

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting

August 19, 2008

Minutes



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Present	x		x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL	6:04 pm
Absent		x				[Mrs. Cindy Enos-Martinez: excused, expected later in the meeting] > Mrs. Kiesler welcomed attendees to the August 19, 2008, Business Meeting. She gave opening comments and instructions for meeting attendees to address the Board, under <i>Item G. Audience Comments</i> .	
Motion	x					B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted As Presented
Second					x		
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			C. MINUTES APPROVAL	
Second					x	C-1. June 3, 2008, Regular Meeting	Adopted As Presented
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	C-2. June 17, 2008, Business Meeting	Adopted As Amended
Second			x			• The minutes were amended to reflect a correction, on page 2, <i>H-1. Chipeta Elementary School Project Update</i> , bullet 7, to delete the date of <u>August 18</u> , and to insert the following: <u>the week of August 11</u> .	
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	C-3. August 5, 2008, Regular Meeting	Adopted As Presented
Second	x						
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. Exemplary Bands [Resolution 08-09:09]	
						> Mr. Butler read the Resolution, asked the Band Directors to come forward, and presented the Board's Certificate of Recognition to:	
						• Paul Traugott, Central High School;	
						• Ryan Crabtree, Fruita Monument High School;	
						• Issac Lavadie, Grand Junction High School;	
						• Brett Argo, East Middle School;	
						• Joe Webb, Fruita Middle School;	
						• Debbie Wilson, Grand Mesa Middle School;	
						• Scott Davis, Mount Garfield Middle School;	
						• Sarah Kamstra; Redlands Middle School.	
						> The awards are given each year by the Colorado Bandmasters Association to bands that demonstrate excellence in their craft. It was noted District 51 had the only middle schools that received this award.	
						> The Board and Superintendent extended their appreciation and congratulations to the band directors and their bands for receiving the 2007-2008 Colorado Band Masters Exemplary Band Award.	

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						<p>D-2. Redlands Middle School Energy Star Award [Resolution: 08-09:08]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Rowley read the Resolution and presented the Board's Certificate of Recognition to Michael Allison, Redlands Middle School Assistant Principal. Eric Anderson, District 51 Resource Conservation Manager, was also asked to come forward to be recognized for his work in achieving the Energy Star Award. Redlands Middle School is the first District 51 Energy Star Building and the second in Mesa County. ➤ The Board and Superintendent expressed their thanks and congratulations. The Board hopes to recognize other District 51 buildings for achieving the Energy Star label in the future. <p>D-3. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Award for Financial Reporting [Resolution: 08-09:10]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Rice read the Resolution, and presented the Board's Certificate of Recognition to Nancy Paregien, Director of Finance/Payroll, and Melissa Callahan DeVita, Executive Director of Support Services. For the ninth consecutive year, the Board of Education has recognized the District's Finance and Payroll Department for their achievement in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. ➤ Mrs. Rice extended her appreciation, and acknowledged this accomplishment as demonstrating great stewardship for the funds entrusted to Mesa County Valley School District 51. Board members and Superintendent conveyed their appreciation to Nancy, Melissa, and the staff involved in preparing the District's Annual Financial Reports. <p>E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Rowley requested a report on Family Centers. This report will be scheduled as soon as possible. ➤ Mrs. Rice reported on her attendance at the Model Schools Conference; she learned a great deal and indicated an interest in asking several of the conference speakers to present in District 51. <p>E. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Kiesler asked board members if they had new resolutions for her to bring forward to the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). Proposed resolutions will need to be completed by September 9. Board members briefly discussed the Gallagher Amendment and school finance legislation. Mrs. Rice suggested working on a resolution at the upcoming Work Session on September 2. <p>F. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Agenda Item K-2. School Bond Election Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Henry Dusenbury, 2135 Bryce Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81507 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dusenbury conveyed his support for the School Bond Election. He voiced support of the small-schools model, and spoke of the benefits of smaller high schools. His comments included the following: Smaller high schools will allow students to feel a greater sense of community and would be more manageable, and six high schools would be conducive to a good 4A sports program with increased student participation. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. John Williams, 695 Round Hill Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Williams expressed his support of local governance and Mesa County taxpayers, in terms of the work done for kids in the community. He gave a background of his involvement with the Long Range Planning Committee and the 2004 School Bond Election. He indicated his support of the school district's administration and the community, and encouraged the Board to look at the needs, and do the right thing for kids. He emphasized that the needs, due to growth, will continue. He views the community as generous and willing to support at the polls. ➤ Ms. Cathy Story, 840 23 ½ Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81505 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Story shared her excitement in attending opening-day activities at Chipeta Elementary. She emphasized the importance of providing solid buildings for students to have the best possible learning environment, and conveyed her concern about continued growth as projected for the next 10 years. She challenged the Board to do what is best for kids. ➤ Mr. Wade Haerle, 2059 Pannier Ct., Grand Junction, CO 81503 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Haerle encouraged the Board to place two high schools on the ballot. He recognized the District as excellent stewards of the taxpayer's money and acknowledged the many partnerships the District is involved with to benefit its students. He is convinced that people believe more schools are needed, and it is a good time. He is a business owner on Orchard Mesa, and encouraged the Board's continued investment with a new middle school and high school in this area. ➤ Duke Wortmann, 1699 L ¼ Rd., Fruita, CO 81521 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wortmann gave a brief history of how the voters in Mesa County have supported schools in 1996 and 2004, and stated he believes strongly that investments in the infrastructure solidifies the community. He expressed appreciation to the Board as a volunteer group, and thanked them for their efforts on behalf of children. He voiced pride in the Grand Junction community and emphasized the importance of giving students room to learn. <p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>H-1. Start of School: Dr. Tim Mills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Mills gave a brief update on the opening of the new Chipeta Elementary School, noting students, staff and parents are excited about their new school. Final work is being accomplished on the project, with landscaping in process. ➤ First day enrollment count is being monitored, historical data is being reviewed, and resulting trends analyzed. Opening day enrollment count has increased 591 students over last year at this same time. ➤ Dr. Mills reported the District is off to a good start. Children are in classrooms and engaged in learning. He acknowledged the challenges involved in meeting the needs of all students, and recognized the dedication of teachers, support staff, and administrators in moving students forward in their learning. 	

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						<p>H-2. High School Biology Resource Adoption: Cathie Gonzales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cathie Gonzales, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development, presented the proposal for high school biology resources. The biology textbook recommended is published by Holt McDougal, and was recommended by the Office of Curriculum and Professional Learning and the Science Team. ➤ Cathie described the process utilized to determine the recommendation. Formal adoption will be scheduled for the Business Meeting in September, and those resources will be available in Room E, at BTK for the Board to review over the next few weeks. ➤ The Board and the Superintendent thanked Cathie for her work in this area. <p>H-3. Grand Junction High School Track Improvement: Dr. Tim Mills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Mills provided information and answered questions, regarding Mesa State College's significant investment into the District's facility at Grand Junction High School. He gave several examples of the many partnerships the District has with the college. ➤ Paul Cain, the District's Activities and Athletics Director, and Butch Miller, the Athletic Director at Mesa State, gave an overview of the project scope. Mesa State's investment is estimated at \$536,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new facility will include an all weather track, long-jump, throwing facility, and steeple-chase. It will be a shared facility. • Ground breaking is planned for the next couple of weeks. It is estimated 40-60 students at each high school will utilize the new track. • High school and college track meets will be planned at the new facility. ➤ Board members commented on the good utilization of the property, and the ability for community members to use the facility on the week-ends as a walking track. <p>I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.</p> <p>J. CONSENT AGENDA [Resolutions 08/09, 03, 07, 05, 04]</p> <p>J-1. Personnel Actions</p> <p>J-1-a. Licensed Personnel</p> <p>J-1-b. Support Personnel</p> <p>J-2. Gifts</p> <p>J-3. Grants</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recess: 6:47 pm, Reconvene: 7:08 pm</p> <p>[Mrs. Cindy Enos-Martinez: Present at 6:55 pm. She apologized to the Board for being late to the meeting, due to medical reasons.]</p> <p>K. BUSINESS ITEMS</p> <p>K-1. Vision School Contract [Resolution:08/09:11]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board members conveyed their support of the Mesa Valley Vision Home and Community Program. 108 students have enrolled in the program, with additional student enrollment expected. Comments from Board discussion included: 	
Motion Second Aye No	x x		x	x	x		Adopted
Motion Second			x		x		Adopted

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						<p>enrollment over the next five years. He emphasized the community's desire for the Board to be proactive in planning, and voiced concern about the cost of inflation over the next four to five years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Enos-Martinez thanked the Long Range Planning Committee and the staff for the hard work, and extended her appreciation to those groups for bringing forward options, rather than recommendations, to assist her in making a decision. She has based her decision on needs and what is the "right thing" for the 20,000+ students in the district. She can not support the 211 million bond package; she is sensitive to taxpayers and the economy. Her comments included: We will need two high schools; regarding CSAP scores, overcrowding is not going to help improve test scores; and overcrowding will be a barrier for teachers to control classrooms. She favors the smaller bond amount. ➤ Mrs. Kiesler emphasized that all board members are passionate about their decision, and all board members love kids. She believes the Board is in agreement on the needs; however, there are different views, regarding the dollar amount. She wants "what is best for kids, as they are our future." She conveyed her thoughts, regarding test scores being a "snap-shot in time," and she gave assurance that students are learning in District 51. She believes a school bond election is necessary. ➤ Mr. Butler thanked the teachers, staff and the Long Range Planning Committee for continuing to do a good job. He feels the 211 million bond amount is best for the community, and he believes the community will be supportive. ➤ Mrs. Rice emphasized that she is looking to improve learning by having six high schools in the valley. Travel to and from the front-range for activities reduces the time students are in the classroom; forming a new league will improve the amount of time in class. ➤ Mr. Rowley cited data from the poll, indicating public support for the two high schools. He stated the difference in the two bond packages is an additional middle school, and he is concerned about which students would not have the opportunity to attend a new school. ➤ Mrs. Rice reminded board members that in the last bond election the Board did not reserve funds for the new Chipeta Elementary School. She has full confidence an additional school can be built, based on the District's past experience in asset savings and utilization of resources. ➤ Board comments concluded. 	
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x	x	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Rice motioned to go forward with ballot questions to election. Mrs. Enos-Martinez seconded the motion. All were in favor. 	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x	x	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Rice motioned for the amount of the school bond election ballot measure to be \$184,935,000, [185 million, rounded]. Mrs. Enos-Martinez seconded the motion. Final ballot language will be adopted at the Regular Meeting on September 2, 2008. ➤ Dr. Mills clarified the full-time kindergarten provision, as creating the space at schools. Two high schools are included in both packages, as well as future land purchases. 	Adopted

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Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x x	x	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rowley motioned to add \$26,000,000, to the previously adopted election ballot amount for the purpose of building a new middle school. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Board members voiced disagreement in discussion of the motion. Mrs. Rice reiterated her position, regarding concern for fiscal responsibility and not committing the District to the maximum bonding capacity. Mr. Rowley and Mr. Butler stated support for the increase as being an addition voters in the community would support. 	Defeated
Motion Second Aye No	x	x x	x x	x	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Rice motioned to place the \$6,000,000 over-ride measure on the ballot, for operating funds for the new schools. Mrs. Enos-Martinez seconded the motion. An amendment to the motion, motioned and seconded by the same, included direction to legal counsel to prepare the language for final ballot content adoption at the Regular Meeting on September 2, 2008. Dr. Mills reviewed the use of the over-ride; the funds would not cover the entire cost of operating the new schools. The intent would be to help with the cost of operations. The timeline would not come into effect until 2010. 	Adopted As Amended
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x x	x	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rowley motioned to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder [Resolution: 08-09:06]. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. 	Adopted
						<p>L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mills stated legal counsel would prepare the final ballot language for both the over-ride measure and the school bond election measure for final adoption at the Regular Meeting on September 2, 2008. Mrs. Enos-Martinez emphasized the importance of the Board's unanimous decision in moving forward with a school bond election. In referring to the decision on the amount of the bond questions, she acknowledged it is rare that the Board does not have a unanimous decision; she conveyed her appreciation to everyone for their work. <p>M. FUTURE MEETINGS: Reviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Kiesler added that the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Regional Meeting is scheduled for September 23, in Rifle. <p>N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.</p> <p>O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:58 pm</p>	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x x	<p style="text-align: right;">_____ Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education</p>	Meeting Adjourned



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Exemplary Band Awards

Board of Education Resolution: 08-09:09

Adopted: August 19, 2008

Each year in Colorado, the Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA) presents awards to bands that demonstrate excellence in their craft. Middle and high school bands are eligible for the Exemplary Band Award if the director of the band is a member of the CBA, and if the band has met predetermined criteria within a single school year. These bands must demonstrate superior performances in concert band as well as in 2 out of 4 of the following areas; marching, solo ensemble, jazz band, and total band student enrollment. We are proud to have five middle schools and three high schools whose bands have qualified for, and received this prestigious award out of 13 awards given in Colorado. We should also note that District 51 had the only middle schools who received this award.

We are proud to recognize the following band directors and their bands for receiving the 2007-2008 Colorado Band Masters Exemplary Band Award:

- Paul Traugott from Central High School,
- Ryan Crabtree from Fruita Monument High School,
- Isaac Lavadie from Grand Junction High School,
- Brett Argo from East Middle School,
- Joe Webb from Fruita Middle School,
- Debbie Wilson from Grand Mesa Middle School,
- Scott Davis from Mount Garfield Middle School,
- Sarah Kamstra from Redlands Middle School

All of these bands are truly models of excellence, as are their directors! Congratulations to each of you and to all of your young musicians.



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Redlands Middle School ENERGY STAR rating

Board of Education Resolution: 08-09:08

Adopted: August 19, 2008

The Board of Education would like to recognize Redlands Middle School for being the first District 51 ENERGY STAR building and the second in Mesa County. The Board recognizes that Redlands Middle School was designed and performs in an energy friendly way to mitigate its impact on the environment and climate change, in addition to reducing energy costs. The ENERGY STAR label signifies the balance between energy efficiency and occupancy comfort, and ultimately recognizes efforts for an improved learning environment.

In order to receive the ENERGY STAR rating, Redlands Middle School underwent a rigorous process. Redlands Middle School was evaluated in four areas: energy performance, thermal comfort, indoor air quality and lighting. After the building's energy performance was assessed, the Redlands building was eligible to apply for the ENERGY STAR label by completing an Application Letter and a Statement of Energy Performance with the management of District 51's Resource Conservation Management office.

Accounting for the most significant drivers of energy intensity such as weather and operating characteristics, a building whose performance is among the nation's top 25 percent (equal to an energy performance rating of 75 or greater on a 1 to 100 scale) and prove to maintain a healthy and productive indoor environment can qualify as an ENERGY STAR building. With a rating of **85**, the Board would like to congratulate Redlands Middle School and Eric Anderson for their work to make the school the most efficient it can be. The Board wishes to encourage Redlands staff, students, and community to take the lead and continue conserving energy, and hopes to recognize other District 51 buildings for achieving the ENERGY STAR label in the future.



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Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for Financial Reporting

Board of Education Resolution: 08-09: 10

Adopted: August 19, 2008

For the ninth consecutive year the Board of Education would like to recognize the district's Finance and Payroll Department, led by Nancy Paregien, Director of Finance/Payroll and Melissa Callahan deVita, Executive Director of Support Services, for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment; an accomplishment that through Nancy and Melissa's, leadership we continue to achieve.

The district's financial annual report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the financial story of School District 51.

Nancy and Melissa, you continue to model excellence in all that you do. We are pleased to recognize you once again for this extraordinary honor.



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Licensed Personnel Action

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Resignations	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Marty Bassett	Bookcliff MS/Principal	June 24, 2008
Brian Berg	Appleton Elementary/Grade 4	June 24, 2008
Cathy Branscum	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/.5 Counselor	July 10, 2008
Cherri Davenport	Hawthorne/Speech-Language Spec.	August 8, 2008
Shahn Guffy	Grand Mesa MS/Grade 7 Soc. Studies	July 14, 2008
LeRoy Gutierrez	Clifton Elementary/ Administrative Intern	June 11, 2008
Jim Hanks	Gateway School/Principal	June 19, 2008
Carrie Hilburn	Pomona Elementary/Grade 4	June 24, 2008
Bert Hill	Pear Park Elementary/Grade 5	June 25, 2008
Valerie Hoffman	Thunder Mtn. Elementary/Grade 1	June 23, 2008
Shannon Koch	Central HS/Science	June 30, 2008
Brett Livingston	Orchard Mesa MS/Principal	June 12, 2008
Landon McKee	Fruita Monument HS/Social Studies	June 25, 2008
Pam Newton	Tope Elementary School/Grade 4	May 23, 2008
Doug Roberts	Central High School/Drama	July 11, 2008
Mark Seivley	Fruita Monument HS/Social Studies	July 3, 2008
Alicia Timbreza	Fruita Monument HS/AP Spanish	June 23, 2008
Lawrence White	Fruita Monument HS/Technology	July 28, 2008

Leave of Absence	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Alanna Bell	Chatfield/Wingate Elementary/ Counselor	August 11, 2008 through August, 2009
Michael Hammond-Todd	Nisley/ESL	August 11, 2008 through September 15, 2008



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Janet Adisano	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/ESL
Carolyn Allison	Hawthorne/Speech-Language Specialist
Julie Armbruster	Tope Elementary School/Grades 1-2
Daniel Banaszak	Orchard Mesa MS/Math
Walter Barbee	R-5 High School/Social Studies
Rebeca Barnes	DIA/Grade 4
Jill Bauer	Tope Elementary School/Grades 1-2
Stephanie Bernstein	Mt. Garfield MS/Resource
Maggie Bigum	Fruitvale Elementary School/Grades 4-5
Laurie Boelke	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/Grade 3
Lisa Borgmann	Palisade HS/Counselor
Elizabeth Borr	Chipeta Elementary/ESL
Melissa Bradley	Mt. Garfield MS/Language Arts Grade 6
Ruth Brandstoettner	Chatfield Elementary/Grade 5
Penelope Brown	Broadway Elementary/.5 Reading Recovery
Kacey Brumelle	Shelley Elementary-Fruita MS/Music .75
Gena Brygger	Fruita MS/Language Arts Grade 7
Lon Brouse	Redlands MS/Grade 7 Math
Jared Burek	Bookcliff MS/Math-Science
Stacy Bush	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/Kindergarten
John Byrom	Fruita Monument HS/Math
Cara Carbone	Central HS/Math
Christopher Carmiencke	Mt. Garfield MS/Math-Social Studies
Alfonso Castillo	Fruita 8-9 School/Spanish
Kimberlee Castleton	Nisley Elementary/S.I.E.D.
Martha Christen	Pomona Elementary/Grade 4
Ronda Clark	Grand Junction HS/English-Speech
Jennifer Cline	Pomona Elementary/Grade 3
Monica Clow	Clifton Elementary School/.5 Grade 5
Timothy Coit	Fruita Monument HS/Social Studies
Amy Conder	Orchard Avenue Elementary/Grade 2
Heather Creager	Dos Rios Elementary/Grade 5
Stacey Dangler	Appleton Elementary School/Grade 1
Diana K. Daniels	Fruita Middle School/Health
Megan Dentlinger	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/Kindergarten
Sarah Dorr	Hawthorne/Speech-Language Specialist
Travis Dorr	Fruita MS/Grade 6
Jill Downie	Taylor Elementary/Grade 4
Gwen Eller	Broadway Elementary/.5 Counselor
Andrea Espinosa	Dual Immersion Academy/Grade 5
Anne Everett	Clifton Elementary/Grade 4
Andrea Faudree	Dos Rios Elementary/Grade 5
Vickie Fay	Chipeta Elementary/Grades 1-3
Kathleen Finholm	Grand Mesa MS/S.L.I.C.
Carrie Fledderjohn	Orchard Mesa MS/.5 Gifted & Talented



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Keri Fleming	Taylor Elementary School/.5 Kindergarten
Dana Forbes	Clifton Elementary/Grade 5
Sabrina Francis	Clifton Elementary/Grade 3
Layne Frazier	Thunder Mountain Elementary/Physical Education
Matthew Garhart	Grand Junction HS/Science
Dennis Garland	West Middle School/Math-Science Grade 7
Julie Gastineau	Shelledy Elementary/.5 Grade 2
Rebecca Gibb	Palisade HS/.5 Language Arts
Jessica Goodrich	Tope Elementary School/Grade 1
Rebecca Graham	Central HS/S.L.I.C.
Michael Gregorich	Orchard Mesa MS/Math Grade 7
Toni Gunther	Palisade HS/Progress Monitor/Student Center
Jessica Haley	Redlands MS/Grade 7 Social Studies
Sarah Hammelman	Mt. Garfield MS/Grade 7 Science
Sandra Harris	Fruita Monument HS/W.E.S.
Hallie Harrison	Redlands MS/Language Arts Grade 8
Greg Hartman	Grand Junction HS/Math
Jessica Heath	Fruita Monument HS/Agriculture
Erin Hegerle	West MS/Physical Education
Shelly Hendricks	Pomona Elementary/Resource
Linda Hiatt-Neely	Pear Park Elementary/Grade 5
Michael Hirons	Mt. Garfield MS/.5 Interventionist
Barbara Hollingsworth	DIA/Resource
Jennifer Hudson	Fruita 8-9/.5 Agriculture
Jennifer Jenquin	Grand Mesa MS/Interventionist
Amy Johnston	Mt. Garfield MS/Social Studies
Julieanne Jussel	Grand Junction HS/Business
Melanie Kallemeyn	Orchard Mesa MS/Grade 8 Math
Joanna Kaszuba	Grand Mesa MS/Physical Education
Andrea Kemper	Fruita Monument HS/Counselor
Sarah Kerbs	Rim Rock Elementary/.5 Reading Recovery
Jennifer Leasure	Central HS/Speech-Drama
Tracy LeFebre	Chipeta Elementary School/Grades 3-5
Rebecca Lincoln	Fruitvale Elementary/Counselor
Brittany Linton	Grand Mesa MS/Math Grade 6
Martha Lynch	Appleton Elementary/ Grade 3
Shonna Masce	Chipeta Elementary/Grades 1-3
Paula Martin	Emerson/.75 Literacy Specialist
Nicole Martin	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/Grade 2
Alice McCary	Tope Elementary/Grade 3
Anne McCorkle	Fruita Monument HS/ Social Studies
Blaire McCuen	Fruitvale Elementary/Resource
Risharra McDonald	Grand Junction HS/Math
Erin McIntyre	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/Grade 5
Ian McGill	Thunder Mountain Elementary/.5 Art
Tyler McLaughlin	Pear Park Elementary/ESL
Brittany Metz	Emerson/Deaf Education



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Renee Michelena	Central HS/Language Arts
Nancy Moore	Central HS/Resource
Robert Moore	Clifton Elementary School/Grade 4
Dawn Morgan	Nisley Elementary/.8 Counselor
Kristina Moseley	Chatfield Elementary/Grade 1
Kimberly Murray	Central HS/Science
Brent Neas	East MS/Grade 7 Math
Erin Neely	Grand Junction HS/Resource
Donna Nichols	Pear Park Elementary School/Kindergarten
Julie Norton-Boomgard	Fruita Monument HS/Business
Leanne Olsen	Orchard Avenue Elementary/Grade 2
Dustin Osborn	Grand Junction HS/Math
Ashley Perez	Wingate Elementary/.5 Kindergarten
Brandi Pinkston	Tope Elementary/Grade 4
Lori Plantiko	Grand Junction HS/Counselor
Elise Prinster	Fruita 8-9 School/.5 Language Arts
Marcia Purdy	Emerson/Speech-Language Specialist
Heather Rames	Bookcliff MS/Special Education Resource
Michelle Rangel	Chatfield Elementary School/Resource
Susan Rankin	Gateway School/Grades 3-5
Heather Reed	Thunder Mtn. Elementary/Grade 2
Brett Rosenbaum	Pear Park Elementary/Grade 4
Rachel Rosenberg	Broadway Elementary School/Music
Richard Sandoval	Fruita Monument HS/Spanish
Jamie Satterfield	Orchard Avenue Elementary/.5 Reading Recovery
Julie Scharf	Fruita MS/Language Arts & Social Studies
Laura Schultz	Appleton Elementary/.5 Grade 3
Dan Scott	Fruita MS/S.L.I.C.
Amy Sexe	Fruita Monument HS/Math
Peggy Shepard	Chatfield Elementary/Grade 2
Sophie Shifra Gold	Emerson/Deaf Education
Kristie Simonson	Central HS/Math
Sheryl Simpson	DIA/.5 Music
Amy M. Smith	Grand Mesa MS/Language Arts Grade 6
Kristina Smith	Grand Mesa MS/Grade 7 Language Arts
Miriam Smith	Fruitvale Elementary School/ Kindergarten
Dennis Solo	Clifton Elementary/Grade 4
Nancy Strippel	Grand Junction HS/English Language Arts
James Strouss	Central HS/Social Studies
Steven Swihart	Hawthorne/Psychologist
Sharon Tenace	Thunder Mtn. Elementary/Physical Education
Stacey Trujillo	Appleton Elementary School/Grade 1
Sarah Urso	Fruita MS/S.I.E.D.
Teresa Vessels	Chipeta Elementary School/ESL
Danielle Vogel	Central HS/English
Breanne Wallace	Rim Rock Elementary/SPED-S.L.I.C.
Denise Wallace	Fruita Monument HS/ESL



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Jennifer Warnock	Lincoln O.M.Elementary/.5 Physical Education
Christopher Wehner	Fruita Monument HS/Social Studies
Cris Welch	Mt. Garfield MS/Language Arts Grade 8
Barbara Williams	Chatfield Elementary School/Grade 4
JoLynn Williams	Scenic Elementary School/Grade 1
Kara Williams	West MS/Literacy Grades 6-8
Angela Wisdom	Palisade HS/Art
Wendy Woodworth	Chatfield Elementary/Kindergarten-Reading Recovery
Brian Wright	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/Grade 4
Melissa Wright	Palisade HS/Business
Kalina Young	Rocky Mtn. Elementary/.5 Music
Jenna Yudnich	Fruita MS/Science Grade 8
Kevin Zepp	Central HS/Business



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NAME	ASSIGNMENT		LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
RETIREMENTS				
Lepp, Sandra M	Lead Custodian		Chatfield Elementary	7/31/2008
RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS				
Crittenden, Jennifer L	Secretary, School		Clifton Elementary	7/31/2008
Dangelo, Tony B	Custodian, Part Time		Grand Junction High School	8/11/2008
Hoffman, Letha L	Instructional Asst	Sped	Grand Mesa Middle School	5/22/2008
Velarde, Dorothy J	Receptionist		Communication Services	8/12/2008
ASSIGNMENTS				
Atkinson, Cathryn Lynn	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008
Benham, Caroline A	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008
Bullock, Barbara K	Office Manager		Vision School	7/28/2008
Corson, Kelly J	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008
Cronkhite, Betty L	Instructional Asst	ECE	Rocky Mountain Elementary	7/24/2008
Downs, Laurajean M	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008
Giandonato, Gail L	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008
Hatten, Jillene J	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008
Hernandez, Olga E	Secretary	Bilingual	Chipeta Elementary	7/28/2008
Martin, Wendy L	Secretary, Counselor		Central High School	7/28/2008
Martinez, Kehau	Job Coach	Swap	Career Center	7/23/2008
May, Christine E	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008
Plienness, Kelly	Secretary, Attendance		Grand Mesa Middle School	7/28/2008
Reed, Kathy L	Secretary		Tope Elementary	7/28/2008
Severance, Patricia M	Resource Consultant		Vision School	7/21/2008



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Storey, Virginia L	Resource Consultant	Vision School	7/21/2008
Washington, Gail S	Resource Consultant	Vision School	7/21/2008

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

LaRue, Cassie	Secretary	Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elem.	7/28/2008
Eggen, Julie	Secretary	Scenic Elementary	8/11/2008
Finley, Rita	Secretary, Attendance	West Middle School	7/28/2008
Katzer, Cherisse	Instructional Asst	Pear Park	8/18/2008



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GIFTS

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Adopted: August 19, 2008

Donor	Becky & Gary Marsh
Gift	Cash donation, in memory of Monique Velasquez
Value	\$50.00
School/Department	Special Education, Recreational Activities for Handicapped Children

Donor	Del H. Daggett
Gift	Cash donation, in memory of Monique Velasquez
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Special Education, Recreational Activities for Handicapped Children

Donor	Stephen F. Clayton & Family
Gift	Cash donation, in memory of Monique Velasquez
Value	\$40.00
School/Department	Special Education, Recreational Activities for Handicapped Children

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.



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Grants

Board of Education Resolution: 08-09:04

Adopted: August 19, 2008

Grant Title	2008 CCTM Professional Development Grant Program
Source	Colorado Council of Teachers of Math
Fund Number	22-605-0034
Site	BTK
Description	Support teams who wish to begin an on-site professional development project aimed at building teacher understandings within the context of their own classrooms
Budget Amount	\$2,000.00
Fiscal Year	6/30/2009
Authorized Representative	Cathie Gonzales

Grant Title	08/09 Kennedy Trust Fund
Source	CO School for the Deaf & Blind Kennedy Trust Fund
Fund Number	22-606-3963
Site	Hawthorne
Description	To purchase supplies and materials for the Learn about Hearing Loss Library
Budget Amount	\$629.00
Fiscal Year	06/30/2009
Authorized Representative	Judy Thornburg

Grant Title	2008 MFF RR Award of Excellence
Source	Denver Foundation
Fund Number	22-117-0032
Site	Chipeta Elementary
Description	To be used for supplies and materials in conjunction with the Reading Recovery Program
Budget Amount	\$2,500.00
Fiscal Year	06/30/2009
Authorized Representative	Patrick Buckley

Grant Title	08/09 Kennedy Trust Fund
Source	CO School for the Deaf & Blind Kennedy Trust Fund
Fund Number	22-644-3963
Site	Hawthorne
Description	To purchase supplies and materials for teachers of Students with Cortical Vision Impairments (CVI)
Budget Amount	\$1,255
Fiscal Year	06/30/2009
Authorized Representative	Judy Thornburg



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Grants

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Grant Title	Building Bridges
Fund Number	22-3905
Site	Emerson
Description	The purpose of this state grant from CDE is to purchase technical assistance from Colorado West Regional Mental Health Center. There is also \$16,600 allocated for a regional training in Mesa.
Budget Amount	\$40,000.00
Fiscal Year	June 30, 2009
Authorized Representative	Judy Thornburg

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education approves the above identified grant funds for expenditure purposes.

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**Approval of Contract-
Mesa Valley Vision, Inc.**

Board of Education Resolution: 08/09:11

Adopted: August 19, 2008

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2007, the Board of Education approved and directed the administration to sign a draft contract and policy and program guidebook regarding the establishment of a new alternative school program within the District to be managed by Mesa Valley Vision, Inc. (MVV) and to be known as the Mesa Valley Vision Home and Community Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, the Board's approval was contingent upon action by the Colorado State Board of Education to approve waivers of certain statutory and regulatory requirements in connection with the Program; and

WHEREAS, in connection with and as a result of its efforts to secure the necessary State Board waivers, the administration worked with MVV representatives, the Colorado Department of Education and others to modify and clarify various aspects of the Program and MVV's role and services; and

WHEREAS, the State Board granted the District's request for waivers earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the original draft contract was not executed and the administration and MVV have since negotiated a substantially revised agreement, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the attached agreement provides for the District's establishment of the Program as modified therein, more fully defines its operational and organizational parameters, and sets forth the respective Program obligations of the District and MVV; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the attached agreement are acceptable to the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the attached agreement for establishment of the revised Program as of July 1, 2008 is hereby approved, and the Board's President and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the Board of Education.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall replace and supercede the Board's earlier resolution regarding the Program dated April 17, 2007.

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 August 19, 2008.

*Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*

Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

**Intergovernmental Agreement
Mesa County Clerk and Recorder**

Board of Education Resolution: 08-09: 06

Adopted: August 19, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Education plans to present one or more ballot issues regarding fiscal matters to the District's electorate at the November 4, 2008 general election; and

WHEREAS, section 22-31-103(2), C.R.S., states:

The board of education of any school district may contract with the county clerk and recorder for the administration of any of the duties of the board, its secretary, or the designated election official relating to the conduct of any school election. The election shall be conducted by the county clerk and recorder if the county clerk and recorder is conducting a coordinated election pursuant to section 1-7-116, C.R.S.

and

WHEREAS, section 1-7-116, C.R.S., provides, in pertinent part:

(1) If more than one political subdivision holds an election on the same day in November and the eligible electors for each such election are the same or the boundaries overlap, *the county clerk and recorder shall be the coordinated election official and shall conduct the elections on behalf of all political subdivisions* that are not utilizing the mail ballot procedure set forth in sections 1-7.5-101 to 1-7.5-112. As used in this subsection (1), "political subdivision" shall include the state, counties, municipalities, *school districts*, and special districts formed pursuant to title 32, C.R.S.

(2) The political subdivisions for which the county clerk and recorder will conduct the coordinated election *shall enter into an agreement with the county clerk and recorder* for the county or counties in which the political subdivision is located concerning the conduct of the coordinated election. The agreement shall be signed no later than seventy days prior to the scheduled election. The agreement shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) Allocation of the responsibilities between the county clerk and recorder and the political subdivisions for the preparation and conduct of the coordinated election; and

(b) Provision for a reasonable sharing of the actual cost of the coordinated election among the county and the political subdivisions. For such purpose, political subdivisions are not responsible for sharing any portion of the usual costs of maintaining the office of the county clerk and

recorder, including but not limited to overhead costs and personal services costs of permanent employees, except for such costs that are shown to be directly attributable to conducting coordinated elections on behalf of political subdivisions. *** [Emphasis supplied]

and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder has submitted to the District a proposed agreement (“Intergovernmental Agreement”) governing the scheduling and conduct of the coordinated general election on November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the attached Intergovernmental Agreement providing for the inclusion of the District’s ballot question(s) as a part of a coordinated general election would be in the District’s best interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Secretary be and are hereby authorized and directed to finalize and execute on the Board’s behalf the attached Intergovernmental Agreement.

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 August 19, 2008.

Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education