

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2015

Work Session Meeting Minutes

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

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Adopted: April 21, 2015

	A	B	C	D	E	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
Present	x		x	x	x	<p><u>WORK SESSION SUMMARY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz welcomed everyone to the March Work Session. He stated there would be two topics for discussion tonight. <p>1. Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) Report and Performance Based Learning Presentation and Discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Tony Giurado, and Mr. Steve Schultz presented an update on the District's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) and on plans to pilot schools with regards to Student Driven Learning. ➤ Mr. Giurado reported the roadmap to the 21st century required District 51 to improve instruction, curriculum, technology and facilities. It also required the District to change its statement from, "we do pretty well for one of the lowest funded districts in the state," to state "we are the breakthrough district, which is leading the state in making significant student growth." Mr. Giurado spoke of overcoming challenges to achieve the success we desire. He shared research from Marzano and Waters on what elements have the greatest effect on student learning. The research guides us to leveraging what works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Effective teachers have the single most significant impact on learning ○ Effective principals have a significant impact on learning ○ Effective district leadership has a significant impact on learning <p>With this in mind, Mr. Giurado stated the organization should invest in professional development to ensure District 51 teachers are as effective and prepared as possible. Mr. Giurado reported on the District's internal audit of strengths and weaknesses. The audit revealed the District is asking teachers to do too much and the District needs to improve systems support for educators. District 51 should support teachers by assisting them with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colorado Academic Standards ○ Unified Curriculum ○ Reporting tools ○ Learning targets, and ○ Success Criteria ➤ Mr. Schultz reported Student Driven Learning is an instructional innovation which focuses on mastery of content as a basis for student progression instead of student seat time. He stated it replaces age-based grade levels with content levels. As students' progress through content levels at their own pace, they will optimize their level of engagement and motivation. Teachers will serve as instructional coaches, providing tailored supports based on unique learning goals and the needs of every student. <p>Student Driven Learning improves learning because students work at their pace and advance based on mastery, not age, or number of days in school. Mastery requires students to apply and demonstrate what they've learned. Students can be on a variety of content levels in different subjects and advanced students are challenged and can move ahead. Struggling students get support to advance at their own pace. Students do not advance without the skills to succeed. The District is planning to pilot Student Driven Learning. This involves a series of complex, successive steps beginning with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phase 1: Foundational design, communications, and measurable metrics. 	
Absent		x					

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Present	x		x	x	x	<u>BUSINESS MEETING</u>	
Absent		x				A. Call to Order/Roll Call	
Motion				x		B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:24 p.m.	
Second	x					<u>Legal Advice:</u> C.R.S. Section 34-6-402(4) (b): To confer with the Board's attorney in order to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding high school graduation and baccalaureate ceremonies.	
Aye	x		x	x	x	➤ Present: Mr. Leany, Mr. Mikolai, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Tisue, Mr. Williams, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Matt Diers, Executive Director for High Schools, Mr. David Price, Attorney for District 51.	
No						➤ Time spent on Executive Session/Legal Advice: 36 minutes	
Motion				x		C. Adjourn	
Second	x						
Aye	x		x	x	x		
No							
						<hr/> Terri N. Wells Secretary to Board of Education	8:00 p.m.