# Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51

Regular Meeting

March 1, 2011

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**



A - Diann Rice
B - Cindy Enos-Martinez
C - Harry Butler
D - Leslie Kiesler

E - Greg Mikolai

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						AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
Present Absent	х	х	X	х	х	A. Call to Order / Roll Call	6:00 pm
Motion Second Aye No	x x	х	х	x x	х	B. Approval of Pathway Grant	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	х	x x	х	x x	х	C. ADJOURN	Adjourned: 6:06 p.m.
						WORK SESSION SUMMARY:  ➤ Superintendent Steve Schultz thanked the staff and Mesa State College students who were present in the audience for attending the March Board Meeting.  ➤ Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC): Mr. Ken Sims, Senior Transportation Planner, Mr. Steve Aquafresqua, County Commissioner, Mr. Todd Hollenbeck, MPO Director and RTP Manager, Mr. Valdon Lewis, First Transit.  ■ Mrs. Rice briefed the Board members on her tenure on the GVRTC. Mrs. Rice found the meetings informative and interesting. She encouraged GVRTC to report information to the Board around their transportation issues and projects.  ■ GVRTC shared their project goals:  ■ Build on recent planning efforts in the county.  ■ Promote regionalism and community connections.  ■ Raise awareness of local transportation issues.  ■ Address long range transportation funding needs.  ■ Involve as many local citizens as possible.  ■ Incorporate SAFETEAU-LU goals and requirements.  ■ GVRTC discussed their upcoming projects:  ■ 2035 Regional Transportation Plan  ■ Riverside Parkway  ■ U.S. & West Access Control Plan  ■ I-70 Exit 26 Alternatives  ■ Things to come for GVT include a GVT/Greyhound Intermodal Facility, Compressed Natural Gas buses and bus pullouts.  ■ Grand Valley Transit started in 2000 with eight routes. Their ridership has grown since the system started and they carried over 980,000 riders in 2010. Over half of these riders have a total annual income of less than \$18,000.  ■ GVRTC would be willing to share demographic information they have collected with the school District. Seventeen percent of their riders are school students.  ■ Board members engaged in discussion. Superintendent Schultz thanked them for coming to the Board Meeting and for inviting our Board to be represented on their committee.	Work Session Convened at 6:06 p.m.

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**Grants** 

Board of Education Resolution: 10/11: 75 Adopted: March 1, 2011

<b>Grant Title</b>	Colorado Graduations Pathways Initiative Grant
Source	Colorado Department of Education
Fund Number	22-396-5360
Site	R5 High School
	MCVSD51 shall inform key personnel in the school district of the
	availability of funds.
	MCVSD51 shall design a procedure to access the funds.
Budget Amount	\$35,000.00 + \$4,000.00
Fiscal Year	June 30, 2011
Authorized	Anna Goetz
Representative	

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education approved the above identified grant funds for expenditure purposes.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on March 01, 2011.

Terri N. Wells Secretary, Board of Education