

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Regular Meeting

August 4, 2009

**Regular Meeting Minutes &
Work Session Summary**

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

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	A	B	C	D	E		ACTION
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. Meeting Call to Order/Roll Call	6:02 pm
Absent							
Motion			x			B. High School Botany Resource Adoption [Resolution: 09/10: 01] ➤ Ms. Cathie Gonzales, Director of Curriculum and Professional Learning, was present to answer questions and displayed the textbook titled <i>Botany, An Introduction to Plant Biology, 4th Edition</i> . The Botany Resource Adoption was first presented at the Business Meeting on June 16, 2009. The Board had no further questions at this time.	Adopted
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				D. Adjourn	Adjourned 6:04 pm
Second					x		
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
						<u>Work Session</u> ➤ Partnerships with the City of Fruita: Mr. Ken Henry, Mayor; and Ms. Stacy Mascarenas, Fruita City Council Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Henry and Ms. Mascarenas extended their appreciation to the Board for being a great partner with the City of Fruita. Specifically, the District's sale of the old Little League field to the City of Fruita was a catalyst for several wonderful projects for the Fruita community. The new Lower Valley Hospital was built, the Little League field was moved to a new location on 18 Road, and as a negotiated provision of the partnership, space was included at the hospital for well-baby care and Mesa County Health Department services. • Mr. Henry provided copies of a design and development document for the new community center, and updated the Board on the progress being made, highlighting the recreational activities which will be available for students and families. • Mrs. Rice reported she had attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new hospital, and emphasized the facility is a tremendous asset. • Mr. Schultz thanked Mr. Henry and Ms. Mascarenas for their support of the schools and indicated he looks forward to working together in the future. ➤ Kids Voting Presentation: Ms. Martha Graff, Ms. Linda Reeves & Ms. Geri Anderson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three documents were presented to the Board for information and study. The documents included: 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2008 voting statistics by school; ○ A data graph to show enrollment and student voter data 1997-2008; ○ A hard copy presentation covering Kids Voting successes, which included the record voter turnout in 2008 of 16,839 students. Additional areas included key-points of their annual retreat, their new vision, and grant funding opportunities to support the program and future plans. ● Presenters asked the Board how Kids Voting could help the district's students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Cathie Gonzales was present and provided information regarding a recent meeting she had with the Kids Voting representatives. Possible involvement may include work with the Vertical Alignment Team on 21st Century Skills. ● Group discussion included how to measure the effect of Kids Voting on adult voting. One method of measurement for program effectiveness may be exit polling. ● Mrs. Rice, as a member of the Kids Voting Board, had asked the Kids Voting Executive Team to share with the Board of Education their expanded vision. Mr. Butler is also a member of the Kids Voting Board. ● Mr. Schultz emphasized the need to focus resources on the new math adoption and implementation. Future work with the Curriculum Department may be delayed due to the focus in this area. ● The Board and Mr. Schultz thanked the Kid's Voting Team for their presentation and their interest in working with the district. <p>➤ Community Engagement Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Schultz provided an outline for the Board's input detailing proposed community engagement activities. Those activities include plans for a meeting September 15, focus groups, a speakers' bureau, and other opportunities for visibility within the community. ● Discussion included public forums, town hall meetings, having meaningful conversations with staff, and utilizing Channel 12 and audio / visual tools. Odus Harwood will gather additional information, regarding the possibility of using video technology to broadcast board meetings. ● The Board indicated agreement with the proposed plans for community engagement. 	

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						<p>➤ Board Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board Secretary provided planning documents which included the 2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule, School Lunch and Visitation Schedule, and a working document for yearly planning. Additional calendaring and upcoming events were discussed. • Board members provided updates and engaged in discussion regarding their participation on committees and at student events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mrs. Rice reported on her attendance at a Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee Meeting, and visits to several of the summer Extended Learning sites. ○ Mr. Rowley reported on attendance at the Proto Camp at the Western Colorado Community College (WCCC). ○ Mrs. Kiesler reported she will attend a Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) meeting on August 10, and will report back to the board. She asked for input from board members in the development of resolutions for the CASB Committee. • Mr. Rowley provided information and engaged in discussion regarding technical education and the programs at the WCCC. • Mr. Schultz reported on addressing staff at several orientation and inservice meetings. He indicated staff members have an understanding of the budget challenges and the importance of staying within budget guidelines. <p>Work Session Concluded: 7:50 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">_____ Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education</p>	



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High School Botany Resource Adoption

Board of Education Resolution: 09/10:01

Adopted: August 4, 2009

WHEREAS, the current botany textbook in use for high schools was adopted in 1998; and

WHEREAS, science education has changed significantly in response to the revision of state standards in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Curriculum and Professional Learning and the Science Team recommends the following textbook for adoption:

Table with 4 columns: Textbook Title, Publisher, Copyright, Cost. Row 1: Botany, An Introduction to Plant Biology, 4th Edition; Jones & Bartlett; 2009; \$131.95

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the textbooks titled above for high school science electives.

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 August 4, 2009.

Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary
Board of Education