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Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Regular Meeting Minutes — October 3, 2006

Adopted as Presented: October 17, 2007

	A	B	C	D	E	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
						<u>RETREAT:</u> Randy Black, Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) 3:05 pm > Agenda Format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Board Purpose ◦ Essential Board Roles ◦ Board Focus Areas ◦ Core, Driving Values Break: 5:50 pm	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> 6:17 pm	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	A-1. BUDGET READOPTION A-1.4. Budget Re-adoption: Resolution 06/07:21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dan Robinson commented on the enormity of the budget, and gave assurance that each Board Member has been briefed on the budget and has taken time to look in-depth at the detail presented. He stated this budget did not lightly pass, as there has been a great deal of study, shifting of priorities, and a lot of time invested. Dan thanked Tim Mills, Vi Crawford, and Melissa Callahan deVita for their work. > Ron Rowley spoke of the budget process as being an on-going process, from September through June each year. > Tim Mills stated the key-factor in the budget re-adoption is the student enrollment increase; there are 540 additional students. Additional expenditure adjustments are needed along with the added revenue. 	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	A-1.7. Use of Beginning Fund Balance: Resolution 06/07:22.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	A-1.9. Bond Interest Transfer: Resolution 06/07: 23	Adopted
Motion Second			x			A-2. Personnel Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dr. Tim Mills cited Colorado School Law 22-63-301 & 22-63-302 (2). As the Chief Administrative Officer of an employing school district, Dr. Mills brought forward a recommendation that the Board dismiss a teacher, Ms. Tammy Lee. Dr. Mills reviewed the grounds for dismissal and recommended dismissal, based on one or more of the grounds stated in State Statute, 22-63-301(III) C, D, F: "Neglect of duty, Immorality, and Other Good and Just Cause." 	Recommendation For Teacher Dismissal
Motion Second		x				A-3. Resolution in Opposition to Amendment 39 and Referendum J on Classroom Spending Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Rowley asked to read a prepared resolution into the official record in opposition to the above amendment and referendum. • Harry Butler presented the following motion: To allow for the reading of the resolution. • Dan Robinson seconded the motion. 	

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Motion		x				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the Resolution was read, a Primary Amendment to the Main Motion was brought forward by Dan Robinson, to read: Motion to allow for the reading of the resolution and adoption of said resolution. Jim Gebhard seconded the motion. The Board voted; all were in favor. 	Adopted
Second Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			<u>ADJOURNED:</u> 6:32 pm	
Second Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						<u>WORK SESSION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > New Teacher Orientation / Induction Update > High School Graduation Credits 	
Motion	x					<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</u> 8:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Legal Advice, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) Present: Harry Butler, Jim Gebhard, Leslie Kiesler, Dan Robinson, Ron Rowley, Tim Mills, David Price	Adjourned to Executive Session
Second Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			<u>OPEN SESSION:</u> 8:50 pm	Returned to Open Meeting
Second Aye	x	x	x		x		
No							
Motion			x			<u>ADJOURNED:</u> 8:51 pm	Adjourned
Second Aye	x	x	x		x		
No							
<hr style="width: 200px; margin: 0 auto;"/> Jamie Sidanycz Secretary, Board of Education							

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Budget Re-Adoption 2006-07

Board of Education Resolution 06/07: 21

Adopted: October 3, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has published October 3, 2006, as the date of re-adoption for the 2006-07 budgets for Mesa County Valley School District 51; and

WHEREAS, the Board may adopt the budgets at any regular or special meeting on or before October 15, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 does hereby re-adopt the budgets and reserve all ending balances, as presented, and authorize the following fund amounts to be appropriated as specified in the adopted budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>ORIGINAL</i>	<i>RE-ADOPTED</i>	<i>EXPLANATION</i>
General Fund (10)	\$134,990,178	\$137,747,903	Student increase, AV increase, Fund Balance adjustment
Colorado Preschool & Kindergarten Program (19)	\$1,293,693	\$1,261,492	Fund Balance adjustment, Align to projections
Independence Academy Charter School (11)	\$874,259	\$1,058,841	Fund Balance adjustment
Special Revenue Funds			
Capital Reserve (21)	\$12,030,841	\$13,708,527	Student increase, Fund Balance adjustment
Capital Reserve - Asbestos (29)	\$25,628	\$24,457	Fund Balance adjustment
Physical Activities (23)	\$512,788	\$521,961	Fund Balance adjustment
Student Body Activity (24)	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	
Beverage (27)	\$715,970	\$756,471	Fund Balance adjustment
Governmental Designated Purpose Grants (22 & Sub-funds 70-99)	\$15,674,725	\$15,749,505	Fund Balance/Additional Grants
Career Center Grant (26)	\$235,000	\$280,006	Sale of 2 houses
Other Local Projects/Grants (28)	\$226,174	\$219,025	Fund Balance adjustment
Debt Service Fund			
Bond Redemption (31)	\$16,763,077	\$16,615,341	Fund Balance adjustment, AV increase
Capital Project Fund			
Building (42)	\$56,200,000	\$32,820,085	Fund Balance adjustment
Capital Projects Building (DIA) (41)	\$420,000	\$286,377	
Enterprise Fund			
Food Service (51)	\$9,529,161	\$9,239,249	Fund Balance adjustment
Internal Service Fund			
Insurance (64)	\$2,823,235	\$2,956,373	Fund Balance adjustment
Dental Insurance (63)	\$1,949,554	\$2,121,857	Fund Balance adjustment, Premium adjustment
Medical Insurance (62)	\$10,256,527	\$10,349,943	Fund Balance adjustment, Premium adjustment

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Use of Beginning Fund Balance

Board of Education Resolution 06/07: 22

Adopted: October 3, 2006

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has set October 3, 2006, as the date of re-adoption for the 2006-2007 budgets for Mesa County Valley School District 51; and

WHEREAS, the Board may re-adopt the budgets at any regular or special meeting on or before, October 15, 2006;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District 51 does hereby approve the usage of the beginning fund balances as specified in the plan below for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending on June 30, 2007.

FUND	PAGE #	AMOUNT OF BEGINNING FUND BALANCE TO BE SPENT	PURPOSE FOR EXPENDITURE	PLAN
Capital Reserve	A-1.16	\$77,451	Maintenance of bldgs Info Tech projects	Funding of prior year's projects
Capital Reserve - Asbestos	A-1.19	\$23,657	Asbestos removal	Project using remaining Underwood Levy funds
Beverage	A-1.22	\$188,767	Staff development	Not reoccurring expenditures
Building	A-1.29	\$31,620,085	Upgrade/building schools	Projected to complete projects in 05-06
Capital Projects Building	A-1.30	\$266,377	Complete DIA building project	Expenditures anticipated in carryforward amount
Food Service	A-1.31	\$708,835	Major replacement of equipment	Replacing equipment over a period of time & reduce fund balance
Insurance	A-1.32	\$111,186	Insurance premium costs	Monitor and make adjustments as needed

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Bond Interest Transfer

Board of Education Resolution 06/07: 23

Adopted: October 3, 2006

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

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

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

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Resolution in Opposition to Amendment 39 & Referendum J

Board of Education Resolution 06/07-28

Adopted: October 3, 2006

WHEREAS, voters will be asked to consider two measures on classroom spending requirements on the general election ballot on November 7, 2006, both of which deprive our community, though the locally-elected board of education, from making decisions about the best use of school district resources; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 39 is an amendment to the Colorado Constitution, promoted by out-of-state interests, which will require each school district in Colorado to spend at least 65 percent of its operational expenditures on classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, Referendum J was referred to the ballot by the Colorado General Assembly as an alternative to Amendment 39, will change state law to require each school district in Colorado to spend at least 65 percent of its operational expenditures on instructional and non-instructional services that directly affect student achievement; and

WHEREAS, both measures require any school district that spends less than 65 percent of its operating budget as required by either Amendment 39 or Referendum J, to increase its spending on the specified items by two percentage points each year until the 65% threshold is met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to applying the 65% spending requirement to different items, the two measures define an operating budget differently and as a result, affect school districts differently, which will be extremely confusing to voters; and

WHEREAS, if the requirements of Amendment 39 were in place during the 2004-05 school year, 166 school districts would have failed to meet the spending requirement by a total of \$278 million and three school districts would have fallen short by a total of \$1 million under Referendum J; and

WHEREAS, both measures are misleading to the public because voters may assume more funding will support classroom instruction when, in fact, the revenues available to school districts will not change as a result of either measure, but will have to be reallocated from programs that the community, through the elected board of education, has deemed important; and

WHEREAS, this "one size fits all" approach, which imposes an arbitrary percentage for classroom expenditures on all the school districts in the state regardless of size or unique circumstances, removes the ability of local communities to set their own budget and spending priorities for their public schools; and

WHEREAS, there is nothing in Amendment 39 or Referendum J that will enhance student achievement or school accountability because it is a school district's ability to achieve high returns on available resources, rather than its ability to reach arbitrary spending levels, that drives student achievement; and

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Adopted: October 3, 2006

WHEREAS, both Amendment 39 and Referendum J are contrary to the constitutionally established right of local control of instruction given to locally-elected boards of education to establish and maintain educational programs for their students; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of local control over expenditures will deprive the Board of Education of important decision-making authority and interfere with the Board's ability to develop its own priorities for expenditure of revenues based on local needs and circumstances.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Mesa County Valley School District officially declares its opposition to Amendment 39 and Referendum J because they both impose a "one size fits all" solution on the state and eliminate the flexibility of the local Board of Education to make decisions about appropriate allocation of school district funds based on the needs of this community; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that Mesa County Board of Education hereby urges registered voters to sustain local control by voting against Amendment 39 and Referendum J because decisions about classroom funding should be made through the local budget process, not through an arbitrary formula that has no relationship to the operation of this School District.

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 October 3, 2006.

*Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*