

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Regular Meeting

December 4, 2007

Minutes



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Present	x	x	x	x	x	<p>MEETING CALL TO ORDER / AGENDA APPROVAL: 6:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Agenda was revised to add several work session topics and an Executive Session. 	
Motion			x			<p>ACTION ITEM:</p> <p>A. Mill Levy Certification [Resolution 07/08:36]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Per Statute, CRS, Section 22-40-102(1)(b), the Board of Education adopted the annual certification of the mill levy, including full abatement. ➤ Dr. Mills gave a brief historical over-view of the Mill Levy over the last several years. By law, the Board is mandated to adopt the mill levy by December 15. ➤ Mr. Rowley cited data from a Colorado School Finance publication, comparing a sizeable increase in personal income in the State over the last five years to a minimal amount spent on K-12 education. 	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye No	x	x	x	x	x		
Motion		x				<p>ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION: 6:04 pm</p> <p>[The Business portion of the agenda was concluded. No formal vote was taken at this time.]</p>	
Second	x						
Aye No						<p><u>WORK SESSION TOPICS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Glade Park Proposal: Tree Humbert, Diane Branham, Karen Foster, and Harry Easton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A DVD was shown. The DVD provided a community perspective, specifically noting Glade Park as an area where children have a unique setting for learning opportunities. The Glade Park Community School Project is a grassroots movement. • A packet of information was handed-out to each board member. • Board members asked questions and commented on areas which included: current transportation and future transportation needs, the number of students on Glade Park who would attend, the possibility of the community organizers looking at a charter school concept, the need for hard data to support having a school in this area, the size of the school and the grade levels, the possibility of surveying the community of Glade Park and/or having a community meeting. • Melissa Callahan DeVita provided a slide presentation which covered general assumptions, financial scenarios, utilization of modular units, and estimated staffing. • Dr. Mills asked the Board to review the information packet, and email any further questions to the Board Secretary. Answers will then be provided by the December 18, Business Meeting or the Work Session on January 8. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Western Colorado Addictions and Behavioral Health Conference Information and Request: Rebecca Schwerdtfeger and Ruth Michaels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter was presented to the Board which outlined plans for an upcoming conference to be held in January 2008, and gave specific details pertaining to their request for \$5,000 in Pepsi funds. The funds will assist with educator scholarships for the conference. School District employees will have the opportunity to receive training in critical areas in working with the diversity of youth, within an academic setting. • The Board will consider action on the request at the December 18, Business Meeting. > Parent Bridge: Odus Harwood, Executive Director of Technology Services, introduced Mary Mulcahy, Student Information Specialist, and Jenann Wakefield, Program Developer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A PowerPoint presentation was given which covered why Parent Bridge was created, goals, implementation, and the future of Parent Bridge. • A Parent Bridge demonstration was provided through the Internet to show what information parents and students can utilize. • Jeff Kirtland, the District's Communication Coordinator gave a short report on the upcoming kick-off of the community partnership with City Market in utilizing computer kiosks for parents who don't have computers at home to access their student's information. Other locations for kiosks were suggested, such as the Department of Human Services and the Work Force Center. • Board members expressed appreciation for the Parent Bridge Program and the presentation. > Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members were given a list of committees which have traditionally included board representation. Dr. Mills spoke of the role of board members who serve on committees, as being a liaison between the Board and school district and/or community groups. > Board Retreat Date: Discussion included possible dates in January for a Retreat. January 30, at 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm was the favored date/time. <p><u>Work Session Concluded:</u> 7:55 pm</p> <p><u>MEETING CALL TO ORDER:</u> 7:55 pm</p> <p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</u> 7:57 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Executive Session: Legal Advice, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b), and Negotiations, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e). Present: Harry Butler, Cindy Enos-Martinez, Leslie Kiesler, Diann Rice, Ron Rowley Tim Mills, David Price, John Groves 	
Present	x	x	x	x	x		
Motion			x				
Second					x		
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		

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Motion			x			<u>RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:</u> 9:07 pm	Adjourned
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion			x			<u>ADJOURN:</u> 9:07 pm	
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education	

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Certification of Mill Levy (Including Full Abatement)

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08:36

Adopted: December 4, 2007

WHEREAS, Section 22-40-102(1)(b), C.R.S., requires that the Board of Education certify to the Board of County Commissioners by December 15, 2007, the amount to be raised from levies against the valuation for assessment for the General Fund, Bond Redemption Fund, Transportation Fund, and Special Building Fund.

WHEREAS, the following has been certified by the Mesa County Assessor for property within the boundaries of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51:

Assessed Valuation	\$1,616,010,920
Taxes Collected on Omitted Property by August 1, 2007	\$22,571
Tax Abatements Refunded as of August 1, 2007	\$162,844

WHEREAS, Section 39-10-114(1)(a)(I)(B) provides:

...Any taxing entity may adjust the amount of its tax levy authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 29-1-301, C.R.S., by an additional amount which does not exceed the proportional share of the total amount of abatements and refunds made pursuant to the provisions of this section. After calculating the amount of property tax revenues necessary to satisfy the requirements of the *Public School Finance Act of 1994*, article 54 of title 22, C.R.S., any school district shall add an amount equal to the proportional share of the total amount of abatements and refunds granted pursuant to the provisions of this section prior to the setting of the mill levy for such school district..

WHEREAS, the board wishes to avail itself for the provision of Section 39-10-114(1)(a)(I)(B).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 does hereby certify to the Mesa County Commissioners the amounts of levies required against the valuation for assessment of all taxable property located within the boundaries of this school district for the General and Bond Redemption Funds for the 2007-08 Budget year.

	AMOUNT	MILLS
General Fund (Regular)	\$39,130,088	24.214
Tax Abatement Credit	163,217	0.101
Override Election 1996	3,619,864	2.240
Override Election 2004	4,000,000	2.475
Total General Fund	\$46,913,169	29.030
Bond Redemption Fund	15,061,222	9.320
Transportation Fund	0	0
Special Building Fund	0	0
Total All Funds	\$61,974,391	38.350

CERTIFICATION OF MILL LEVY

The deadline for the Board to certify the mill levy to the County Commissioners is December 15, 2007. The local mill levy is calculated by a formula which uses enrollment growth, inflation, prior year local property tax revenue and current year certification of valuation. The valuation certification from the County Assessor's Office is as of December 2007. The prior year General Fund levy was 30.432 mills including abatement. The current certification is 29.030 mills including abatement which is 0.101. The Bond Redemption levy will be 9.32.

Mill Levy Summary

General Fund

By December 10th, the District receives notification from CDE of what the mill levy will be for the District for the next tax year. In other districts, the mill levy may be more or less than this rate depending on the assessed value per student. District 51's mill levy is 24.214 mills.

Tax Credit CRS, Section 39-10-114(1)(a)(I)(B)

The above referenced statutes allow school districts to add to the mill levy required for state equalization. This additional levy will allow for the recovery of districts' anticipated revenue that was abated or refunded by the County Commissioners. The amount of \$162,844 (0.101 mills) was reflected on the certification from the county treasurer's office, and was based on an assessed value of \$1,616,010,920.

Voter-Approved Override Election

In the November 1996 election, the voters of Mesa County authorized an additional levy to support the General Fund operating costs of the district. The mill levy is 2.24. In November 2004, voters approved an additional override to support the operating costs of the new schools. The mill levy is 2.475.

Bond Redemption

The current mill levy of 9.32 mills will provide revenue to meet the current bond and interest obligations. This includes 4.768 mills for the bond approved by voters on November 2, 2004.

	2006-07	2007-08	Difference
General Fund	24.214	24.214	0.000
Tax Abatement	0.131	0.101	(0.030)
Override Election 1996	2.816	2.240	(0.576)
Override Election 2004	3.271	2.475	(0.796)
Total	30.432	29.030	(1.402)
Bond Redemption	7.621	9.320	1.699
Total Mill Levy	38.053	38.350	0.297

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 December 4, 2007

Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education