

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting

February 16, 2009

Minutes

A - Diann Rice
 B - Cindy Enos-Martinez
 C - Harry Butler
 D - Leslie Kiesler
 E - Ron Rowley

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL	6:00 pm
Absent						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Kiesler welcomed attendees to the February 16, 2009, Business Meeting, and gave instructions for meeting attendees to address the Board under <i>Item G. Audience Comments</i>. 	
Motion		x			x	B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted As Amended
Second						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was amended to postpone Item, H-1. The Building Energy Quarterly Report; the report will be scheduled for the March Business Meeting. An Executive Session item was added to include Legal Advice, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b). 	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			C. MINUTES APPROVAL	Adopted As Presented
Second	x					C-1. January 6, 2009, Regular Meeting	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion	x					C-2. January 20, 2009, Business Meeting	Adopted As Presented
Second	x	x	x	x	x		
Aye							
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. CHSAA 2008 Class 5A Fall Academic State Champions, FMHS Boys Golf [Resolution: 08/09:69]	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Rice asked the students and coaches to come forward. The four boys on the team include Jeff Cunningham, Brian Espeland, Ryan Keeler, and Joey Saad. They are coached by Dave Fox and assistant coach, Steve Cunningham. Mrs. Rice read the resolution, acknowledging the golf team for having a collective GPA of 3.75, and achieving the highest GPA among 63 other schools in their Class 5A sport in the State of Colorado. The Board and Superintendent congratulated the team for their accomplishments and the exemplary way they have represented FMHS and School District 51. 	
						D-2. 2007-2008 School Accountability Reports (SARs) High Performance Schools [Resolution: 08/09:70]	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Kiesler read the resolution, honoring the eleven District 51 schools which were rated as high academic performers by the Colorado Department of Education, through the School Accountability Reports (SARs). Principals and staff representing the schools came forward to receive the Board's Certificate of Recognition and a plaque to display in their school. The schools receiving this honor are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appleton Elementary School East Middle School 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruita 8/9 School • Fruita Monument High School • Loma Elementary School • New Emerson Elementary School • Orchard Avenue School • Redlands Middle School • Scenic Elementary School • Taylor Elementary School • Wingate Elementary School <p>➤ The Board and Superintendent extended their congratulations and appreciation to the staff, students, teachers and building administration at each school.</p>	
						<p>E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS</p> <p>➤ Mr. Rowley reported on his attendance at the February, District Accountability Meeting. Discussion and input focused on possible budget cuts and/or reductions to coincide with impending budget cuts at the State level. One area for consideration is staff travel. Mr. Rowley indicated he favors cutting the Board travel budget to reflect the same as staff.</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Rice reported she is enjoying the visits board members are making to elementary schools, and her recent visit reading to first graders at Nisley Elementary.</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Rice spoke of her attendance at a community meeting held earlier in the evening, where she spoke to Colorado's new senator, Michael Bennett. Senator Bennett had served as the Superintendent of Denver Public Schools prior to his appointment as Senator. Mrs. Rice reported the Senator considers public education as highly important, and she believes he will be a great advocate in Washington.</p> <p>➤ Mr. Butler reported on his visit and tour of Clifton Elementary School. He was impressed with the well-behaved students in the lunchroom and enjoyed visiting with them.</p> <p>➤ Mr. Butler reported attending a Parks Improvement Advisory Board (PIAB) Meeting. Proposed changes at the Lincoln Park Golf Course were discussed which would limit the number of holes available. Input was given at the PIAB Meeting; no decision was made.</p>	
						<p>F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Kiesler reported on her recent attendance at the Federal Relations Network Conference. With the impending State budget cuts, the Stimulus Bill is of added importance to school districts. Federal funds are needed to pay for legislative mandates which are currently covered by general fund dollars. The "Stimulus" will continue to be analyzed to determine the benefits for the districts in the State. She will be attending the upcoming CASB Legislative Conference in Denver, and a CASB Resolutions Meeting.</p>	

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						<p>G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None at this time.</p> <p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>H-1. Building Energy Quarterly Report: Eric Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Postponed, to be reported on March 24, 2009. <p>H-2. Nutritional Services: Melissa Callahan deVita & Dan Sharp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A PowerPoint presentation was given, covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agenda, which included: Organizational Overview, Key Initiatives, Financial Update, and Pricing; • The purpose of the department and the financial status; • An overview of meals served 2007-2008; • An overview of staffing; • Key initiatives in the area of culture shift, menu, farm to school, mobile kiosks, eliminating satellite sites, Mealpay Plus, and cohort groups. • Financial – The number of profitable kitchens, lunch participation, labor & food costs, revenues & profitability, and revenue/cost per meal. • Pricing – rising costs, financial – where does the money come from?; • Pricing – why a price increase is needed, District 51 and statewide comparison, elementary comparison, comparisons to lunch from home, secondary comparison, secondary level to fast food options, impact on pricing on profitability and questions & next steps. ➤ Board questions and further discussion focused on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Service as an “Enterprise Zone,” which is self-sustaining, and the importance of not utilizing the general fund to supplement the food service program; • Simplified menu to be compliant with healthy schools initiatives and increased standards forthcoming through the WIC - (Women, Infants, & Children of 2004 to be re-authorized in 2009). • The “Cool School Bag Lunch” as a menu item, and what it includes (sandwich, fruit, vegetable, milk); • Options available on high school campuses, such as the mobile kiosks; • The reduction of “satellite schools” as a key initiative. With the exception of New Emerson, all meals are prepared on the school sites. • Comparison for meal prices with districts that are similar in size and in Free & Reduced Lunch percentages; • The calculation involved for the program to reach a break-even point; • The district communication for parents to apply for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program, which includes mailings and advertising; • The high-level of confidentiality involved for families receiving Free & Reduced lunches. ➤ Board members and the Superintendent extended their appreciation for the work that is being accomplished in this area. 	

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						<p>H-3. Instructional Update: Mr. Steve Schultz, Mr. Andy Laase, Mrs. Deb Bailey, Mr. Bill Larsen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz reported that today is an in-service day, with a lot of excellent training happening throughout the district. He reminded the Board that the interventions provided in this monthly update are in addition to the regular classroom instruction. ➤ Mr. Laase provided a prepared handout, as a continuation from last months report, regarding elementary intervention data. He highlighted the January data for Running Records, which shows an increase in the percentage of students showing progress and on track to proficiency. Also, the Show What You Know data which indicates the number of lessons provided has increased. ➤ Mrs. Bailey reported the middle schools are fully engaged for interventions; students are on target and showing progress. She provided a prepared hand-out detailing the total number of students impacted in the various areas and the number of times Exemplars and Warm-ups have been used. ➤ Mr. Larsen provided a prepared report to update the Board on the CSAP Booster data. The report provides information regarding the four levels of intervention implementation. Mr. Larsen gave a time-line for expected full-implementation. The CSAP Boosters are utilized for math, science, reading, and writing. ➤ The Board and Superintendent thanked the Instructional Team for their work in this area for students needing additional support. <p>H-4. Business/Investment Report: Mrs. Melissa Callahan deVita</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Mills asked if there were any questions regarding the routine, monthly business/investment reports. ➤ Mr. Rowley voiced concern regarding the high cost of the November 2008 Bond Election. Mrs. Callahan deVita indicated she has met with election officials at Mesa County, and reported there are several factors involved in the cost, such as having three balloting methods for voters to utilize, the mailing of the Tabor Notices, and having to share in the cost of the federal election. She has also looked into how election costs are implemented across the State of Colorado, and there is inconsistency in billing school districts. This is an area she will continue to investigate and will keep the Board informed. ➤ Dr. Mills asked the Board to turn to page H-4.23, of the report. Figures presented here for the Food Service Fund correspond to what Mr. Dan Sharp presented earlier. A short discussion included the Enterprise Fund, indirect/shared costs and general fund reimbursement. Mrs. Callahan deVita reported that revenue does lag behind expenses from the federal government. ➤ Mrs. Callahan deVita reported a webpage has been added to the District's website to provide information on the budget, with a link for the public to have the opportunity to provide comment. Mr. Jeff Kirkland displayed the website and showed the Board how it is accessed. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rowley complimented Eric Anderson's work in saving money through increased energy efficiency in district buildings. 	
						<p>H-5. Expulsion Report: Dr. Mills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mills reported there have been 42 student expulsions, as of January 31, 2009. This report reflects a decrease of one student, compared to the same time last year. Mr. Rowley asked about the ROTC programs in the high schools, and where the facsimile firearms are stored for use by students. Ms. Jody Frost, principal of Central High School, was present. She responded that the facsimile firearms are kept extremely secure to the Army's specifications and locked up every night. The Master Sergeant or the Major transport the weapons and supervise the students. Mr. Butler asked about the category of drugs or controlled substances on the report. Dr. Mills indicated there has been an increase in prescription drugs; however, that figure is down from a year ago. 	
						Meeting Recessed: 7:17 pm, Reconvened: 7:27 pm	
						I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.	
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	<p>J. CONSENT AGENDA [Resolutions 08/09: 73, 72, 67, 68]</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>	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	<p>K. BUSINESS ITEMS</p> <p>K-1. Board of Education Communication Agreement [Resolution 08/09:74]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Rice acknowledged the agreement as a positive step for the Board to better communicate with each other and the community. 	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	<p>K-2. Independence Academy Contract Amendment [Resolution: 08/09:75]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amendment to the contract, as proposed by the Independence Academy Board, would discontinue its high school program (grades 9-12) to reconfigure the charter school as a K-8 school, commencing in the 2009-2010 school year. Board members conveyed their support for the charter school's decision and commented on the amendment as a positive direction for the school. 	Adopted
						<p>L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION: Overcrowding Solutions Follow-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board asked for the principals of the schools identified by the Overcrowding Solutions Committee as highly-impacted and over-capacity to come forward. The discussion with the principals focused on gaining their input, in respect to the Committee's recommendations for their school. 	

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						<p>➤ The following principals and executive director participated in the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Tami Kramer, Rim Rock Elementary, Over Capacity: 175 students; • Mrs. Denise Hctor, Orchard Avenue Elementary Over Capacity: 72 students; • Mr. Steve States, Shelledy Elementary, Over Capacity: 43 students; • Ms. Emma-Leigh Larsen, Pomona Elementary, Over Capacity: 102 students; • Mr. Andy Laase, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, Rocky Mountain Elementary, Over Capacity: 68 students; • Ms. Diane Carver, Thunder Mountain Elementary, Over Capacity: 84 students; • Mr. Mark Vana, Grand Mesa Middle, Over Capacity: 78 students; • Ms. Terri Requa, Mt. Garfield Middle, Over Capacity: 77 students; • Ms. Jody Frost, Central High School, Over Capacity: 145 students; • Ms. Crystal Loehr, Fruita 8/9, Over Capacity: 55 students. <p>➤ Dr. Mills gave an overview of the challenges ahead, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining the hard-costs to estimate staff time; • Honoring the important value of school size; • Working with the Overcrowding Committee Guidelines; • Balancing the need to address the overcrowding; the district has seen an increase in student enrollment of 939 students compared to this same time last year; • Anticipating a state budget rescission this year of \$700,000, and the potential 2.5 million in next year's budget; • Trying to estimate several unknown factors, such as budgetary impacts and enrollment increases. <p><u>Principal/Executive Director Input:</u></p> <p>➤ Ms. Kramer in discussing Rim Rock Elementary provided comments, which included the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving the 5th grade is certainly an option; she has concerns about moving 5th grade to a middle school; • Having modular classrooms at Shelledy for Rim Rock students just shifts the problem; • She has an incredible staff. Adding instructional assistants has been a good option to support teachers and students, and she has found the quality of those staff members to be great; • Rim Rock has adequate core space in the lunchroom at this time, with more table space than at Shelledy; • Ms. Kramer's preference is to add classroom space for the building at Rim Rock. The Board was provided a copy of an aerial view of the property with possible locations for two modulars and a location for a permanent structure. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Denise Hctor in discussing Orchard Avenue Elementary provided comments, which included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchard Avenue has seen good growth, with families filling in the downtown area and the lower-income housing availability. Young families are moving into the area where there is affordability in the neighborhoods. • Some room can be utilized in the two cottages near the school, and administrative transfers could be considered. ➤ Mr. Steve States in discussing Shelledy Elementary provided comments, which included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core space in the food-service area is an issue; core space could be gained by removing the stage from the lunchroom; • Enrollment has been flat, but still over capacity. He does not view the situation as dire at this time. ➤ Ms. Emma-Leigh Larsen in discussing Pomona Elementary provided comments, which included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pomona has seen increases over the last three years; • The school is using some non-traditional spaces for classrooms. Use of teaching staff is viewed as effective. Adding a modular unit would give the school a better environment. Pomona is one of our larger sites. The modular currently stored at Career Center could be moved to the Pomona site. ➤ Mr. Andy Laase in discussing Rocky Mountain Elementary provided comments, which included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modular was added this past year. After initial numbers are provided in the fall, we will evaluate the need for additional instructional assistants. It is estimated six classrooms may need additional support. • Taking the full-time kindergarten down to half-time is not desired. • There is no additional room to add onto the school or for a modular. • Rocky Mountain is located in a densely populated area with lots of walkers to school. ➤ Ms. Diane Carver in discussing Thunder Mountain Elementary provided comments, which included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is not a site for modulars. Every space is maxed out for classroom space. • She views the permanent solution to be changing the school's boundaries. ➤ Mr. Mark Vana in discussing Grand Mesa Middle School provided comments, which included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vana spoke of the current enrollment numbers and the projections. The current 6th grade class is large. Rearranging space and adding teachers would be his options. • Another concern is the size of the kids in the rooms and equitability. ➤ Ms. Terri Requa in discussing Mt. Garfield Middle School provided comments, which included the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th & 7th grades are the largest. All classrooms are being used. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is projected with the large 6th & 7th grades coming next year the school will be more crowded. Another teacher will be needed next year. The school has a lot of students involved in music programs. <p>➤ Ms. Crystal Loehr in discussing the Fruita 8/9 School provided comments, which included the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A modular was added last year. Right now, the enrollment has leveled off. Electives are tight. She reported that if enrollment stays the same, the growth is manageable through the next school year. They are anticipating a huge 8th grade class coming in next school year. In two years she projects there may be dire circumstances with growth. Moving students would result in a different set of problems at the school. <p>➤ Ms. Jody Frost in discussing Central High School provided comments, which included the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She feels at the high-school there is more adaptability through student scheduling. There are many shared classroom spaces at Central. Early graduation and fast-track students relieve some of the crowding pressure. Ms. Frost does not want a permanent building structure added to allow up to 2,000 students. She does not favor the large high school concept. She will investigate the options for extending the school day to have classes from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Currently, there are 200 students involved in zero hour and Nova Net is being utilized. The space in the kitchen area does not meet the needs; it is a bad working situation for staff. Expansion of the core space, to include the kitchen and cafeteria is recommended. 900 lunches a day are served and food kiosks are in high demand. The cafeteria is needed to keep food cold; this area is problematic. <p><u>Additional Comment and Discussion:</u></p> <p>➤ Mr. Cal Clark provided information regarding each school site and details on possible modular usage.</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Callahan deVita, in response to Ms. Diane Carver's comment on changing school boundaries, indicated that changing boundaries shifts the problem from one school to another; all schools are full.</p> <p>➤ Board questions and comments included the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The adequacy of space in the core areas; Increasing the number of instructional assistants to address short-term needs; How budget restraints at a time of high over-crowding limits the options for thinking outside the box and creative ideas; The number of students in a modular unit (2 classrooms, with 24 students each classroom), and the cost to move modulares; 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The possibility of Career Center students building modular classrooms. Mr. Clark indicated there has been time and scheduling issues in the past which has prevented Career Center students to accomplish this work. He will check on this option and report back to the Board. • Mr. Rowley is interested in a possible option in the Fruita area. He suggested building a permanent structure (one-round) on a district owned site, which could then be added onto, one building at a time. Mrs. Callahan deVita indicated the property the district owns may not be conducive without bond election funding. • The expansion of the kitchen at Central High School and the remodel of the stage area at Shelledy Elementary. • Mrs. Kiesler and Ms. Kramer discussed further the pros and cons of moving Rim Rock 5th graders to Shelledy Elementary. Ms. Kramer voiced concerns about the special-needs students in that grade level, and specific accommodations; she is unsure if those things could be provided at another site. Additional Special Education staff would be needed, and she is concerned about discipline issues. Ms. Kramer believes the best option for Rim Rock is to add classroom space. Administrative transfers, boundary changes, and busing options were also discussed. <p>➤ Dr. Mills reviewed the options needing additional cost estimates at the elementary schools. Those estimates would include the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remodel of the stage area in the lunchroom at Shelledy; • Placement of a wet modular unit at Pomona; • Adding instructional assistant time at Orchard Avenue; • Moving modulares from Fruita Middle School to Rim Rock and adding teachers; • Re-evaluating and monitoring Rocky Mountain Elementary in the fall. <p>➤ Mr. Rowley would like to see the costs involved to build the one-round concept as previously mentioned.</p> <p>➤ Dr. Mills indicated future consideration at Central High School would include student incentives for schedule adjustments for students to stay later in the school day;</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Kiesler and Mrs. Rice asked about the eligibility and possible financial assistance through the BEST funding. Mr. Clark will check to see if there are any further updates, which may allow our district to request funding.</p> <p>➤ Board members voiced interest in knowing if funding is available from President's "Stimulus Bill" for construction utilization. Additional information is forthcoming in this area.</p> <p>➤ Board members asked to further explore and take the time to study, research and investigate various multi-track, flex and split session models, including visiting other school districts.</p> <p>➤ Mrs. Rice emphasized the Board believes in "smaller schools," and if conscious decisions are made against that philosophy it is done as temporary for short-term solutions.</p>	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Schultz thanked the principals for attending and their thoughtful input. The principals extended their appreciation to the Board. A follow-up report will be provided at the Board Meeting on March 24. 	
						M. FUTURE MEETINGS: Not reviewed at this time.	
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b), 8:47 pm Present: Mr. Butler, Mrs. Enos-Martinez, Mrs. Kiesler, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Rowley Present: Mr. David Price, Attorney	Adjourned to Executive Session
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 8:59 pm	Return to Open Session
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f), 9:00 pm Present: Mr. Butler, Mrs. Enos-Martinez, Mrs. Kiesler, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Rowley Present: Mr. David Price, Attorney; Dr. Mills (9:45 pm)	Adjourned to Executive Session
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 9:55 pm	Return to Open Session
Motion Second Aye No	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	x x x x	O. ADJOURNMENT: 9:56 pm	Adjourned
<div style="text-align: right;"> <hr/> Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education </div>							



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**Recognition: CHSAA Class 5A Fall Academic State Champions
Boys Golf**

Board of Education Resolution: 69

Presented: February 16, 2009

Schools take pride in their athletic achievements. They take even more pride when their athletic teams distinguish themselves in the classroom.

Fruita Monument High School's boy's golf team earned the title of Colorado High School Activities Association Class 5A fall 2008 Academic State Champions. To earn such a title, the members of the varsity team had to collectively achieve the highest average GPA amongst 63 other schools in their Class 5A sport in the state of Colorado. The boy's golf team won the title with a 3.75 average GPA. The four boys on the team include Jeff Cunningham, Brian Espeland, Ryan Keeler, and Joey Saad. They are coached by Dave Fox.

The Board of Education would like to congratulate the Fruita Monument High School golf team and their coach for the way they represent FMHS and School District 51 on the field and in the classroom.



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Recognition: 2007-2008 School Accountability Report: High Performance Schools

Board of Education Resolution: 70

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Annually the Colorado Department of Education reports student achievement through the School Accountability Reports (SARs), which rate each school's *Overall Academic Performance* and *Academic Improvement of Students*. The ratings for Overall Academic Performance are calculated using CSAP results and are categorized as Excellent, High, Average, Low, and Unsatisfactory.

As a major indicator of student success, it is with celebration the Board of Education recognizes 11 schools rating High on the SAR in the 2007-2008 school year. This success is a direct result of the hard work of teachers, students, parents, and the leadership of building principals.

The following 11 schools were rated with High Academic Performance:

- Appleton Elementary School
- East Middle School
- Fruita 8/9 School
- Fruita Monument High School
- Loma Elementary School
- New Emerson Elementary School
- Orchard Avenue School
- Redlands Middle School
- Scenic Elementary School
- Taylor Elementary School
- Wingate Elementary School

The Board of Education would like to congratulate these outstanding 11 schools for the way they represent School District 51.



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Licensed Personnel Action

Board of Education: 08/09: 73

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Name	School/Assignment	Effective Date
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Resignations

Patrick Ebel	BMS/6 th Grade Science & Math	January 12, 2009
Phillip Boatright	Wingate/Principal	June 6, 2009

Leave of Absence

None at this time

New Assignments

Marian Audino	Emerson/Sped Teacher	January 5, 2009
Ken Boelte	PHS/Language Arts	January 5, 2009



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Support Personnel

Board of Education Resolution 08/09:72

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
RETIREMENTS (None at this Time)			

RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS

Moore, Iris K	Substitute Coordinator	Human Resources	1/21/2009
Reed, Elizabeth Ann	Instructional Asst	YoungPt R-5 High School	12/19/2008

ASSIGNMENTS

Aday, Cecile A	Instructional Asst	Music	Mount Garfield Middle School	1/6/2009
Cruz, Joe A	Instructional Asst	ESL	Rocky Mountain Elementary	1/7/2009
Kitzman, Krystal L	Custodian, Part Time		Grand Junction High School	1/14/2009
Lacount, Angela Leanne	Instructional Asst	Sped	Grand Mesa Middle School	1/6/2009
Martinez-Drysdale, Esmeralda	Instructional Asst	ECE	Dual Immersion Academy	1/20/2009
Mccallister, Mary K	Secretary, Special Ed		Grand Junction High School	1/26/2009
Odell, Daisy M	Family Center Coordinator		Clifton Elementary	1/20/2009
Reynolds, Eva N	Inst Asst Spec Ed Tech		Hawthorne	1/5/2009
Sanchez, Dana S	Instructional Asst	Classrm	Grand Mesa Middle School	1/27/2009
White, Lawrence Kenneth	Instructional Asst	Sped	Grand Mesa Middle School	1/12/2009



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GIFTS

Board of Education Resolution: 08/09: 67

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Donor	Michelle Nebeker
Gift	Books and games
Value	\$525.00
School/Department	Fruita Middle School – Centralized classroom

Donor	Ed Bozarth and Mark Miller
Gift	New playground equipment
Value	\$3000.00
School/Department	Tope Elementary

Donor	Doris Blake
Gift	Kite, Postcards and Embroidery Picture
Value	\$22.00
School/Department	Pear Park Elementary

Donor	Dennis Rosette with Home Depot
Gift	Supplies for GT “Energy on Earth” study
Value	\$20.00
School/Department	Broadway Elementary

Donor	Suncor Energy Services
Gift	Monetary
Value	\$750.00
School/Department	Grand Junction High School football program

Donor	Fruita Masonic Lodge
Gift	Monetary for library books
Value	\$350.00
School/Department	Fruita Middle School

Donor	Jamie Hamilton
Gift	Monetary for State Spelling Bee travel expenses
Value	\$1000.00
School/Department	Middle Schools Spelling Bee

Donor	Jack Ballenger, Manager of Red Robin
Gift	Gift cards
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	BTK staff incentives for positive behavior support



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GIFTS

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Donor	Mesa County Concert Association
Gift	Monetary to be used for lighting and a muslin drop
Value	\$2,500.00
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Drama

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: 68

Adopted: February 16, 2009

Grant Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Riverside Family Center
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-120-3958
Site	Dual Immersion Academy
Description	To fund educational and family involvement activities in a Family Center setting.
Budget Amount	\$80,000
Fiscal Year	12/31/09
Authorized Representative	Judy Thornburg Rosa Culver supplies up to \$1,000

Grant Title	Dos Rios Family Center
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-122-3958
Site	Dos Rios Elementary School
Description	To be used to fund the Dos Rios Family Resource Center
Budget Amount	\$65,000
Fiscal Year	12/31/2009
Authorized Representative	Judy Thornburg, Vernann Raney for supplies up to \$1,000

Grant Title	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
Source	CDE
Fund Number	22-740-4582
Site	Clifton Elementary
Description	USDA grant to be used to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to all students at Clifton Elementary
Budget Amount	\$11,941.10
Fiscal Year	6/30/2008
Authorized Representative	Dan Sharp

Grant Title	Food for Thought
Source	Mesa County Department of Human Services
Fund Number	22-605-8555
Site	Various schools
Description	To be used for incentives for parents involved in Food for Thought nights.
Budget Amount	\$20,400
Fiscal Year	12/31/2009
Authorized Representative	Terri Smatla



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Board of Education Communication Agreement

Board of Education Resolution 08/09: 74

Adopted: February 16, 2009

We will use the Board Reports time on the agenda to communicate with each other and the public about meetings and events we have attended, schools we have visited and other things we have done on behalf of the school district.

We will use the Board Open Discussion time on the agenda to discuss issues that have come to our attention with regard to learning in our school district.

We will use the Board Open Discussion time to communicate the upcoming meetings and events that we will each participate in during the upcoming month.

We will emphasize and encourage public comments at the beginning of the Business Meeting, and reference title/purpose of action items in motions. We will use the "Parking Lot" to carry forward topics brought up during the meeting.

We will each commit to communicating with staff and our fellow board members regarding upcoming meetings and events, issues facing the district and questions we may have regarding the district.

We all agree that it is the responsibility of every board member to communicate with all other board members and with staff. Furthermore, it is not the sole responsibility of the Board President neither to communicate with each board member nor to take sole responsibility for coordination and communication among board members and staff.

Mr. Harry Butler

Mrs. Enos-Martinez

Mrs. Kiesler

Mrs. Rice

Mr. Rowley



Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

Resolution Approving Amendment to Charter School Contract

Board of Education Resolution: 08-09/75

Adopted: February 16, 2009

WHEREAS, the District and Independence Academy Charter School (IACS) entered into a Charter School Contract dated July 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such Contract, IACS was chartered to operate a K-12 school; and

WHEREAS, IACS has proposed to discontinue its high school program (grades 9-12) and to reconfigure the Charter School as a K-8 school commencing in the 2009-10 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been apprised of IACS' reasons for making the proposed changes and finds them to be educationally and financially sound; and

WHEREAS, the administration, following consultation with IACS representatives, has reached an agreement with IACS to amend the Contract to address IACS' transition to a K-8 school, which amendment is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such amendment would limit enrollment at the Charter School to grades K-8 beginning in the fall of the 2009-10 school year, would provide for transition services to affected students, but would allow current charter school students in grade 11 and 12 who plan to graduate before the end of 2009 to complete their secondary curriculum at IACS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached amendment is hereby approved, and the Board President is hereby authorized to execute the same on the District's 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 February 16, 2009.

Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education