

A - Doug Levinson  
 B - Paul Pitton  
 C -  
 D - Tom Parrish  
 E - Amy Davis

**Board of Education**  
**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
**Board Work Session: April 7, 2020**  
**Adopted: May 26, 2020**

	A	B	C	D	E		
						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present Absent	x x	x x		x x	x x	<b>BOARD WORK SESSION</b> ➤ Board members attended electronically as a means of social distancing to protect the Board, staff and the public during the COVID-19 outbreak. The meeting was streamed live through Facebook  1. Legislative Update, Mrs. Amy Atwood ➤ Mrs. Amy Atwood, Lobbyist, briefed the Board on changes with the legislative process since the COVID-19 outbreak. Normally, legislators meet for 120 consecutive days. The Colorado Supreme Court ruled in times of natural disaster, and at this time with COVID-19, the days do not have to be consecutive. At the time the legislators recessed in March, fifty-three days remained in the session. By law, when legislators resume session, there are two items they have to address: the budget and the School Finance Act. Based on current projections the state will be looking at a budget shortfall of around \$250 million for the current year and as much as \$2 to \$3 billion next year. The Joint Budget Committee is asking all departments to make budget cuts where possible and legislators may vote to reduce the statutory reserves from 7.5% to 5% to free up funds. Two of the largest budget items, for the state, are K-12 Education and Medicaid. Lobbyists are projecting the Budget Stabilization Factor formerly known as the Negative Factor will see a steep increase. The state will be receiving \$300 million from the federal stimulus package for K-12 education and higher education.  2. COVID -19 Update ➤ Superintendent Sirko reported the City of Grand Junction is doing daily briefings. The briefings include information from various entities such as the Mesa County Health Department. District 51 will be presenting during the briefing on Thursday, April 9. Students started online learning last week. The prior week teachers spent time connecting with parents and students. Teachers have done a good job in implementing online learning. The majority of feedback has been positive but there has been some concerns that some middle and high school students, as well as some parents with more than one student, are feeling overwhelmed. The Lunch Program is doing an incredible job in serving student's nutritional needs and is open to all students. ➤ Dr. Davis gave a brief update, from a medical point of view, on the status of COVID-19. Hospitals have been collaborating and many doctor's offices are offering conference appointments. The capacity is growing for more COVID-19 testing. Prediction vary as to when the state will see the peak of the virus. Some feel the state hit the peak this week while others are predicting a peak in about two weeks. The Grand Valley is running about a week behind the state. ➤ Discussion pursued regarding if the Board should decide at this meeting to close schools for the balance of the school year, or wait to make a decision at the next meeting in two weeks. The Board will wait on a decision until the next meeting. A survey was sent to seniors and their parents requesting ideas for alternatives to traditional graduation. Feedback from the surveys will be shared at the next meeting.	6:01 p.m.

A - Doug Levinson  
 B - Paul Pitton  
 C -  
 D - Tom Parrish  
 E - Amy Davis

**Board of Education**  
**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
**Board Work Session: April 7, 2020**  
**Adopted: May 26, 2020**

A B C D E

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**ACTION**

3. Online Learning Implementation, Mrs. Jennifer Marsh

- Mrs. Jennifer Marsh, Executive Director of Curriculum and Learning, presented information on online learning. Students left for spring break thinking they would be returning to classes as normal, so this has been a real adjustment for them, their parents and teachers. Mrs. Marsh displayed the various aspects of a Google site developed for remote learning. The District developed a site for educators and a site for parents and students so information can be readily available at one location. One area of the educator's site, The Phases of Remote Learning, breaks down activities and expectations by the week to help guide teachers. Administrators will be checking the feedback section of the site and defining the site as they go. This has been a learning experience for everyone. Some teachers were already using Google Classroom while for other teachers this has been a new experience. There is also new language, associated with online learning, such as synchronous (teachers and students are learning at the same time in different locations) and asynchronous (teachers and students learning at different times and at different location). The expectation is for elementary students to do three lessons in math and three lessons in literacy per week and secondary students to do three lessons per subject per week. This may not be three separate lessons as some lesson may cover more than one subject. The anticipation is for high school students to work four hours per day, middle school students to work two to three hours a day and elementary students to work two or less hours per day. The technology helpdesk has increased staff from two to eight so teachers are able to get support in real time. Administrators have focused on making sure everyone understand the importance of student safety with online learning and not violating the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act (FERPA). Teachers are being asked to only use resources imbedded in the Remote Learning Google Site to protect students. The google site gives teachers resources and guidance to find vetted sites to protect student's privacy. Teachers will be working with the District's Multiple Tiered Support Systems (MTSS) staff to reach students who are not participating in online learning.
- Mrs. Marsh recognized Mrs. Shelly Fratzke, Cataloging Specialist, Mr. Randy Dalton, Executive Director of Technology, Mr. Dan Burke, Technology Customer Service and Support Manager, and Mrs. Melissa Turner, Director of Curriculum, for their work in finding supports for teachers, students and parents. She acknowledged the amazing amount of work everyone has done in implementing online learning. The hope is for all students to maintain or advance not only in academic learning but also in the relationship to social emotional learning.

[Break 7:35 Resumed 7:50]

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Present  
Absent

x x x x

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

7:50 p.m.

A - Doug Levinson  
 B - Paul Pitton  
 C -  
 D - Tom Parrish  
 E - Amy Davis

**Board of Education**  
**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
**Board Work Session: April 7, 2020**  
**Adopted: May 26, 2020**

	A	B	C	D	E		ACTION
						<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
Motion Second Aye No	x x x	x x		x x	x x	B. Agenda Approval ➤ Motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution to approve an Agreement with BMO Harris Investment Company, LLC in the lease-purchase of activity buses. The Board received an electronic copy of the resolution prior to the meeting.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x		x x	x	Resolution for Agreement with BMO Harris Investment Company, LLC (Lease-Purchase of Activity Buses) [Resolution 19/20: 68] ➤ At the December 10, 2019 Board Business Meeting the Board adopted Resolution 19/20: 35, to purchase new activity buses through a new lease agreement. This resolution modifies the resolution in December to note the purchase would be through a modification of an existing agreement and not a new agreement. There is no monetary difference with this resolution.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x		x x	x x	C. Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to Superintendent [Resolution: 19/20: 66] ➤ Motion to amend the resolution to change date from April 17 to April 30, 2020. Original date issued for public school closure from Governor Polis was April 17, 2020 but was extended to April 30, 2020. ➤ Motion to approve resolution with above date change.	Adopted to Amend
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x		x x	x x		Adopted with Amended Date
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x		x x	x	D. Resolution to Approve Conveyance of Juniper Ridge Tract to City of Grand Junction [Resolution: 19/20: 67]	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x		x x	x	E. Adjournment 8:15	Adjourn
						_____ Bridget Story, Secretary Board of Education	

Agreement with BMO Harris Investment Company, LLC  
(Lease-Purchase of Activity Buses)

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 68

Adopted April 7, 2020

---

WHEREAS, Mesa County Valley School District No. 51, (the “District”), a school district and a body corporate duly organized and existing as a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is authorized by the laws of the State of Colorado to purchase, acquire and lease personal property for the benefit of the District and its inhabitants and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to purchase, acquire and lease activity buses necessary for the District to replace aging buses in its fleet and perform other essential governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, the District previously entered into that certain Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement (the “Master Agreement”) dated September 29, 2017 with BMO Harris Investment Company LLC as lessor (the “Lessor”) for lease-purchase of activity buses as set forth in Equipment Schedule No. 32064 dated September 21, 2017 (the “2017 Bus Lease”) and for lease-purchase of other equipment under other schedules from time to time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board’s Resolution 19/20:35 dated December 10, 2020 (“December Resolution”), the administration solicited a proposal from Lessor for lease purchase of additional buses with the understanding such lease would be covered by the same Master Agreement as applicable to the 2017 Bus Lease; and

WHEREAS, the administration has accepted the Lessor’s proposal, and Lessor has prepared Equipment Schedule No. 34620 to the Master Agreement, with its attached Schedule S-1 (Rent Payment Schedule) (together, the “2020 Bus Lease”) to document and implement the same as more fully described herein; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Bus Lease, as governed by the Master Agreement, provides for the District’s lease purchase of six (6) 2020 New Collins Type A 14-passenger buses for a five (5) year term for an annual rental of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars and Seventy-nine Cents, which includes interest at the rate of 2.9 % per year, for a total aggregate rental cost of \$363,660; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed 2020 Bus Lease are within the parameters established by the December Resolution, but will not require the District to enter into a new Master Lease Purchase Agreement as said Resolution contemplated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51, as follows:

**Section 1. Amendment.** This Resolution is intended to amend and supplement the December Resolution. All provisions regarding the Lease in said December Resolution shall apply and refer to the 2020 Bus Lease and its governing Master Agreement.

**Section 2. Approval of Documents** The attached 2020 Bus Lease is hereby approved in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the legal counsel and bond counsel of the District, the execution of such documents being conclusive evidence of such approval; and the Superintendent or Chief Operations Officer of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to attest, the 2020 Bus Lease and any related documents, instruments and exhibits attached thereto and to deliver the 2020 Bus Lease (including such Exhibits) to the respective parties thereto, and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the District is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the District to such documents.

**Section 3. Other Actions Authorized.** The officers and employees of the District shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the parties to the Master Agreement and the 2020 Bus Lease to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby (including the execution and delivery of acceptance certificates and any tax certificate and agreement, each with respect to separate Schedules, as contemplated in the Master Agreement) and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing and other documents required to be delivered in connection with the Master Agreement and each Schedule.

**Section 4. No General Liability.** Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Master Agreement, any Schedule nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the District as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the District or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Master Agreement, any Schedule or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the District or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the rent payments payable under each Lease (as such term is defined in the Master Agreement) are special limited obligations of the District as provided in such Lease.

**Section 5. Appointment of Authorized District Representatives.** The Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer of the District are each hereby designated to act as authorized representatives of the District for purposes of the Master Agreement and each Schedule thereto, including the 2020 Bus Lease, until such time as the governing body of the District shall designate any other or different authorized representatives for purposes of the Master Agreement and each Schedule.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 7. Repealer.** All resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any resolution or part thereof.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this April 7, 2020.

MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO

---

President

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

---

Secretary

**Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent**

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 66

Adopted: April 7, 2020

---

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency and signed an executive order on March 11, 2020, as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Governor Jared Polis signed an executive order suspending in-person learning in public and private schools across the state from March 23 to April 30; and

WHEREAS, under Colo. Const. art. 9, § 15, the local Board of Education has control of instruction in its public schools; and

WHEREAS, under C.R.S. § 22-32-110 the local Board of Education has the authority to employ a Superintendent to administer the affairs and the programs of the district, pursuant to a contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the current state of emergency requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis; and

WHEREAS, under Board Policy BG, the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract may be suspended temporarily by a majority vote of Board members present at a Board meeting held in compliance with law and Board policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 emergency:

1. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or necessary for other effective response.
2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternative educational program options; adjustments to employee work schedules and assignments; modification to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the Board of Education; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-10 emergency.
3. Authority to enter into contracts without Board approval for any dollar amount necessary for purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable



**Resolution to Grant Emergency  
Powers to the Superintendent**

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 66

Adopted: April 7, 2020

---

in light of the circumstances.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Governor's Order of March 18, 2020, and any subsequent extension of that order, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a two-thirds majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein

*I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on April 7, 2020.*

---

Bridget Story  
Secretary, Board of Education

**Resolution To Approve Conveyance of Juniper Ridge Tracts to City of Grand Junction**

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 67

Adopted April 7, 2020

---

WHEREAS, the District holds title to the property upon which Juniper Ridge Community School (“JRCS”) has constructed its school facility and associated improvements (the “JRCS Property”), subject to an Installment Purchase Agreement between the District and JRCS; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 19/20: 26 adopted November 12, 2019, (“November Resolution”), the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the District, JRCS and the City of Grand Junction (“City”) regarding dedication of two tracts within the JRCS Property to the City, one of which was a strip approximately thirty (30) feet in width along the southern portion of the JRCS Property further described in Exhibits 2A and 2B to the MOU, and the other was a parcel in the southwestern corner and along the Western boundary of the JRCS Property further described on Exhibits 3A and 3B to the MOU.

WHEREAS, following adoption of the November Resolution, execution of the MOU was delayed while the plat and surveys for the subdivision of the JRCS Property were completed and finalized.

WHEREAS, the City has requested, and JRCS has agreed, that Tract A and Tract B of the Juniper Ridge Subdivision, and shown on attached final survey plat, be included in the property conveyed to the City pursuant to the MOU following execution of the MOU and execution and recording of the plat.

WHEREAS, said Tract A and Tract B encompass the thirty-foot strip referenced in the November Resolution, but also extend south to the southern boundary of the JRCS Property and encompasses substantially the same area over which a drainage easement was previously granted by the District to the City, and therefore includes some property not described in the MOU when the November Resolution was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that Tracts A and B of the Juniper Ridge Subdivision are surplus real estate not needed in the foreseeable future for any educational purpose authorized by law, and that conveyance of the property to the City is in the best interests of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education declares Tracts A and B of the Juniper Ridge Subdivision to be surplus property not needed within the foreseeable future for any purpose authorized by law.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the conveyance of Tract A and Tract B of the Juniper Ridge Subdivision, and shown on attached final survey plat, to the City pursuant to the MOU, and authorizes the Chief Operations Officer be and is hereby authorized, on the Board's behalf, to execute the MOU on behalf of the District as modified as described above, as soon as it is finalized and complete and the District's legal counsel has approved same, and authorizes the Chief Operations Officer to take such further steps in conjunction with legal counsel and execute such other plat documents and other instruments as may be required to carry out the terms, purposes and intent of the MOU as modified, including such instruments as and when required to effectuate the conveyance of Tract A and B to the City.

*I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on April 7, 2020.*

---

Bridget Story  
Secretary, Board of Education