

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Work Session

September 1, 2009

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						<p><u>Work Session</u> 6:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz congratulated Mr. Rowley for receiving the McGuffey Award, from the Colorado Association of School Boards, honoring his eight years of service as a local board of education member. ➤ Mr. Schultz provided an introduction, regarding Mr. Larsen’s presentation on Service Learning, noting the presentation will include background information and clarification of terminology, in preparation for possible next steps. ➤ Service Learning: Mr. Bill Larsen, Executive Director of High Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Larsen provided a PowerPoint presentation which included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definitions and differences between service learning, community service, and volunteerism; ○ A history of the GJHS service learning requirement; ○ What community service looks like in the high schools; ○ A listing of a number of clubs, groups and classes that incorporate relevant community service; ○ Community service and service learning data over a three-year time period from the Senior Exit Surveys. The data included the percent of seniors performing service and a rating scale of how the students view the meaningfulness of the service learning experience; ○ Next steps. • Mr. Larsen included in the presentation a review of high school graduation requirements and current practice. • The Board engaged in an in-depth discussion of the importance of volunteering and community service for students, the importance of tying the curriculum to service learning, the financial impact if service learning was a graduation requirement in all the high schools, and student and parent responsibility. • The superintendent asked board members to let him know if they had further questions. Mr. Larsen will be meeting with his team of principals for further discussion on this topic, and service learning will be added as an agenda item for an upcoming board meeting for continued discussion of possible options and next steps. 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Student Records Policy JRA/JRC: Mr. David Price, Attorney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of the Student Records Policy, with the proposed changes, were provided for the Board's information and study. • Mr. Price reported the policy revisions reflect some basic changes in the FERPA. Federal law provides options for boards to consider, which includes the designation of who the school officials are who can receive student information. The new regulations provide for more flexibility. • Mr. Price provided information related to Federal Law, as it pertains to the disclosure of specific student information which is considered as "directory information." The policy would allow this information to be shared under certain circumstances. • Several examples and scenarios were discussed, regarding the sharing of information with risk-assessment teams, law enforcement, and community agencies. Further work will include the development of appropriate forms and confidentiality agreements, as needed, to comply with the policy. • The policy will be scheduled for 2nd reading an adoption at the Business Meeting on September 15, 2009. ➤ Discussion of Possible District 51 Foundation: Mr. Steve Schultz & Mr. David Price <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Price provided the board with copies of an American School Board Journal article titled, "Mandates & Shortfalls." The article is focused on the needs of public schools, and how foundations can be a viable option for school districts. • The Board engaged in discussion, which included the structure and process associated with the establishment of a foundation, areas to be included in the bylaws, auditing and accounting processes, the role and responsibility of a volunteer task force, districts in the State of Colorado where foundations have been established, and the need for funding that does not impact taxpayers. • Having a common vision between the Board of Education and the Foundation was emphasized as being of key importance. • The Board will consider adoption of a resolution at the Business Meeting on September 15, 2009, to support the creation of an education foundation for District 51. ➤ Mr. Schultz announced that the Colorado Performance Excellence (CPEX) onsite visit, to evaluate the Timberline 	

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						<p>Application, is scheduled during the week of September 14. He gave a brief overview of how the onsite visit is structured, and asked board members to attend the kick-off meeting on September 16, at 8:00 am, if they were available. Board members, who would like to review the application, can contact the Board Secretary or Communications Director for a copy.</p> <p>Work Session Concluded: 7:55 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> _____ Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education </p>	