

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Board Work Session Minutes*

*January 5, 2016*

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### **Work Session Meeting Minutes**

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Present	x	x	x	x	x	<b>BOARD RETREAT</b> A. Board Training and Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Steve Schultz welcomed everyone to the Board Retreat/Work Session. Mr. Schultz introduced Ms. Michaelle Smith, Senior Director of Learning at Hilltop, and stated she would be working with the Board on these things:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Culture</li> <li>• Board Roles and Responsibilities</li> <li>• Things the Board needs to know to help them make the best decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Worksheets and discussion took place regarding helping the Board work together. Everyone thanked Ms. Smith for her direction and help.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Williams stated he would like to see the Board develop a thought process regarding a revenue issue.</li> </ul> <b>BOARD WORK SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Schultz welcomed everyone to the January Board Work Session. He introduced members of the Robotics Team from New Emerson. This team placed first in the LEGO League Competition. The students shared their presentation from the competition with the Board and audience.</li> </ul> 1. Legislative Update – Mrs. Amy Attwood, Public Affairs Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mrs. Attwood reported on legislation, stating the 2016 Legislative Session will begin next week. Mrs. Attwood thanked the Board for the opportunity to have an open dialog with them. The Legislative Session will end the second week of May. The legislators try to produce a years’ worth of work in 120 days. Mrs. Attwood discussed the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding forecasts predict the State of Colorado is close to the Tabor triggers.</li> <li>• Revenue for hospital provider fees may be moved into a separate account.</li> <li>• About \$50 million will be left for education and other special service groups.</li> <li>• The final budget will be delayed until the beginning of May.</li> <li>• The negative factor will most likely increase.</li> <li>• District 51 could see an approximate \$1 million dollar increase in budget.</li> <li>• Senate Bill 213 (Student Success Act) will expire in 2017.</li> <li>• Concurrent Enrollment Bill is looking to set one fee for higher education.</li> <li>• Student Learning Objectives (SLO’s) have been reinvented to be called Student Measures. The Colorado Education Association is in support and has helped draft legislation.</li> <li>• Recruitment and retention in rural areas funding.</li> <li>• Politically, the Senate is saying the negative factor is the new normal.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4:00 p.m.

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- The average taxpayer will receive 11-14 dollars for the Tabor rebate.
  - Preschool will see a bill for more CPP slots.
  - Common Core level of testing will come back; the federal government came down and there is a dispute regarding ninth grade tests viability.
  - Enhanced online school accountability.
  - Timeout for one additional year for accountability.
  - Charter Schools want the authority lifted (regarding exclusive charter authority) so charter schools may move to other school districts.
  - Colorado is pushing for mill levy equity. When a district goes for a mill levy, discussions need to take place with charter schools.
  - There is a proposed data privacy bill with mandates regarding vendors gathering identifiable information on students.
  - The Claire Davis Bill "School Safety Bill" where districts could be sued for student shootings.
  - Blended Learning where \$450,000 will go to supplemental online courses.
  - The Board thanked Amy for her support on School District 51's behalf.
2. Performance Based Learning Update, Mr. Tony Giurado, Chief Academic Officer; Mrs. Rebecca Midles, Executive Director; Mr. Steve Schultz, Superintendent.
- Mr. Schultz stated they were at the meeting to present an update on Performance Based Learning and the transformation and changes. Mr. Giurado and Mrs. Midles outlined the roadmap to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century based on performance based learning research evidence from Great Schools Partnership. Schools are going through the process to move from achievement to mastery where each and every student may excel. Students will help drive their own learning with teachers as the facilitators. Mr. Giurado stated transformational technologies make this possible to educate students for their future. Mrs. Midles defined characteristics of Performance Based Learning and discussed determining readiness through a shared vision, transparency, alignment, data driven personalized learning and collective ownership.
  - The Board discussed getting into demonstration sites to observe what is going on with students. Mrs. Middles stated there will be a school-by-school visit in the spring to see where each school is in their learning. Invitations will be given to principals and teachers to present to the Board regarding their thoughts on Performance Based Learning.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn –  
8:30 p.m.

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 Terri N. Wells, Secretary  
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