

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Retreat / Executive Session

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Present Absent	x	x	x	x	x	<p><u>Board Retreat Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CDE Partnerships: The Board engaged in discussion and asked questions, as the following information items were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Schultz updated the Board on the Race to the Top federal/state initiative. He reported the rules and regulations are not available at this time. The grants would provide focused funds to accomplish a variety of goals. Districts will need to be ready to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and a 30-60 day turn around timeline is expected. Mr. Schultz recommended moving forward to the next step in the process. When the MOU is available, it will be reviewed and studied to determine feasibility for District 51; signatures would be required of the superintendent, board, and the teacher-association president, if the district engages further in the process. • Mr. Schultz met with Mr. Dwight Jones, Colorado Commissioner of Education, regarding another application opportunity to acquire financial and technical support. The State would fund an outside evaluation team to visit several of our schools, to identify areas of success and make recommendations for improvement in other areas to move forward. Depending on the application, the district may be able to include five schools; there would be a specific plan. Mr. Schultz acknowledged his support, and stated he views this opportunity as positive and collaborative. ➤ Budget: Mrs. Callahan deVita and Mrs. Vi Crawford presented information, regarding the 2009-2010 Budget Re-adoption and the 2010-2011 Budget. Board members asked questions and commented as the presentations were given. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Callahan deVita referred to an article provided by Mr. Rowley, published in the American School Board Journal. The article's focus was on school district budget cuts, and the potential ramifications of "knee-jerk" reactions; the article proposes caution and balance. • A one-page "Budget Facts" sheet was reviewed, covering the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Areas of the 2009-2010 Budget where revenue has declined: student count, down by 118.5 FTEs, and specific ownership taxes, down from last year. ○ Ideas for reduction of expenditures include Extended Learning, technology savings, and fuel savings. 	8:14 am

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						Board Present: Mr. Butler, Mrs. Enos-Martinez, Mrs. Kiesler, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Rowley Staff Present: Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Callahan deVita, Mrs. Crawford	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	C. Open Meeting	Adjourn Executive Session & Return to Open Meeting 11:36 am
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	D. Meeting Adjourned	11:37 am
						_____ Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education	