen (17) is required to attend public school during each school year for at least one thousand fifty-six (1,056) hours if a secondary school pupil, nine hundred sixty-eight (968) hours if an elementary school pupil in a grade other than kindergarten, nine hundred (900) hours if a full-day kindergarten pupil and four hundred fifty (450) hours if a half-day kindergarten pupil, with such exceptions as provided by law. Exceptions include a child:

1. who is temporarily ill or injured or whose absence is approved by the building principal;
2. who is enrolled for a minimum of one hundred seventy-two days in a independent or parochial school which provides a sequential program of instruction which includes, but is not limited to, communication skills of reading, writing, and speaking, mathematics, history, civics, literature and science;
3. who is absent for an extended period due to physical, mental or emotional disability;
4. who has been suspended, expelled or denied admission in accordance with the provisions of state law and board policy;
5. to whom a current age and school certificate or work permit has been issued pursuant to the "Colorado Youth Employment Opportunity Act of 1971", article 12 of title 8, C.R.S.;
6. who is in the custody of a court or law enforcement authorities;
7. who is pursuing a work-study program under the supervision of a public school;
8. who has graduated from the twelfth grade;
9. who is being instructed at home:
 - a. by a teacher certified; or
 - b. under a non-public home-based educational program pursuant to § 22-33-104.5, C.R.S.; or
10. who is enrolled in a school where the state board of education has approved a lesser number of days.

Parental Responsibility. Colorado law (§ 22-33-104(5)(a), C.R.S.) declares that two of the most important factors in ensuring a child's educational development are parental involvement and parental responsibility. The law further declares that it is the obligation of every parent, except parents whose children are enrolled in an independent or parochial school or a nonpublic home-based educational program, to ensure that every child under such parent's care and supervision receives adequate education and training and, therefore, that every parent of a child who has attained the age of six (6) years on or before August 1 of each year and is under the age of seventeen (17) years shall ensure that such child attends the public school in which such child is enrolled in compliance with the requirements of the law.

Enforcement of Compulsory School Attendance. The Board shall designate one or more of the employees of the district to act as attendance officer for the district. It is the attendance officer's duty in appropriate cases to counsel with students and parents and investigate the causes of nonattendance and report to the Board so as to enforce the provisions of the School Attendance Law of 1963. The maximum number of unexcused absence that a student may incur during any calendar year before judicial proceedings may be initiated is 7 days, or an accumulation thereof.



Mesa County Valley School District 51

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With respect to a child who is “habitually truant” (meaning a child who has attained the age of six (6) years on or before August 1 of the year in question and is under the age of seventeen (17) years having four unexcused absences from public school in any one month or ten unexcused absences from public school during any school year – absences due to suspension or expulsion of a child to be considered “excused” absences for the purposes of truancy enforcement under this section) the school shall:

1. Develop a plan for a student who is declared habitually truant with the goal of assisting the child to remain in school. When practicable, the child’s parent, guardian or legal custodian shall participate with district personnel during the development of the plan. Appropriate school personnel shall make all reasonable efforts to meet with the parent, guardian or legal custodian to review and evaluate the reasons for the child’s truancy;
2. Annually at the beginning of the school year and upon any enrollment during the school year, notify the parent of each child enrolled in a school of the district in writing of such parent’s obligations pursuant to section 22-33-104(5), C.R.S.;
3. Annually at the beginning of the school year and upon any enrollment during the school year, obtain from the parent of each child a telephone number or other means of contacting such parent during the school day; and
4. Establish a system of monitoring individual unexcused absences of children which shall provide that, whenever a child fails to report to school on a regularly scheduled school day and school personnel have received no indication that the child’s parent is aware of the child’s absence, school personnel or volunteers under the direction of school personnel shall make a reasonable effort to notify by telephone such parent.

Cross Reference:

JH, Student Absences and Excuses

Legal References:

C.R.S. 22-33-104

C.R.S. 22-33-104.5

C.R.S. 22-33-107(3)

C.R.S. 22-33-108



Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

**Approval of Employment Contract
Superintendent of Schools**

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 127

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, the Superintendent's current employment contract expires on June 30, 2008;
and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to continue the employment of JUSTIN
TIMOTHY MILLS as the Superintendent of Schools for the District; and

WHEREAS, JUSTIN TIMOTHY MILLS has indicated his willingness to enter into a
new employment contract with the Board in the form attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the terms of said employment contract are acceptable to the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley
School District No. 51 shall employ JUSTIN TIMOTHY MILLS as the Superintendent of
Schools for the District as of June 30, 2008 under the terms of the employment agreement
attached hereto, and authorizes and directs the Board President and Secretary to execute said
employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

*I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate
and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of
Education on June 17, 2008.*

*Jaime Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*



Mesa County Valley School District 51

Advanced Placement Textbook Adoption

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08:128

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, the current Advanced Placement (AP) textbooks in use for high schools, for possible college credit, were adopted over 5 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Placement education has changed significantly in response to the College Board Audit in 2007; and

WHEREAS, AP textbooks must be approved by the Advanced Placement Board, the Office of Curriculum and the Advanced Placement Teams recommend the following textbooks for adoption:

Textbook Title	Publisher	Cost
Triangulo: A Proposito, 4 th Edition	Wayside	\$18.95
AP Spanish Preparing for the Language Examination, 3 rd Edition	Pearson Education	\$26.97
Government in America	Prentice Hall	\$79.97
Chemistry, 7 th Edition	McDougal Littell	\$122.67
The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography, 9 th Edition	Pearson Education	\$78.47
Out of Many: A History of the American People, 5 th Edition	Pearson Education	\$83.47
Everyday Use: Rhetoric at Work in Reading and Writing	Pearson Education	\$36.50
Sources of the Western Tradition, 6 th Edition, Volume II (From Renaissance to the Present)	Houghton Mifflin	\$55.16
Foundations of Economics, AP Edition	Pearson Education	\$108.97

Textbook Title	Publisher	Cost
Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic, AP Edition	Pearson Education	\$75.47
Biology: Concepts and Connections, 7 th Edition	Pearson Education	\$112.47
Manual for Ear Training and Sight Singing	W. W. Norton	\$64.06
The Practice of Statistics: TI 83/84/89 Graphic Calculator Enhanced, 3 rd Edition	VHPS	\$80.00
Psychology, 8 th Edition	Holtzbrinck Publishers	\$97.20
Perrine's Literature: Structure, Sound, and Sense, 9 th Edition	Thomson Learning	\$69.25
Living in the Environment: Principles, Connections, and Solutions	Cengage	\$145.76

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the textbooks titled above for high school Advanced Placement courses.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on June 17, 2008.

*Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*



Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

Approval of Lease Agreement Independence Academy Charter School

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08:130

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board has approved a new Charter School Contract ("Charter Contract") with the Independence Academy Charter School, ("IACS"), that renews IACS' charter for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board directed the Superintendent to negotiate a suitable lease agreement with IACS regarding the Lincoln Park Elementary School property, and present such agreement to the Board for approval, and

WHEREAS, the administration has negotiated the terms of such a lease, a copy of which is attached hereto, for a five (5) year term; and

WHEREAS, IACS is not required to pay rent for space that is available, as negotiated by contract in school district facilities, pursuant to Colorado Charter Schools Act, section 22-30.5-104(7)(c), C.R.S., and

WHEREAS, by the terms of such lease IACS agrees, among other things: to use the property only for the purpose of operating a charter school in accordance with the Charter Contract between the parties dated July 1, 2008; to maintain the property at all times; to pay all such costs of maintaining the property and keeping it in good repair, including all utilities; except that the District shall make all major repairs and replacements of structural elements of the school; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Park Elementary School and the grounds associated therewith will not in the foreseeable future be needed for District purposes; and

WHEREAS, the administration has recommended that the Board approve the attached Lease Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Lease Agreement, copies of which are attached hereto, and authorizes the Board president to execute the Lease Agreement on behalf of the Board.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on June 17, 2008.

*Jaime Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*

Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

**Easement Approval for North Nisley Subdivision
Nisley Elementary School**

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 131

Adopted: June 17, 2008

WHEREAS, a Developer of property located just north of the Nisley Elementary School is seeking subdivision approval for a proposed Nisley North Subdivision on such property from the City of Grand Junction, and the City is conditioning such approval upon submission of an acceptable storm drainage plan for the proposed subdivision;

WHEREAS, the Developer has requested an easement for waste water discharge across the District Property in order to comply with the City's requirement, which would transport surface drainage water from the subdivision through an underground pipe across District Property to an existing drainage inlet on the campus of Nisley Elementary School, but which will serve to increase surface drainage water upon full development of streets and other residential improvements in the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is prepared to construct and install at his sole expense the underground drainage pipe and its connection to the drainage inlet according to specifications approved by the District and City standards as contained in the Storm Drainage Plan and Profile for the Nisley North Subdivision which Developer has filed with the City in conjunction with the subdivision application, and further the Developer is willing to fully restore the surface following such installation to the same condition as now exists, and thereafter to maintain such improvements and the condition of the easement area at his expense so as to prevent erosion or damage resulting from surface drainage water from the subdivision, all as more fully described in the Drainage Easement and Agreement attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Drainage Easement and Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the President and Secretary of the Board to execute same on its behalf.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on June ____, 2008

*Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*

ACTION OF THE BOARD:
