

BOARD BRIEFS

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Strategic Plan Update

The district's new Strategic Plan sets measurable goals and objectives for the next three years in District 51, with goals to reach by June 30, 2023; June 30, 2024; and June 30, 2025. The plan has three focus areas: fostering prepared and supported students, prepared and supported staff, and engaged and supportive community partners. The purpose of the plan is to build trust through transparency and accountability and make incremental, deliberate improvements across D51. In addition to setting goals for everything from academic success to student and staff well-being, the plan includes a Graduate Profile that says all D51 graduates should be culturally connected, creative problem solvers, and ready for career and life after high school. You can view the plan [here](#).

While the Strategic Plan doesn't officially launch until this fall, implementation work has already begun in the form of building Strategic Plan awareness, developing a common language around the plan, and schools and departments meeting to plan for next year using the Strategic Plan as a guiding document.

The Colorado Education Initiative (CEI), an education consulting firm that helped with the creation on the plan, will assist in implementation of the plan in 2022-23. Their first duties will be to facilitate a Lead Strategic Plan Action Committee orientation in August to establish a work plan for this year and to co-design a plan for tracking, monitoring, and communicating plan progress. During the school year, CEI will coordinate Focus Area and Strategic Priority Action Plan Teams, meet with D51 leadership, and provide project management services.



Recognition: Bobby G Award recipients

The board recognized PHS 2022 graduate Kai Symons and CHS sophomore Addison Cain for winning Bobby G awards for acting.



Budget Adoption

Board members voted unanimously to adopt the 2022-23 Budget. The budget can be viewed [here](#).



Communications Update

The D51 Communications Team presented a brief update on their responsibilities, top communication priorities for 2022-23, and district news highlights from 2021-22.

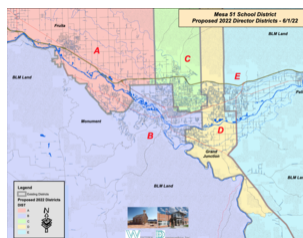


Affordable Housing Exploration Committee Update

In order to recruit and retain highly qualified staff and compete with districts that help employees with

housing, a nine-member committee has been exploring the idea of affordable housing for D51 staff. Committee members shared with the board that they would like to explore the idea of building 11 two-story townhomes on the Hawthorne Building site at 410 Hill Ave. The Hawthorne Building, opened in 1908, is no longer in use, and locating townhomes at 410 Hill Ave. would save the district the cost of purchasing new land or installing new infrastructure. This proposal is not at the point where the board can approve or table the idea, but board members gave the committee chairs permission to look into the idea further.

Committee members said their next steps are to conduct a Needs Assessment regarding teacher/staff housing and qualifications for participation, investigate financing options for construction, establish program parameters, design/develop a project that maintains long-term affordability, develop parameters to move forward in a timely and flexible fashion, have regular communication with the School Board, and establish a standing committee for teacher/staff housing. Committee members said they would meet with Board President Haitz to share suggestions for possible committee members.



Director Districts

Board members approved a resolution to Approve Director District Reapportionment. This process is done on a routine basis to ensure each of the five director districts has roughly the same number of residents. Changes were minor and will not displace any current board members from their director district.

Board members also approved an update to Board Policy JLCD: Administering Medicines to Students.



Note from School Board President Haitz

Hello D51 and Mesa County Community!

At Tuesday's meeting, Dr. Hill gave an overview of the D51 Strategic Plan and some of the first steps/goals that D51 has set forth. At the end of the meeting, during the open Board discussion, I mentioned that D51 seems to be in a place of Renewal. After two years of navigating the pandemic, we have a new start with a new superintendent with a vision of utilizing data to drive decisions in the district. Additionally, we have a new strategic plan for D51 to use in guiding a plan for the success of equipping, engaging, and empowering our students, staff, and community.

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