

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

June 2, 2015

Work Session Meeting Minutes

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						AGENDA ITEMS	
						<u>BUDGET HEARING</u>	6:00 p.m.
						I. Call to Order ➤ Mr. Mikolai called the Budget Hearing to order. He asked for budget comments. There were no comments.	
						II. Adjourn 6:01 p.m.	
Present		x		x	x	<u>BUSINESS MEETING: 6:01 p.m.</u>	
Absent	x		x			A. Roll Call	
						[Mr. Leany arrived at 6:04 p.m.] [Mr. Williams, excused absence]	
Motion		x				B. Resolution and Contract for Purchase of R-5 Property [Resolution 14/15: 99]	Adopted
Second				x		➤ Discussion took place regarding an offer to purchase R5 High School. The Board passed a resolution to sell R-5 High School to the Downtown Development Authority of Grand Junction for the appraised value of \$1.3 million dollars. The sale includes a three-year lease, with an additional two-year optional extension for \$1 dollar per year. This allows R-5 High School to continue to operate, on site, while a new facility is built or located. Discussion took place regarding the clarification of the wording of the resolution. There was discussion to clarify the meaning of the extension. The resolution was amended to include the terminology "the District has an option of the extension of 24 months, at the end of the 36 months stated in the agreement". The Board reviewed conceptual plans to build a new high school and a new facility for the Opportunity Center. The Board approved the sale of the land. Options for R-5 will be further developed and shared in detail in the future.	
Aye	x	x		x	x		
No							
Motion		x					Adopted
Second				x			
Aye	x	x		x	x		
No							
Motion	x					C. Adjournment	6:30 p.m.
Second				x			
Aye	x	x		x	x		
No							
						<u>WORK SESSION</u>	
						1. Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee Report	
						➤ The Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee discussed their challenges and successes in meeting the District's Gifted and Talented needs with their current staffing levels. Parent advocates spoke in support of the department and echoed the need for additional staffing. The Gifted and Talented Program serves approximately 1,000 identified students and helps with enrichment for another 1,200 high-achieving students. Discussion took place regarding the arrangement District 51 has with Plateau Valley and Debeque Schools. Mrs. Baskin explained the Colorado Department of Education has assigned Mesa County Valley School District to provide services to these Districts. Discussion took place regarding the	

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need for additional staff in the Gifted and Talented Department. Mr. Parrish reminded people to talk to state legislatures regarding the \$22 million dollar negative factor for District 51.

[Mr. Schultz asked to move the Insurance Options Presentation to this time.]

2. Insurance Options Presentation

- Mrs. Sheila Naski, Director of Risk Management, introduced Mr. Chris Thomas, President of Community Hospital, Mr. Rob Henderson, Cobeccon Broker and Health Insurance Consultant and Ms. Connie Mack, Vice President of Community Hospital. Mrs. Naski stated District 51's self-insurance program has had a good and stable year. She thanked Community Hospital for the primary care, wellness, lab testing and compliance in getting preventative things taken care of and allowing staff to get basic primary care. District 51's risk management team met and reported on District 51's preferences on managing rising health care costs. In a survey, staff members preferred low premiums over low deductibles. With a set of priorities, the District's health insurance consultant, working with Community Hospital, developed a program to manage rising costs. The two plan choices remain available: High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and Preferred Provider Option (PPO).
 - In the PPO plan, deductibles will increase, but premiums to add dependents (spouse, children) will go down. Changes occur to the prescription benefit that are essentially cost neutral.
 - In the HDHP plan, services are steered to Community Hospital (when like services are available there) to control costs, primary care is provided free of charge through a designated clinic, and prescriptions are low-cost or free through a designated pharmacy. As a result, a reduction in premiums for dependents is achieved.
- Staff members seeking the greatest choice can select the PPO, though it will cost more than the HDHP plan. Staff members seeking the lowest cost can choose the HDHP and receive quality care through a narrow network of facilities. The Board will hear information and review a resolution to adopt the recommended changes at the June 16, 2015, Board Meeting. District 51's risk management and benefits team will begin preparing detailed communications about the changes choices and cost. District 51's benefit year is one calendar year, January to December.

3. Nutrition Services Presentation

- The Board heard an update on food and nutrition Services. The Lunch Lizard, a District-operated food truck, was on-site and provided those in attendance with "street tacos." The Lunch Lizard is a mobile cafeteria which delivers free, nutritious meals to the communities' most at-risk neighborhoods. Children receive at least one balanced meal during the summer break from school. A federal program reimburses the District for expenses and a community grant purchased the truck. Mr. Sharp thanked the Western Colorado Community Foundation for the money to pay for the lunch truck. In addition to the Lunch Lizard, Food and Nutrition Services shared data that showed a small increase in students

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					<p>purchasing hot lunches at schools along with a small decrease in waste. This follows a major transformation from serving highly processed food in cafeterias to serving scratch-made meals with tighter nutritional guidelines. Mr. Sharp discussed the Live Well Partnership and the Farm-to-School Task Force regarding spending money in Mesa County by purchasing food from local vendors. He also wanted to remind the Board the food service funding is separate from the District's general fund. The Board and Superintendent thanked Mr. Sharp for his report.</p> <p>4. Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Terri N. Wells, Secretary Board of Education</p>	Meeting Adjourned



**Resolution For Approval of Contract for Sale of R-5 High School Property
(Downtown Development Authority)**

Board of Education Resolution: 14/15: 99

Adopted as Amended: June 2, 2015

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction, Colorado Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”), a public entity established by the City of Grand Junction pursuant to section 31-25-801, *et seq.*, C.R.S., desires to purchase from the District its R-5 High School Property (the “Property”), described as

All of Block 84, City of Grand Junction, excepting that parcel of land as described in a that certain Quitclaim Deed recorded July 1, 1994 in Book 2083, Page 170 of the Mesa County Records, also known as 310 North 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501

on terms more fully described in a proposed Contract to Buy and Sell Real Estate attached hereto as Exhibit A (“Contract”);

WHEREAS, the District plans to move the educational programs currently offered at the Property to other District property at 2150 Grand Avenue as soon as new facilities are constructed and available at such location; and

WHEREAS, the DDA is willing to lease the Property back to the District following closing pursuant to lease in the form attached as Exhibit B (“Lease”), which provides for the District to continue to occupy and use the Property for a term of three (3) years or until ninety (90) days after a certificate of occupancy of a new facility for the R-5 High School is issued, whichever is sooner, for a rental of \$1 per year; and the option for an extension of twenty-four (24) months after the initial three years for a rental of \$1 per year; and

WHEREAS, in light of the DDA’s agreement to lease the Property to the District while alternative facilities for R-5 High School are being constructed, the Property is surplus real estate not needed within the foreseeable future for any purpose authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems the proposed sale to be in the best interests of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract and Lease attached as Exhibit A and B, respectively, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to enter into and to execute the Contract on behalf of the Board in form substantially similar to the attached copy, as soon as it and all the accompanying schedules, exhibits and appendices are finalized and complete and the District’s legal counsel has approved same.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, the Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to take such further steps in conjunction with legal counsel and execute such other documents, including the Lease in form substantially similar to the attached copy when the same is finalized and complete, as may be required to close the transaction.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on June 2, 2015.

Terri N. Wells
Secretary, Board of Education