

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

February 3, 2015

Work Session Meeting Minutes

- A - Jeff Leany
- B - Ann Tissue
- C - John Williams
- D - Tom Parrish
- E - Greg Mikolai

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	BUSINESS MEETING 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL ➤ Mr. Mikolai called for a motion to go into Executive Session. 2. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> : 4:30 p.m. <u>Property</u> : C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (a): To discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest. ➤ Present: Mr. Leany, Mr. Mikolai, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Tissue, Mr. Williams, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Dan Dougherty, Communications Director, Mr. Eric Nilsen, Maintenance Director. ➤ Time spent on Executive Session/Property: 32 minutes ➤ Return to Open Meeting: 5:02 p.m. 3. Adjourn <u>RETREAT</u> A. Board Priorities Discussion ➤ Early indicators estimate District 51 will receive funding from the state for the 2015-2016 school year, which will be similar to what was received this year; in the range of \$8 million dollars. Discussion took place regarding the priorities to invest the funding. The Board reviewed priorities and discussed several topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessments ○ Strategic Compensation ○ Professional Development ○ Technology needs ○ Updating curriculum ○ Potential staff needs for curriculum development, certified positions ○ Competency-based education. The Board supported further development of plans to pilot, test, or in some way transition toward implementation of a pilot for this philosophy. ○ Consultant to help expand Choice options in the District, initially a Magnet School. The Board preferred to focus on other priorities at present. ○ New graduation guidelines and community engagement ○ Gifted and Talented programming ○ Expansion of IB program 	4:30 p.m.	
Absent								
Motion				x				Adopted
Second		x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x			
No								
Motion			x					Return to Open Meeting
Second				x				
Aye	x	x	x	x	x			
No								
Motion				x			Adjourn – 5:02 p.m.	
Second	x							
Aye	x	x	x	x	x			
No								
							5:10 p.m.	

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- o Safety and Security Needs
- o Positive behavior intervention and support
- o Altering morning start times for school. Unified start times would cost an additional \$2 million in transportation costs, so this was determined to be cost prohibitive at this point. The Board wanted to review research indicating how later start times benefit adolescents.
- o Expanding apprenticeship opportunities and partnerships with the community.

Adjourn - Retreat
Portion of
Meeting, 6:10 p.m.

WORK SESSION

6:15 p.m.

- a. Draft Calendar Presentation
 - Ms. Carrie Bollinger, Mr. Bob Corneille and Ms. Barb Kidder, members of the District Calendar Committee, presented three options for next year's school calendar. All calendars provide 165, 166 and 169 contact days for elementary, middle and high schools, respectively.
 - o Matching Calendar: Start August 3 and end May 18, stipulates less loss of knowledge over the summer, keeps week-long intersessions.
 - o Adjusted Calendar: Start August 10, end May 19, is one week later start in summer, less October break, breaks up the two week spring break, and has a shorter intersessions.
 - o Traditional Calendar: Start August 17, end May 19, includes a longer summer for students, longer recruitment period for human resources, no October break, shorter spring break, and more time for repair and maintenance projects.
 - The committee recommendation for the 2015-2016 Calendar was the Matching Calendar.
 - Mr. Leany asked if the District could align the October break with hunting season. Mr. Leany asked if the District could take President's Day as a day off instead of Martin Luther King Day. The Board agreed intersessions has only been in place one year, the matching calendar would allow the District time to see if it is successful. The District needs to communicate clearly there will be no further reduction of the summer break. There was discussion around communicating information to the public regarding the purpose of intersession (remedial as well as enrichment classes). Mrs. Tissue would like to require students to participate in the intercession programs. Mr. Schultz stated he would check on the legality of this.
 - Mr. Williams encouraged everyone to attend the D51 Foundation White Iced event this upcoming weekend.
 - **ADJOURN**

Adjourn –
6:52 p.m.

Terri N. Wells, Secretary
Board of Education