

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Regular Meeting

September 2, 2008

Minutes & Work Session Summary



A - Diann Rice B - Cindy Enos-Martinez C - Harry Butler D - Leslie Kiesler E - Ron Rowley						Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51 Regular Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2008 Adopted: September 24, 2008	
	A	B	C	D	E		ACTION
						<u>BUSINESS</u>	
Present	x		x	x	x	A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
Absent		x				[Mrs. Enos-Martinez, Absent, Excused]	6:00 pm
Motion					x	B. Approval of Ballot Content for Referred Measures 3A & 3B	Adopted
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Mills asked for further discussion or comments. Mr. Rider, legal counsel, was available to answer questions, regarding the <i>Certified Record of Proceedings of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 in the County of Mesa and State of Colorado Relating to a Resolution Calling a School Bond and Revenue Election to be Held November 4, 2008.</i> ➤ Mr. Rowley commented, in reference to the total cost of the bond election measures, that he would like to see an increase in school impact fees to assist with building schools. He supports having a stronger voice to ensure fees coincide with the actual price of homes and lots. 	
Second	x						
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	C. ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION	6:02 pm
Second	x						
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
						<u>WORK SESSION:</u>	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Family Centers: Andy Laase, Patrick Buckley, Vernan Raney, Michelle Mansheim, Phyllis Galvan, Laura Elder, and Sarah Hutchinson • A PowerPoint presentation was provided, covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Center locations: Chipeta Elementary, Clifton Elementary and Dos Rios Elementary; ○ Funding and purpose of the Family Centers; ○ The types of services provided by Family Centers, including: Food for Thought & Parent Academies; medical, dental, vision and hearing screenings; interagency coordination, outreach and early identification of children at-risk for educational failure; and before and after school programs. ○ Clarifying the work involved. • The principals and coordinators provided information on how they are serving children through Family Centers in their schools. • Several partnerships within the community were acknowledged for their help and support with the program. • Board members asked questions, regarding additional programs in the community to assist families, homeless children, Ruby Payne's culture of poverty training for staff, and budgetary needs. 	
						Break: 6:42 pm, Reconvene: 6:52 pm	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review of District Student Achievement Plan: Steve Schultz introduced his team and described their roles: Bill Larsen, Executive Director of High Schools; Deb Bailey, Executive Director of Middle Schools; Lesley Whitacre, Assistant Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Andy Laase, Executive Director of Elementary Schools; Cathie Gonzales, Director of Curriculum and staff Development; John Pomaski, Director of English as a Second Language; Sean Taylor, Director of Assessment; and Judy Thornburg, Executive Director of Student Services. • The presentation, discussion and questions focused on the plan to bring all students to proficiency. Seven major points were reviewed on what must be done to improve student achievement pk-12. Those seven areas are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear focus on high quality instruction (supported by ongoing professional learning and PLC work and new teacher evaluation process. 2. Increase and refine the precision of instruction, interventions, and progress monitoring at all levels. 3. Provide district wide tools for monitoring effectiveness of interventions. 4. Provide district wide system for rehearsing skills in reading, writing, math, and science at the application level. 5. Provide district wide access to proven intervention systems. (SOAR to Success (reading); Do The Math; Math Advantage; HELPMath; Reading Recovery (primary). 6. Continue on-going professional learning in PLCs; during early release and late start; during team meetings and on established training days. 7. Provide Read 180; Do the Math; and other intervention modules in "Intervention Hubs" at selected elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools by the beginning of the second quarter. ➤ Steve Schulz referenced the Performance Based Policy in discussion of reform efforts, reviewed the three key goals, identified the key work processes to be deployed by 2010, and spoke of the intertwining of the three accountability systems in Colorado. Steve indicated the plan presented has budgetary considerations which will be brought forward to the Board at Budget Re-adoption. ➤ Board members discussed reform efforts, curriculum mapping, consistency across the district, and mobility within the valley. ➤ Dr. Mills thanked the Board for reinstatement of the Curriculum Department. ➤ Future meeting plans include asking some of the District's practitioners to speak with the Board, regarding how their schools are structured. ➤ Board members indicated their desire to have lunch at the elementary schools this year to visit the children and experience the cafeterias. The Board Secretary will schedule those lunches. 	Adjourn 7:58 pm

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						<div> <div></div> <div>Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education</div> </div>	

CERTIFIED RECORD

OF

PROCEEDINGS OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51

IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE OF COLORADO

RELATING TO A RESOLUTION

CALLING A SCHOOL BOND AND REVENUE ELECTION

TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2008

STATE OF COLORADO)
)
COUNTY OF MESA) ss.
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MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL)
DISTRICT NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY)
OF MESA AND STATE OF COLORADO)

The Board of Education of MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 in the County of Mesa and State of Colorado met at the Basil T. Knight Service Center, 2523 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, in said District, on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. The following members of the Board of Education were present:

President:	Leslie Kiesler
Member:	Ron Rowley
Member:	Cindy Enos-Martinez
Member:	Harry Butler
Member:	Diann Rice

Also Present:

Superintendent:	Dr. Tim Mills
Bond counsel:	Kirk Rider

Board Member _____ was absent.

Thereupon the following proceedings, among others, were had and taken:

Board Member _____ introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 in the County of Mesa and State of Colorado (the "District") is of the opinion that the needs of the District require constructing, remodeling, repairing, and making additions to school buildings; equipping and furnishing school buildings (in conjunction with construction projects for new buildings or for additions to existing buildings or in conjunction with projects for substantial remodeling, improvement or repair of existing buildings); and acquiring and improving school grounds; and

WHEREAS, there are not sufficient funds on hand in the treasury of the District for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District also lacks adequate general funds revenues to operate and staff new and expanded school facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit to the registered electors of the District one question of incurring general obligation indebtedness of the District for such purposes, and one question of authorizing additional general fund levies to operate and staff these additional instructional facilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE OF COLORADO THAT:

1. Election. An election shall be held in the District on Tuesday, the 4th of November, 2008, at which election there will be submitted to the registered electors of the District, as hereinafter defined, the questions of contracting bonded indebtedness and authorizing additional general fund levies.

2. Designated Election Official. Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder approved by the Board of Education on August 19, 2008, the Secretary to the Board of Education is hereby designated by the District as the Designated Election Official and the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder shall act as the Coordinated Election Official, pursuant to §1-1-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, and shall conduct the election for the District according to law.

3. Election Precincts. There shall be for this election eighty-two (82) school election precincts, the boundaries of which and polling places for which shall be identical to the precinct boundaries and polling places for the voters residing in the District for the general election to be held November 4, 2008. Pursuant to §1-5-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, the Designated Election Official shall designate to the County Clerk and Recorder of Mesa County, Colorado, a description of said school election precincts. Said polling places shall be opened at the hour of 7:00 a.m. on election day and shall remain open until and be closed at the hour of 7:00 p.m. of said day.

4. Manner of Voting; Oath. The registered electors of the District shall vote either by absent voter ballot or in person. Each elector desiring to vote at this election shall be required to subscribe to a written oath setting forth his qualifications to vote at such election. Said oaths shall be supplied by the Designated Election Official and shall be in proper form under Colorado law. If the elector is unable to write, he may request assistance from one of the judges of election, who shall sign the form and witness the elector's mark. The executed oaths shall be returned by the judges of election to the Designated Election Official. The Designated Election Official shall also provide instruction cards for the guidance of voters.

5. Forms of Ballot. The ballots to be used in voting upon the ballot issues to be submitted shall be prepared and furnished by the Designated Election Official and shall be in the form prescribed by law for ballot issues, in substantially the following forms:

REFERRED MEASURE 3B

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$184,935,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$385,000,000, AND SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$25,000,000 ANNUALLY, IN ORDER TO:

- REPAIR AND RENOVATE EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES TO ENHANCE STUDENT SAFETY, MEET BUILDING CODES, IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND FUNCTIONALITY, AND EXTEND THE USEFUL LIFE OF CLASSROOMS AND OTHER SPACES;
- REPLACE ORCHARD MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL;
- CONSTRUCT TWO NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, ONE IN NORTH GRAND JUNCTION AND ONE IN FRUITA, TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING;
- CONSTRUCT TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS, ONE IN ORCHARD MESA AND ONE IN NORTHWEST GRAND JUNCTION TO INCREASE SPACE FOR GROWING HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND RELIEVE OVERCROWDING;
- ADD ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE NEEDED IN EXISTING SCHOOLS IN THE PALISADE, GRAND JUNCTION, ORCHARD MESA, AND FRUITA AREAS;
- ACQUIRE AND PURCHASE LAND FOR FUTURE SCHOOL SITES.

BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AT A NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 6.00% PER ANNUM AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS ALLOWED BY LAW, SUCH BONDS TO BE ISSUED, DATED AND SOLD AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES AND IN SUCH MANNER AND TO CONTAIN SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE; AND IN CONNECTION HERewith (I) SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED IN ANY YEAR IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS WHEN DUE, WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT AND (II) SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS AND THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH PROCEEDS AND REVENUES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

REFERRED MEASURE 3A

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51'S TAXES BE INCREASED \$6,000,000 ANNUALLY, BY AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2010-2011 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO RAISE SUCH DOLLAR AMOUNT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND STAFFING THE DISTRICT'S NEW OR EXPANDED INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT VOTER APPROVAL HEREOF SHALL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF BALLOT QUESTION 3B IS APPROVED; SUCH INCREASED REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS THEREON TO CONSTITUTE VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS?

6. Voting Machines. The election will be conducted through the use of voting machines in accordance with Part 6 of Article 5 of Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

7. Registered Elector. No vote for or against any such question shall be received by the judges of election unless the person offering the same shall be a registered elector of the District. A "registered elector" means a person who has resided in the school election precinct for not less than twenty-nine (29) days preceding the election, and who has complied with the registration provisions of Part 2 of Article 2 of Title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended.

8. Request for Certified List of Registered Electors. The Designated Election Official shall request of the County Clerk of Mesa County that a complete certified list of the registered electors of the District residing therein be forwarded to the Designated Election Official prior to the date of election. There is hereby appropriated out of any fund or funds available any fees required to be paid to said County Clerk for such service.

9. Ballot Issue Notice. The Officers of the Board and the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions, in consultation with District legal counsel, with bond counsel, and with the Designated Election Official, to provide to all registered electors the information required by Colorado Constitution, art. X, § 20 and Part 9 of Article 7 of Title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, in compliance with applicable law and regulations of the Colorado Secretary of State.

10. Authorized Borrowing Actions. The Officers of the Board and the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution. If a majority of all the votes cast on the bond question set forth herein to be submitted shall be in favor of issuing the bonds referred to in the question, it shall then be lawful for the Board and the officers of the Board and the District to proceed with the necessary action to issue the negotiable, interest bearing General Obligation Bonds of the District in accordance with the proposal so approved at the election.

11. Authorized Revenue Actions. If a majority of the votes cast on the question of increasing the District's taxes for general fund purposes shall be in favor of the increased tax, it shall be lawful for the Board and the Officers of the Board and the District to take all actions necessary to impose an additional levy beginning in 2008 for collection in 2009 and later years in accordance with the proposal approved at the election.

12. Authority to Issue Bonds. The authority to issue the bonds designated in the bond questions to be submitted to the electors, if conferred at the election by the registered electors voting thereon, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to issue and deliver the bonds so authorized at one time, or from time to time, and neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred, nor any lapse of time, shall be considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred by the electors.

13. Ratification, Approval and Confirmation. All action not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the Directors, officers and employees of the Board and the District, directed toward holding the election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of the bonds of the District for the purposes designated in the bond questions, and increasing taxes for general fund purposes, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

14. Repealer. All prior acts, orders, resolutions, or parts thereof, of the Board in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed, except that this repealer shall not be construed to revive any such act, order, resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

15. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjusted to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution, it being the intention that the various parts hereof are severable.

16. Effective on Passage. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of September, 2008.

MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE
OF COLORADO

President
Board of Education

(DISTRICT SEAL)

Secretary
Board of Education

The said motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Director _____, put to a vote and carried, the members of said Board of Directors voting as follows:

Those voting AYE:

Directors: _____

Those voting NAY: _____

Whereupon, the President declared said motion carried and said Resolution adopted, and the Secretary was directed to enter the foregoing proceedings and Resolution upon the minutes of said Board.

Thereupon, after consideration of other matters, the meeting was adjourned.

President
Board of Education
MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE
OF COLORADO

(DISTRICT SEAL)

ATTEST:

Secretary
Board of Education
MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51
IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE OF COLORADO

STATE OF COLORADO)	
)	ss.
COUNTY OF MESA)	
)	
MESA COUNTY VALLEY)	
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51)	
IN THE COUNTY OF MESA)	
AND STATE OF COLORADO)	

I, Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary of the Board of Education of MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE OF COLORADO do hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered one to nine, inclusive of this page, constitute a true and correct copy of the record of the proceedings of the Board of Education of said District, adopted at a regular meeting of the Board held on September 2, 2008, at the Basil T. Knight Service Center, 2523 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, in said District, convening at the hour of 6:00 p.m., as recorded in the regular official book of records of said proceedings of said District kept in my office; that said proceedings were duly had and taken, said meeting was duly held and the persons therein named were present at said meeting as therein shown.

____ WITNESS my hand and the seal of said District, affixed in Grand Junction, Colorado, this
 ____ day of September, 2008.

Jamie Sidanycz
 Secretary, Board of Education
 MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE
 OF COLORADO

(DISTRICT SEAL)

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MESA)
)
MESA COUNTY VALLEY)
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51)
IN THE COUNTY OF MESA)
STATE OF COLORADO)

TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF MESA COUNTY, COLORADO:

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Education of MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE OF COLORADO, adopted and approved on the 19th day of August, 2008, an election on the questions of issuing bonds of the District and of authorizing an increased tax levy for general fund expenditures shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

It is requested that the County Clerk of Mesa County forward to the Designated Election Official, not later than twenty-nine (29) days prior to November 4, 2008, a complete certified list of the registered electors of the District residing within Mesa County.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND STATE OF COLORADO.

Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education
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