

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Work Session

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Present Absent, Excused	x	x	x	x	x	<p>WORK SESSION SUMMARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clifton Grant Update: Ms. Michelle Mansheim, Mr. Chris Capron, Mrs. Lesley Whitacre, Mr. Andy Laase, Superintendent Schultz • A PowerPoint presentation was provided, which had been shown the evening before to Clifton parents. The presentation covered areas focused on increasing student achievement at Clifton Elementary School. The presentation covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An overview of how Clifton Elementary received this unique opportunity, through the State of Colorado; ○ The steps in the process, which includes identification of a team to represent the school; ○ Utilization of funds to accelerate student learning, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing Kindergarten to full day; ▪ Providing more support to families; ▪ Increasing the amount of time students spend in school; ▪ Improving access to technology; ▪ Providing increased support and resources to enhance teacher learning; ▪ Increasing the number and types of interventions for all students. ○ Funding criteria, which is contingent upon state approval of the school-based plan. ○ Improving the culture, curriculum, instruction, assessment and evaluation, leadership, planning and professional development; ○ Providing increased support and resources to enhance teacher learning; ○ Community outreach and involving more parents. • Board members asked questions and engaged in conversation, regarding family nights, parent involvement, demographics, parent survey results, and leveraging grant funds with Title I funding. • Clifton staff members attended the meeting in support of the plan for their school. • Superintendent Schultz reported the third-party school evaluation has been beneficial in the planning process. Meetings are continuing, and updates will be provided to the Board as the plan moves forward. • The Board and Superintendent thanked the staff and administrators for their important work in this area. ➤ Trane Phase II Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a follow-up from an earlier presentation, given on January 19, 2010, Mr. Cal Clark provided the Board with several proposed documents. The documents included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Preapproval Notification from Xcel Energy for rebates for the Phase II Projects; ○ An Amendment No. 1 to the Energy Performance Contract; ○ Added schedules, A-S, the new Scope of Work for Phase II, and the Performa Cash Flow. • Mr. Clark emphasized the Phase II Project adoption is complex and attorneys have been working diligently to finalize the documents. 	Meeting Convened: 6:00 pm

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						<p>He asked the Board to consider adopting the Trane Phase II Projects, at their next meeting, scheduled on February 5. He reported Phase I is winding down, and he would like to see continuation and momentum continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Schultz concluded the presentation by asking board members to review the documents, and if they had any questions to contact him. He added that if the February 5 date is too soon, the Phase II Projects could be postponed, if the Board so desires. • Board members indicated agreement in bringing this item forward for action on February 5. <p>➤ CASB Governance Exercise: Postponed. This item will be added to the Board Retreat Agenda, February 25.</p> <p>➤ Superintendent Evaluation Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members discussed the categories which they wanted to include in the Superintendent's narrative, self-evaluation. Imbedded in the categories will be strengths, weaknesses, challenges and accomplishments. Those categories are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leadership; ○ Communication; ○ Initiative; ○ Relationships; ○ Interaction with staff and community; ○ Business Operations: organizational planning & management, budget, and oversight; ○ Board core values, related to the District's AIMS and measures. ○ 2010 – 2011 Recommended Goals. • Superintendent Schultz acknowledged the process for evaluation, which begins annually in January, as a contractual element. He concluded the discussion by indicating the process provides an opportunity to lay foundations as a team, to review what is going well, and to identify where there are gaps. • Board members indicated agreement on the process and next steps moving forward. <p>➤ Board Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members recognized a group of Mesa State students in the audience. The students indicated they were attending the meeting in conjunction with a teacher-education class at Mesa State College. Upon request, each student conveyed to the Board their teaching aspirations, and their current area of study. The Board and Superintendent thanked them for attending the meeting. • Documents provided in the Board's Meeting Packet, for review and study, were discussed. Those documents included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The plan for summer Extended Learning 2010; ○ An Evaluation Report, Technology Implementation 2nd Quarter; ○ A draft CASB proposal regarding public school funding. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board discussed the possibility of meeting with local legislators, participating in the legislative video conferences, and utilizing other video and media options to gain knowledge and communicate. Superintendent Schultz presented an opportunity for the Board to engage with the business community, through involvement in an education focused mini-summit with the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce. Plans are in the beginning stages. The Superintendent conveyed the intent of the summit as being an opportunity to work together to build a "world-class" K-12 education system. Mrs. Rice and Mr. Mikolai indicated they would participate as board representatives. Additional information and discussion will be forthcoming. Questions can be directed to Mr. Schultz. 	Adjourned: 7:40 pm
						<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto;"/> Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education	