

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Work Session Minutes

February 2, 2016

Work Session Meeting Minutes

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	<p>BOARD WORK SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Schultz welcomed everyone to the February Board Work Session. <p>A. Student Transportation of America (STA) Report on Cost of Switching High School Start Times – Mr. Shane Anderson, STA Manager; Ms. Dara Barnes, STA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Anderson and Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, and Ms. Barnes presented the Board with six possible scenarios for rearranging school start times, routes and walking routes. The six options will address concerns about adolescents starting school before 8:00 a.m., and students walking up to two miles to elementary school (three miles for middle and high schools). The scenarios are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidate at least eighteen routes which currently pick up either elementary or secondary students, buses would pick up both groups. This plan would save \$235,000. 2. Flip elementary and secondary start times. This plan has no monetary implications. 3. Adjust middle and high school start times to begin classes forty minutes later than current schedules; with consolidations from option one factored in, this plan would cost \$515,000. 4. Revert back to the old walk zone boundaries, which offered free busing to elementary students who lived farther than a mile from school and middle school and high school students who live farther than two miles from school. This change would cost \$350,000 and require an addition of five routes. 5. Consolidate routes in option one, change walk zone boundaries using option four, and shift all secondary school start times by forty minutes using option three. All of these changes combined would cost \$865,000. 6. Convert to a three-tier system, which would stagger start and end times by forty to forty-five minutes for elementary, middle and high schools. Most buses would run routes for all three levels. This plan would require some changes to the amount of instructional time in a school day, but is expected to save money. ➤ STA recommends the third option. More analysis of these options will be conducted and presented to the Board for consideration next month. <p>B. Update on Employee Health Plan – Mrs. Sheila Naski, Risk Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ District 51's self-insurance health plan had fewer costs and claims in 2015, allowing the District to lower premiums in 2016. Mrs. Sheila Naski, told the Board an employee who would pay \$450 per month to insure him or herself and his or her children will pay \$200 a month this year for the same benefits. No-cost primary care through Community Hospital has helped lower claim costs and the District expects to save more money in 2016 with 92 percent of people insured through the District selecting a plan which steers patients toward Community Hospital. 	

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- C. Student Fees Discussion – Mrs. Vi Crawford, Financial Service Director and Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Financial Officer
 - Mrs. Crawford stated the District has brought the Student Fee Schedule before the Board to review and take action at the February 16 Board Business Meeting. Mrs. Crawford stated the finance department has worked hard to standardize fees across all levels. The Finance Department worked with level directors to make the fees standard across all schools. Elementary fees were consolidated to make them more standardized. Middle and High Schools fees are the same as last year, with the exception of the Advanced Placement lab fees. Mrs. Crawford stated if a student cannot pay fees, District 51 does not force parents to pay fees. There is not a collection process. If a student is on free or reduced lunch their fees can be waived or reduced. Mr. Williams praised Mrs. Crawford and her team for making the process easier than it was a few years ago.

- D. Intersessions – Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer
 - The Instructional Leadership Team, Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Matt Diers, Executive Director/High Schools, Mrs. Debra Bailey, Executive Director/Middle Schools, Mrs. Cheryl Taylor, Executive Director/Elementary, Mr. Steve States, Assistant Executive Director/-Elementary, and Mr. Ron Roybal, Executive Director/Academic Options, presented the Board with information about why intersessions are being scaled back. Elementary and middle schools district-wide intersessions will be eliminated in schools, although they will continue in high school and academic options. Attendance was one reason for this decision. Participation has slipped and it was decided the funding could be focused on other ways to address interventions. Multiple opportunities for additional learning will be offered to students in a variety of ways. These opportunities will be spread throughout the year to prove more targeted instructional programs to extend student learning.
 - Mr. Levinson would like to see intersessions funding given to schools to have autonomy to use money to take care of their individualized plans. He stated one size doesn't fit all schools. He would like to make it a site-based decision.

E. Adjournment

Adjourn –
7:52 p.m.

Terri N. Wells, Secretary
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