

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Board Business Meeting Minutes*

*August 17, 2021*

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Present Absent	x		x	x	x	<u>BUSINESS MEETING</u> A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL ➤ Mr. Pitton arrived at approximately 7:05 p.m. He was not present for the vote on agenda item J-3. Resolution to Approve Revised Bond Language.	6:00 p.m.
Motion Second Aye No	x x		x x	x x		B. AGENDA APPROVAL ➤ The agenda was approved with the amendment of moving agenda item J-3. Resolution to Approve Revised Bond Language prior to agenda item G. Audience Comments, to accommodate time restraints of Ms. Kim Crawford, Bond Attorney. Ms. Crawford's presences was necessary to present information and answer questions regarding the resolution.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x		x x	x x		C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL C-1. June 1, 2021 Work Session C-2. June 15, 2021 Board Business Meeting C-3. July 21, 2021 Board Special Meeting	Adopted
						D. RECOGNITIONS D-1. Future Business Leaders of America National Top Ten Finalists, Kade Bessert, Fruita Monument High School and Dean Withers, Grand Junction High School [Resolution 21/22: 08] ➤ Mrs. Mahre read the resolution recognizing Kade Bessert, a 2021 graduating senior from Fruita Monument High School, and Dean Withers, a current senior at Grand Junction High School, for finishing in the top ten at the National Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference. Kade competed in Sports and Entertainment Management and Dean in Website Design. The Board and Superintendent Sirko congratulated the students on their phenomenal performance.	
						E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS ➤ Mr. Parrish gave an updated on the activities of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, comprised of District and Grand Junction High School staff, two Board members, architects and owner's representative, has been working to review all aspects of the planning stage for a new Grand Junction High School. The Committee is being thorough in the review process to save costs and ensure the final product is a high quality, well designed school. Schematic designs will be reviewed with Grand Junction High School staff prior to being shared publicly. ➤ Mr. Parrish reported the Campaign Committee has been working to review the ballot language in order to streamline the language so it is more understandable for the general public. He reviewed the estimated cost to build a new Grand Junction High School and shared funds for completion of the project would come from a Colorado Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant, savings from the 2017 Bond and the passing of a bond in 2021.	

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- F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT
  - None at this time.
  
- G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
  - Mr. Parrish instructed the audience on expectations during audience comments and noted 45 minutes would be allotted for comments with each speaker being allowed three minutes. Mr. Parrish shared audience members are always welcome to email the Board or give statements to the Board Secretary who would then forward them onto the Board.
  - Sharon Anable, D.C., Fruita 81521  
Dr. Anable noted that requiring students to wear a mask is coercion into a medical experiment that can cause harm. She feels the Center For Disease Control's (CDC) recommendation for a mask mandate for students is due to teacher unions putting undue influence on the CDC. She shared data from a study which noted masks and social distancing caused an increase in infection rates in students and staff and remote learning actually caused an increase in infection rates in staff. She further stated in Sweden, there were no school closings or mask mandates, no student deaths and only 1 in 130 thousand admitted to an intensive care unit. She expressed the logical thing for the District is to not mandate masks.
  - Sara Fletcher, Grand Junction 81507  
Ms. Fletcher, a concerned parent, read and shared written information regarding the Nuremberg Code from 1947. She spoke on the need for consent from individuals who are subject to medical experiments, noting masks, COVID testing and vaccines are experimental.
  - Betsy Longnecker, Grand Junction 81507  
Ms. Longnecker expressed empathy to the Board in trying to protect the students and staff. She supports in-person learning and feels the right of individual choice should not give others a license to ignore or harm fellow citizens. She stated adults need to model behaviors of respecting the rules, waiting ones turn and listening. She noted the medical profession has been wearing masks for over 100 years and she has never heard of anyone suffering from the mask usage. She reported some children who are choosing to wear a mask are getting bullied by students choosing not to wear a mask.
  - Kelly Heinecke, Grand Junction 81505  
Ms. Heinecke is a, community member, business owner and mother of three small children. She shared various data on deaths among children in the UK in comparisons to students in the United States. The data noted more children died from the flu than from COVID19. She questioned how many deaths have been falsely coded as COVID instead of other illnesses such as the flu. The reports showed children learning remotely make little progress, most COVID cases are tracked down to the home or family outings rather than schools and lock downs and social distancing are contributing factors of suicide.
  - Tricia Carsten, Clifton 81520  
Ms. Carsten reported out of the 32 clients she works with, 28 have attempted suicide. She feels social distancing and masks contribute to suicide. She read a note from one client who has anxiety problems with single gender bathrooms and how former abuse thoughts are triggered when using single gender

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- restrooms. Ms. Carsten agrees with other speakers about masks.
- Andrea Barber, Fruita 81521  
 Ms. Barber shared, as a person who has home schooled all her children since 2010, she adds a perspective of an outsider. She feels the District and Board are not listening to the parents. In speaking with her Board representative she discovered the Board is not involved in day to day school business and was not involved in the Back to School Plan or the hiring of the Director of Equity. She believes the Board is not doing their job in overseeing the actions of the Superintendent and the Superintendent has been circumventing policy by forming task groups to develop protocol, sharing misinformation regarding elementary students not having to wear masks last year and has not been censored for making inflammatory remarks. She does not feel people on the task force are experts in what students need, but rather the parents are the experts and the District should be listening to the parents. She does not believe there is justification for returning the dashboard as students will be quarantined for simply having a headache.
  - Jen Schumann, Grand Junction 81503  
 Ms. Schumann, is a mother of a high school senior and has been teaching for seven years. She reviewed the various positions and work she has performed during her teaching career. She noted the District has always been a proponent of habits of mind, being open to multiple perspectives and embracing diversity and equity yet she feels District administration is not practicing this. She was asked to be on the Task Force, by a Task Force member, but when she went to the meeting her name was not on the list, she never received an invitation or information on the meetings. In looking at the representation of who was on the Task Force she believes the District is only listening to one side of the issue and voices should be heard from both sides.
  - Jeff Varvar, Grand Junction 81505  
 Jeff Varvar, is a father of two students, a freshman and a first grader, and he is tired of masking. His students complain they can't breathe and the masks are messing with their faces. He agrees with others at the meeting that masking needs to stop.
  - Kasey Watts, Grand Junction 81505  
 Ms. Watts read from a recent motor analysis published in the International Journal of Environment Research and Public Health on the dangers of students wearing masks, noting the truth is that masks cause harm. She has two children ages twelve and ten which she pulled from the District because of the pending threat of masks and injection mandates.
  - Melissa Daugherty, Grand Junction 81503  
 Ms. Daugherty spoke as a nurse and concerned parent. She questioned how long would it be until forced immunizations? She questioned how the CDC could be recommending vaccines for pregnant women when an article from the New England Journal of Medicine sited the vaccines could cause serious problems? She quoted from reports on the number of deaths caused by the COVID vaccine.
  - Kirby Richardson, Grand Junction 81501  
 Mrs. Richardson, an occupational therapist, business owner and mother, noted two things that are being report as factual and are not: vaccines are

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safe and effective and vaccines carry such risk that nobody is liable for injury. She spoke of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act to protect the manufactures of vaccine reactions and statistics on funds paid out of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund established to compensate vaccine injured victims or their families. She reported on Pfizer company's revenue and the percentage of revenue earned from COVID vaccines. She listed numerous side effects from the vaccines and reported manufactures could not be held responsible for the side effects. She requested Superintendent Sirko quit stating the vaccines are safe and effective because of the numerous side effects. She also shared those who have been vaccinated can still contract COVID-19.

- Wendi Wood, Fruita 81521  
Ms. Wood, shared her credentials of being a pastor, former teacher, home school teacher for her five children and substitute for the District. She noted the majority of people in the room were not wearing masks and reiterated that the parents are the experts on what their children need. She reported the majority of people in this valley are not wearing masks and are sick of being lied to by public officials and elected officials. She feels misinformation has created an environment of pitting people against other people and requiring masks for only those who are not vaccinated is bullying. She feels this environment of pitting people against each other has created more bullying especially on social media. She asked if the District could guarantee that mask mandates would not return.
  
- Mr. Parrish noted time had expired for audience comments which prompted audience members to speak out. Audience members felt they were not allotted the full forty-five minutes, continued to interrupt and shout at the Board. Mr. Parrish twice attempted to resume the meeting and then moved to a short recess.

[Recess 7:05 p.m. Resume 7:10 p.m.]

- Following the short recess, Mr. Parrish again attempted to resume the meeting unsuccessfully, so the Board adjourned to the executive session. The estimated beginning time for the parent and legal counsel to join the executive session was 8:00 p.m., which allotted time for Board members to leave the building and resume the meeting virtually. Security officers escorted Board members and staff to their vehicles. The meeting resumed virtually with the Board attending the executive session, then continuing with the balance of agenda items.

[Recess 7:15 p.m. Resume 8:03 p.m.] During this time staff and Board members travelled to a remote location to join the meeting virtually.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**H-1. Back to School Update**

- Dr. Brian Hill, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the current quarantine and isolation protocols for students. He noted the dashboard utilized by the District

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						<p>last year would be used again this year. He explained the difference from last year to this year regarding isolating and quarantining of students and staff. He noted the Mesa County Health Department will take on the responsibility of contact tracing this year rather than the District. With no mask mandate in place the District will be reacting quickly to symptoms and a flow chart has been created by the nursing department outlining steps to be taken when students exhibit symptoms. The District is hoping to be able to offer quick tests at the buildings, for students showing symptoms. Parent consent will be required before a student could be tested. At this time the District is waiting to receive the quick tests from the state.</p> <p>H-2. Capturing Kids Hearts Update            ➤ No update presented.</p> <p>H-3. Athletic Update            ➤ Mr. Paul Cain, Athletic Director, reported at this time sports are returning to a normal schedule, with no restrictions being issued by the Colorado High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) or Mesa County. He shared there are some counties requiring masks for some activities so teams and parents will have to follow county mandates when attending sporting events in those counties. Also, masks will have to be worn when traveling on activity buses. There has been some conversations around changing some schedules to accommodate closures in Glenwood Canyon, but since the canyon is now reopened there have not been further conversation.</p> <p>H-4. Strategic Plan Update            ➤ Dr. Hill reported representatives from Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) will be working with a core team to communicate information on public meetings scheduled to gather community input to move forward with developing a strategic plan for the District. The District's previous plan was a five year plan that expired in 2017. The strategic plan will be used to drive the Districts' work moving forward with goals and benchmarks to align with the plan. He reviewed the timeline moving forward and the hope of having the plan in place by the end of this year.</p> <p>H-5. Communication/District Incentives            ➤ Reviewed</p>	
Motion	x					I. CONSENT AGENDA	Adopted
Second			x			I-1. Licensed and Administrative Personnel Actions [Resolution 21/22: 07]	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	I-2. Gifts [Resolution 21/22: 06]	
No							
Motion	x					J. BUSINESS ITEMS	Adopted
Second		x				J-1. Resolution to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement [Resolution 21/22: 09]	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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Motion Second Aye No	x		x x	x x	x	J-3. Resolution to Approve Revised Bond Language [Resolution 21/22: 11] ➤ Ms. Kim Crawford, Bond Attorney, reviewed the proposed bond language and resolution to amend a resolution previously adopted by the Board.	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	J-4. Policy Second Reading/Adoption J-4.a. BE, School Board Meetings J-4.b. BEDH, Public Participation At Board Meetings ➤ Mr. Parrish requested a motion to table the second reading and adoption of the policies. He would like to have time to meet with other municipalities to see how they handle public comment.	Tabled
Motion Second Aye No	x	x x	x x	x x	x x	J-5. Policy First Reading J-5.a. JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students J-5.b. JLCDB, Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students	Adopted
						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION ➤ Board members discussed the need to find a way to allow for audience comments and still have adequate time for the Board to conducted needed business. Audience members at this meeting and the previous meeting caused significant disruptions necessitating the meetings to be stopped, or in the case of tonight's meeting, moved to a virtual meeting. Board members would like to know how other political entities handle public comments and disruptions. Board members expressed a feeling of being bullied by audience members and by some emails they have received. They also noted, they have heard from members of the community who have opposing views from those being expressed by the audience but who are uncomfortable speaking out at the public meetings for fear of repercussion.	
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	L. EXECUTIVE SESSION ➤ For discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(h). Present in executive session: Parent and legal counsel for the student, Ms. Tammy Eret, Legal Counsel, and Board Members, Dr. Amy Davis, Mr. Doug Levinson, Mrs. Trish Mahre, Mr. Tom Parrish, and Mr. Paul Pitton. Mr. John Williams, Legal Counsel, was present briefly to give advice on procedure. Time spent in executive session: 37 minutes ➤ Motion to adjourn executive session. ➤ Board members shared their thoughts following the executive session and came to a unanimous decision to uphold the expulsion order issued by Superintendent Sirko.	
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x		

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						M. FUTURE MEETINGS L-1. September 7, 2021, Harry Butler Board Room, 6:00 p.m., Board Work Session  L-2. September 21, 2021, Harry Butler Board Room, 6:00 p.m., Board Business Meeting  N. ADJOURNMENT	
Motion					x		
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		10:23 p.m.
No							
						_____ Bridget Story, Secretary Board of Education	



The Board would like to invite Kade Bessert and Dean Withers to the front.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to congratulate Kade and Dean for finishing in the Top 10 in their categories at the National Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference. Dean is entering his senior year at Grand Junction High School and finished sixth in the nation in the Website Design competition. Kade is a 2021 graduate of Fruita Monument High School and finished eighth overall in Sports and Entertainment Management. He leaves the Grand Valley this week to enroll in the University of Utah, where he will major in quantitative analysis of markets and organizations.

More than 10,000 students competed in the virtual FBLA competition, including eight students from District 51. Fruita Monument High School had six qualifiers and Grand Junction High School had two.

Placing in the Top 10 in any category at the national conference is a huge accomplishment - to have not one but two students from District 51 achieve this honor is definitely worth celebrating. The Board and Superintendent Sirko would like to congratulate Dean and Kade for their phenomenal performance!



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June 7, 2021 - Aug. 10, 2021

# Press Coverage

## KKCO/KJCT

[June 7: D51 Summer School Attendance Increase](#)  
[June 15: D51 Annual Book Fair June 15-16](#)  
[June 16: Salary increases approved in budget](#)  
[June 21: No COVID vaccine requirement in D51](#)  
[June 24: CHS to change Native American mascot](#)  
[June 29: D51 Summer Extension comes to a close](#)  
[July 2: Changes to COVID testing sites](#)  
[July 6: D51 holding Stuff the Bus supply drive](#)  
[July 7: District 51 van catches fire](#)  
[July 12: COVIDCheck partners with D51, new sites](#)  
[July 16: D51 plans for 2021-22 school year](#)  
[July 22: Capturing Kids' Hearts training program](#)  
[July 23: New D51 Director of Equity and Inclusion](#)  
[July 26: OMMS' old gym broken into](#)  
[July 27: What CDC's mask guidance means](#)  
[July 27: Grand River open for student enrollment](#)  
[July 28: Donation to GMMS, D51F](#)  
[July 28: Stuff the Bus helps schools in need](#)  
[Aug. 2: Unstuff the Bus](#)  
[Aug. 3: Parents, student voice mask opposition](#)  
[Aug. 4: Parents ask for masks, precautions](#)  
[Aug. 4: School board candidate petitions available](#)  
[Aug. 5: D51 plans for fall 2021 sports](#)  
[Aug. 5: Orchard Ave. Elem. hosts Garden Club](#)  
[Aug. 5: D51 on COVID policies for 2021-22](#)  
[Aug. 6: D51 Board discusses funding for new GJHS](#)  
[Aug. 6: Mask rules for students taking the bus](#)  
[Aug. 9: D51 First Day of elementary, high school](#)

## KREX

[June 25: CHS dropping Warrior mascot image](#)  
[June 30: D51 summer learning celebration](#)  
[July 16: D51 Keeping Schools Open Plan](#)  
[July 28: GMMS gets new rover makerspace](#)  
[Aug. 3: Time to unstuff the bus](#)

*\*KREX does not post all stories to its website*



## Sentinel

[June 17: D51 enters negotiations to sell parcel](#)  
[June 20: D51 budget looks to create salary equity](#)  
[June 21: COVID vaccine not required for students](#)  
[June 22: Editorial: D51 catches up on pay](#)  
[June 25: Editorial: What makes a Warrior?](#)  
[June 25: CHS announces logo change process](#)  
[June 27: Al Kreinberg reflects on 37 years](#)  
[July 1: Shelledy celebrates end of summer learning](#)  
[July 3: Haitz announces candidacy for board](#)  
[July 10: CDC: No masks needed for vaccinated](#)  
[July 11: New job fueling old arguments for D51](#)  
[July 13: Mahre seeks re-election to D51 board](#)  
[July 13: Editorial: No, D51 is not teaching CRT](#)  
[July 15: Rain damages ceiling at GJHS, D51 says](#)  
[July 16: No masks required for new school year](#)  
[July 19: Combs announces bid for school board](#)  
[July 20: Editorial: D51's tough call](#)  
[July 22: School Board approves Director of Equity](#)  
[July 23: Lema announces candidacy for District E](#)  
[July 24: Allan announces candidacy for District D](#)  
[July 25: Recent grad joins race for District C](#)  
[July 26: D51 bringing in renowned program](#)  
[July 28: New CDC mask note won't change plans](#)  
[July 31: ProSpace donation in busy D51F year](#)  
[July 31: Masks in schools? Topic reignites](#)  
[Aug. 1: Grand River looks to expand enrollment](#)  
[Aug. 1: What's in a Name? Nisley Elementary](#)  
[Aug. 2: Jones announces bid for School Board](#)  
[Aug. 5: Mask talk during school board meeting](#)  
[Aug. 7: D51 nears decision on GJHS bond language](#)  
[Aug. 8: D51 looking a getting creative with travel](#)  
[Aug. 8: D51 stuck between rock and hard place](#)  
[Aug. 8: Let's not wait until schools forced to close](#)  
[Aug. 8: Column: A troubling first day of school](#)



# Advertising

## Summary

Between mid-June and early August, our advertising included:

- Working with Livability Grand Valley magazine on a branded story and banner ads that will come out in November.
- Four Sentinel ads, a legal notice about board petitions, and an ad in the Sentinel Back to School insert.
- Pens and State of our Schools inserts delivered to 100 new homeowners per month through Welcome Home Grand Valley.
- Lunch Lizard ad on Local Focus Digital TVs around town.
- Continued Mesa Mall directory ad.



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Online banner ad for Livability GV website.



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**KIDS EAT FREE**

**Lunch Lizard**

**The Lunch Lizard is back for Summer 2021!**

**Find the Schedule at [bit.ly/lunchlizard](https://bit.ly/lunchlizard)**

- **IN SERVICE M-TH JUNE 1-JULY 30**  
(OFF JUNE 30-JULY 5)
- **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR ANY CHILD OR TEEN 18 OR YOUNGER**  
(2 LUNCHES AND 2 BREAKFASTS ON THURSDAYS)

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June-July Local Focus Digital TV ad.

## D51 BY THE NUMBERS >

**21,081** Students

**3.6%** Gifted & Talented

**52%** Free/Reduced Meals

**1.7%** Dropout Rate

**13%** Special Needs

**30%** Minority Students

**2,850** Teachers & Staff

**1,551** Licensed Staff

**1,156** Support Staff

**143** Administrative Staff

Largest employer in Mesa County!



**80.2%**

Graduation Rate  
Class of 2020

\*4-year rate

Data from the 2020-21 school year.

Data from the Colorado Department of Education contributed to this report.

## We are 47 Schools

**25** Elementary schools

**8** Middle schools

**4** High schools

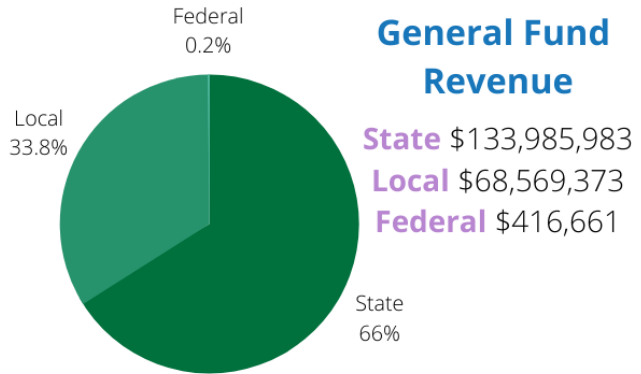
**1** 8/9 school

**3** Charter schools

**2** Alternative high schools

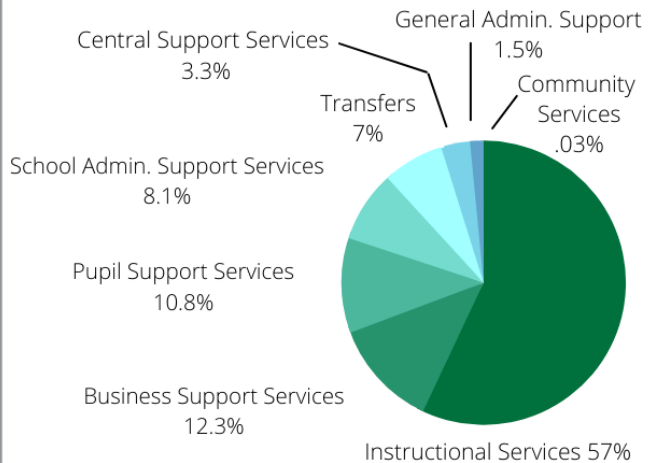
**3** K-12 schools

**1** Vocational school program



## 2021-22 BUDGET >

### General Fund Expenditures



## POINTS OF PRIDE >

### AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award



Fruita Monument High School

Central High School



### Government Finance Officers Association



Certificate of Achievement for  
Excellence, Financial Reporting  
22 consecutive years

### 2020 Colorado Teacher of the Year Finalist



Lisa Crabtree

Fruita Monument High School

### More than \$10 million in scholarships



Earned by D51 students who  
graduated in 2021



**Looking for something?**



**Find it on  
[d51schools.org!](https://d51schools.org)**

- Keeping Schools Open Plan
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### Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)

P-TECH students at Central HS, Grand Junction HS, and the Career Center can earn an associate degree, at no cost to them, in select departments at WCCC.

### Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM)

In addition to STEAM clubs and programs at multiple schools, Central High has a dedicated STEM program and is a Nationally Certified STEM Campus.



### High School Alternatives

R-5 High School and Valley School have smaller environments for more individualized attention.

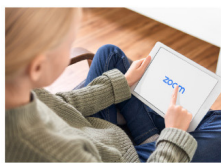


### Career and Technical Education

In addition to the many career-focused classes in everything from agriculture and business to journalism and food service, the district also has a designated Career Center with seven vocational programs.

### College Credits

High schoolers can take a variety of Advanced Placement classes and test into college credit. They can also take classes at Colorado Mesa University or Western Colorado Community College.



### Online Options

Grand River Academy is absorbing the D51 Online program this year to offer a hybrid of online learning with in-person instruction one or more days a week. High schoolers can also choose an online-only option.

### East Challenge Program

Gifted students take rigorous core classes together, then attend electives with the general East Middle School population.



### International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB Middle Years program is available to all PHS 9th- and 10th- graders, and the rigorous IB Diploma programme is for 11th- and 12th-graders. Those who complete the program graduate with a D51 diploma, an IB diploma, and lots of college credit.

### Job Experience

D51 offers job fairs, job shadowing, and internship opportunities and is one of the first districts in the state to introduce CareerWise job apprenticeships in multiple fields.



### Bilingual Education

Dual Immersion Academy students learn in both English and Spanish. Students at DIA or other D51 schools can also earn a Seal of Biliteracy for proficiency in English and Spanish, French, or German.



### Charter Schools

D51 has three charter schools: Independence Academy, Juniper Ridge Community School, and Mesa Valley Community School.

# School District <sup>★</sup>51

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Enjoy a  
Rewarding  
Career with  
Great  
Benefits!

## Join Our Team!

D51 is now hiring various positions, including:

- Custodians
- Nutrition Services Staff
- Coaches
- Special Education Staff
- Paraprofessionals
- Substitutes

**Work year-round or during the school year**

**Earn benefits working 20+ hours a week**

**Full-time benefits begin at 30+ hours**

**Accrue sick leave from the first month of employment**

**Apply now!**

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## Board Briefs

**June 15, 2021 Board Business Meeting**  
**Aug. 3, 2021 Board Work Session**

### Social Media Report

Available upon request.



**Mesa County Valley School District 51**

**Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action**

Board of Education Resolution: 07

Adopted: August 17, 2021

Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
<b>Retirements</b>			
None at this time.			
<b>Resignations/Termination</b>			
RALOFF, REBECCA JEAN	R-5	SPED - MODERATE NEEDS	8/20/2021
WOODRUFF, JOANNA R	D51 ONLINE	ENGLISH	5/24/2021
<b>Leave of Absence</b>			
BROWN, AMY JANAE	SCENIC	GRADE 2	5/24/2021
<b>New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)</b>			
BUMP, KARSTEN A	LOMA	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/5/2021
FEATHER, STACY ERIN	BOOKCLIFF	GIFTED & TALENTED - MS	8/3/2021
GRANT, KAREN KAY	LINCOLN PARK	PRESCHOOL	7/22/2021
GUTIERREZ, KRISTINA M	PALISADE	COUNSELOR	7/27/2021
HOBBS, AMARA A	BTK	SOCIAL WORKER	7/28/2021
KNOB, JORDAN L	TAYLOR	COUNSELOR	8/2/2021
MCGINNISS, WILLIAM	BOOKCLIFF	SPED - SNB	8/9/2021
MEADOWS, JESSICA A	ORCHARD MESA	COMPUTER ED	8/3/2021
MORRISON, CAROLINE I	GRAND MESA	7TH GR SOCIAL STUDIES	8/3/2021
MULLEADY, JOAN D	BTK	MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST	8/16/2021
TALLEY, JASON	SECURITY	CRISIS RESPONSE COORDINATOR	8/30/2021
TRUTER, ROXANNE	R-5	ENGLISH	8/9/2021
WELLS-LONGSHORE, JESSICA C	DYC	SOCIAL STUDIES	8/16/2021
<b>Return from Leave</b>			
None at this time.			

*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 August 17, 2021.*

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 Bridget Story, Secretary  
 Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution: 20/21: 06

Adopted: August 17, 2021

Donor	Walmart Rimrock
Gift	Five \$20 gift cards
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Sam's Club
Gift	\$25 gift card
Value	\$25.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Sprouts
Gift	Two \$25 gift cards
Value	\$50.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Blue Moon Bar & Grill
Gift	Two \$35.00 gift cards
Value	\$70.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Las Marias
Gift	Gift card
Value	\$50.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Lowe's
Gift	Five live plants
Value	\$77.90
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Enstrom Candies
Gift	Six boxes of toffee petites
Value	\$90.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Copeka Coffee
Gift	Five \$10 gift cards
Value	\$50.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	St. Mary's Hospital
Gift	Notepads and pens
Value	Promotional items
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Giveaways

Board of Education Resolution: 20/21: 06

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Donor	Delta Dental
Gift	Two Oral B electric toothbrushes, hydro flask, toothbrushes, floss, and paste
Value	Promotional items
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Prize drawings and giveaways

Donor	Guardian
Gift	Two stainless steel water bottles, lanyards and pens
Value	Promotional items
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Prize drawings and giveaways

Donor	Family Health West
Gift	Two stainless coffee tumblers and lip balm
Value	Promotional items
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Prize drawings and giveaways

Donor	Community Hospital
Gift	Two insulated tumblers, two car organizers, sunscreen and hand sanitizer
Value	Promotional items
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Prize drawings and giveaways

Donor	UMR
Gift	Two travel blankets, one cooler tote and random sway
Value	Promotional items
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Prize drawings and giveaways

Donor	Magellan RX
Gift	Four \$50 American Express gift cards and bandaides
Value	\$200.00+
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Prize drawings and giveaways

Donor	Novo Benefits
Gift	Ten \$50 Visa gift cards
Value	\$500.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service & New Hire In-service / Prize drawings

Board of Education Resolution: 20/21: 06

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Donor	Kroger Company (City Market)
Gift	Four \$25 gift cards
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Secretary In-service / Prize drawings

Donor	Family Health West Hospital
Gift	Cash
Value	\$2,000.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Girls' basketball

Donor	Nancy Miller
Gift	Four \$50 Walmart gift cards
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Pomona Elementary School / Families in need

Donor	United Way of Mesa County
Gift	Cash
Value	\$83.66
School/Department	Elementary Visual Arts / Art Heritage Program

Donor	Ed Applegate
Gift	Clothes dryer
Value	\$250.00
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School / Custodial use

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education, in accepting the donations listed above, extends their appreciation and acknowledges these important partnerships within the community which support learning for all students.

*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 August 17, 2021.*

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*Bridget Story*  
Secretary, Board of Education



**Intergovernmental Agreement  
Regular Biennial School Election**

Board of Education Resolution: 20/21: 09

Adopted: August 17, 2021

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to hold the District's regular biennial school election on November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, section 22-31-103(2), C.R.S., states:

The board of education of any school district may contract with the county clerk and recorder for the administration of any of the duties of the board, its secretary, or the designated election official relating to the conduct of any school election. The election shall be conducted by the county clerk and recorder if the county clerk and recorder is conducting a coordinated election pursuant to section 1-7-116, C.R.S.

And

WHEREAS, section 1-7-116, C.R.S., provides, in pertinent part:

(1) If more than one political subdivision holds an election on the same day in November and the eligible electors for each such election are the same or the boundaries overlap, *the county clerk and recorder shall be the coordinated election official and shall conduct the elections on behalf of all political subdivisions* that are not utilizing the mail ballot procedure set forth in sections 1-7.5-101 to 1-7.5-116. As used in this subsection (1), "political subdivision" shall include the state, counties, municipalities, *school districts*, and special districts formed pursuant to title 32, C.R.S.

(2) The political subdivisions for which the county clerk and recorder will conduct the coordinated election *shall enter into an agreement with the county clerk and recorder* for the county or counties in which the political subdivision is located concerning the conduct of the coordinated election. The agreement shall be signed no later than seventy days prior to the scheduled election (August 27, 2019). The agreement shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) Allocation of the responsibilities between the county clerk and recorder and the political subdivisions for the preparation and conduct of the coordinated election; and

(b) Provision for a reasonable sharing of the actual cost of the coordinated election among the county and the political subdivisions. For such purpose, political subdivisions are not responsible for sharing any portion of the usual costs of maintaining the office of the county clerk and recorder, including but not limited to overhead costs and personal services costs of permanent employees, except for such costs that are shown to be directly

attributable to conducting coordinated elections on behalf of political subdivisions. \*\*\* [Emphasis supplied]

And

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder has submitted to the District a proposed agreement (“Intergovernmental Agreement”) governing the scheduling and conduct of the coordinated election by mail ballot on November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Agreement provides for the inclusion of the District’s regular biennial school election as a part of the coordinated election by mail ballot, and it would be in the District’s best interest to be included, provided certain minor corrections in the language of the Agreement are made as recommended by the District’s legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Secretary be and are hereby authorized and directed to finalize and execute the intergovernmental agreement, on the Board’s behalf, as soon as the final edits have been made as recommended by the District’s legal counsel, to place the Intergovernmental Agreement in final form.

*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 August 17, 2021.*

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*Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary  
Board of Education*

**Resolution to Define “Actively Engaged in the Educational Process” and Student Attendance for the 2021-2022 School Year**

Board of Education Resolution 21/22: 10

Adopted: August 17, 2021

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Whereas, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (“WHO”) characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, meaning the WHO identified the worldwide spread of a new disease; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency and issued Executive Order D 2020 003, as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas, on July 6, 2020, Governor Jared Polis amended and extended Executive Order D 2020 003 through Executive Order D 2020 125; and

Whereas, under Colo. Const. art. 9, § 15, the local Board of Education has control of instruction in its public schools; and

Whereas, as required by 1 CCR 301-39, the Board of Education defines "educational process," in Board Policy IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Tie; and

Whereas, the Board of Education finds that the current pandemic creates the need for changes to instructional delivery and the situations under which students are considered in attendance; and

Whereas, the Colorado Department of Education provided guidance specific for the 2021-2022 school year, stating that local boards that wish to utilize a remote learning option must: include “remote learning as a result of the COVID – 19 pandemic” in its definition of “actively engaged in the educational process:” describe acceptable ways in which synchronous and asynchronous teacher-pupil instruction and contact time may occur during remote learning; and describe acceptable ways in which attendance/participation should be documented during remote learning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School Board of Education authorizes the following for the 2021-2022 school year:

1. Expansion of the definition of “actively engaged in the educational process” addressed in Board Policy IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time to include remote learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for students, provided under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.
2. The term “supervision of a certified or licensed teacher” shall mean a certified or licensed educator, including teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, or other certified or licensed staff as assigned.



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3. Attendance will be recorded at least once daily for days when instructional hours are provided, meaning a student is “actively engaged in the educational process”.
4. Student contact days may include remote learning days implemented as a result of public health and safety measures. Teacher-pupil instruction and contact time may occur in the following ways:
  - a. Presence during in-person instruction;
  - b. Assignments completed at home;
  - c. Logging into the online learning platform;
  - d. Signing an online form attesting to work completed at home;
  - e. Student demonstration of learning;
  - f. Responding to teacher emails or communication; or
  - g. Other instructional methods approved by the Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district will ensure that all students who are participating in remote learning will receive equitable instruction and services. Further, the district will ensure that, within the constraints of COVID-19, equitable and appropriate instruction will continue to be offered to those students requiring accommodations.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of actions taken under this Resolution.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution is in effect for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a two-thirds majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board’s approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

*I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on August 17, 2021.*

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*Bridget Story*  
*Secretary, Board of Education*

## RESOLUTION

### **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51, RELATING TO THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021, ELECTION; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 (the “District”), in the County of Mesa and the State of Colorado, is a public corporation duly organized and existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) have been duly elected, chosen, and qualified; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, the Board adopted a resolution (the “Original Resolution”) setting forth the form of ballot question to be submitted to the voters of the District at an election on November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, upon further consideration, the Board determined that it was in the best interest of the District to amend the form of the ballot question.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, IN THE COUNTY OF MESA AND THE STATE OF COLORADO:

**Section 1.** Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms used herein shall have the same meaning as in the Original Resolution.

**Section 2.** Section 3 of the Original Resolution setting forth the form of the ballot question is amended to state:

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the officers of the District to certify on or before September 3, 2021, the following question in substantially the form hereinafter set forth to the County Clerk. Such question shall be submitted to the eligible electors of the District at the election.

### **BALLOT ISSUE**

SHALL MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 DEBT BE INCREASED \$115 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$205.75 MILLION, AND SHALL TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$20.9 MILLION ANNUALLY BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS:

1) FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF REPLACING GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL (CONSTRUCTED IN 1956) WITH A NEW HIGH SCHOOL ON THE SAME SITE AND RENOVATING THE EXISTING EAST GYM AND ART BUILDING ON THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS SITE (THE “PROJECT”); AND

2) REPLACEMENT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL WILL INCLUDE IMPROVED CLASSROOMS, LEARNING SPACES AND FACILITIES BY EXPANDING STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCESS TO MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES AND VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING CLASSES; AND

3) THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL WILL ALSO INCLUDE IMPROVED ART AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS; AND

4) WITH THE TAX INCREASE EXPIRING UPON THE REPAYMENT OF ANY BONDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS BALLOT QUESTION; AND

WITH BONDS ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE, AND IN SUCH MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AND SHALL PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED AT A MILL LEVY SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE DEBT AND ANY REFUNDING DEBT WHEN DUE, OR FOR A RESERVE THAT CAN ONLY BE USED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDS; PROVIDED THAT THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS QUESTION SHALL NOT EXCEED \$115 MILLION; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT ANY PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS REMAINING AFTER THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE SHALL USED ONLY TO REPAY BONDS AND NOT USED FOR PROJECTS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THIS BALLOT QUESTION?

**Section 3.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

**Section 4.** All bylaws, orders, resolutions and ordinances, or parts hereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance, or part thereof.

**Section 5.** Except as amended hereby, the provisions of the Original Resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this August 17, 2021.

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President  
Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Secretary  
Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 )  
 COUNTY OF MESA ) SS.  
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 MESA COUNTY VALLEY )  
 SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 )

I, Bridget Story, am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 (the “District”), in the County of Mesa and State of Colorado, and I do hereby certify:

1. The foregoing pages are a true and correct copy of a resolution (the “Resolution”) passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) at a special meeting of the Board held on August 17, 2021.

2. The Resolution was duly moved and seconded and the Resolution was adopted at the special meeting of August 17, 2021, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board as follows:

Name	“Yes”	“No”	Absent	Abstain
Tom Parrish, President				
Paul Pitton, Vice President				
Dr. Amy L. Davis				
Doug Levinson				
Trish Mahre				

3. The members of the Board were present at such meeting and voted on the passage of such Resolution as set forth above.

4. The Resolution was approved and authenticated by the signature of the President of the Board, sealed with the District seal, attested by the Secretary, and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the notice of the special meeting of August 17, 2021, which notice was posted in one place within the District at least 24 hours before such meeting and which notice included agenda information, if available.

6. There are no bylaws, rules or regulations of the Board which prevent the immediate adoption of the Resolution set forth in the foregoing proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said District, this August 17, 2021.

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Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

(Attach Notice of Meeting)

# **Mesa County Valley School District 51**

## **BE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

Adopted: October 10, 1972

Revised: May 15, 2001

Revised: September 3, 2002

Adopted: June 16, 2009

Adopted: February 20, 2018

March 19, 2020

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All meetings of a quorum of three or more members of the Board at which any public business may be discussed or any formal action taken shall be open to the public at all times except for periods in which the Board is in executive session. Any person who disturbs good order may be required to leave.

A recording shall be made of regular and special meetings as required by law and at a minimum shall be an audio recording. Recordings shall be maintained for 90 days.

All regular meetings of the Board of Education shall be held in the Harry Butler Board Room, 455 N. 22 Street, Grand Junction, Colorado, at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise publicly announced.

### **1. Regular Meetings**

- a. The Board, as a decision making body, is confronted with a continuing flow of problems, issues and needs which require action. The Board is mindful of the importance of planning, brainstorming and thoughtful discussion prior to any action. Therefore, the Board schedules a Work Session for discussion of educational and business issues to be held on the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of November and December, when no work sessions will be held. Business items may be added to the agenda when necessary under a business meeting format.
- b. Business meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the November, December, March and May meetings, which will instead be scheduled on an alternative Tuesday to accommodate Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break and/or high school graduations. No business meeting will be held during the month of July. Adjournment will be no later than 9:30 p.m., except for good cause.

### **2. Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the president at any time, and shall be called by the President upon the written request of two or more of the members.

The secretary of the Board shall cause written notice of any special meeting to be emailed or mailed to each member of the Board stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting. If the notice is to be emailed, it shall be sent by email no later than 24 hours prior to the hour set for the meeting, and if it is to be mailed, it shall be mailed no later than 72 hours prior to the hour set for the meeting. Hand delivery shall be a valid substitute for email or mail.

Any member may waive notice of the time, place and purpose of a special meeting before, during or after such meeting, and attendance thereat shall be deemed to be a waiver.

No business other than stated in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted unless all members are present and consent to consider and transact other business. Public comments, if allowed, shall be limited to the subject of the special meeting.

The Board shall adopt an agenda setting forth the business and the order of business to be transacted, discussed or considered at each regular meeting of the Board.



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At all regular and special meetings of the Board of Education, no new item shall be considered past the hour of 9 p.m. In the event the agenda has not been completed, the remaining agenda items will be considered at a special meeting set by the Board or be included on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Except as otherwise specified by state law or Board policies pertaining to its own operating procedures, the Board generally shall operate by the rules prescribed in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

### Electronic Participation

Board members may attend and participate by electronic means in regular or special meetings of the Board in accordance with this policy and state law. For purposes of this section concerning participation of a member electronically in a normal public meeting, "electronic means" shall be defined as attendance via telephone, video or audio conferencing, or other electronic device.

Board members may attend and participate by electronic means in a regular or special Board meeting when circumstances prevent the Board member(s) from physically attending the meeting.

A meeting at which one or more Board members attend and participate by electronic means shall be open to the public, except for periods in which the Board is in executive session.

The electronic means used shall allow the public to hear the comments made by the Board member(s) participating by electronic means and allow the Board member(s) to hear the comments made by the public. A Board member participating by electronic means will be included in the recording of the Board meeting.

A Board member who seeks to attend and participate by electronic means in a Board meeting shall notify the Board president and superintendent at least three business days prior to the meeting and shall explain the circumstances that prevent the Board member from physically attending the meeting. If such notification is not possible, the Board member shall notify the Board president and superintendent as soon as is reasonably possible of the request to attend by electronic means.

A Board member's failure to comply with this policy may result in the Board's refusal to allow the member to participate by electronic means in Board meetings.

### Electronic Meetings

A regular or special Board meeting may be held by electronic means in the event of extenuating circumstances, as determined by the President of the Board. For purposes of this section regarding full virtual meetings, the term "electronic means" shall be defined as a meeting conducted by video conferencing with a stream / link for members of the public to use so that the public is able to hear and observe the meeting. In the event of an Electronic Meeting, public comments will not be taken.

### Voting

All voting shall be by roll call with each member present voting "Aye" or "No" alphabetically. However, election of the president and vice president may be by secret ballot. A member may abstain from voting only if excused by the Board for good cause.

# **Mesa County Valley School District 51**

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## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

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A Board member who has a personal or private interest in any proposed or pending matter which presents a conflict of interest in accordance with Board policy shall disclose such interest and shall not vote unless his participation is necessary to obtain a quorum or otherwise enable the Board to act. Under such circumstances, the member shall comply with the voluntary disclosure requirements set out in state law.

To pass, any motion must be approved by a majority of the members present except as state law or policies of this Board may require a majority of full membership.

### Legal References:

C.R.S. 22-31-129 (board vacancies)

C.R.S. 22-32-104 (3) (president and vice president must be elected by majority of the entire membership)

C.R.S. 22-32-108 (board meetings)

C.R.S. 22-32-108 (6) (voting by roll call, excused for good cause)

C.R.S. 22-32-108 (7) (a) (a board member who participates electronically in conformance with the board's policy on electronic meeting participation is considered "present")

C.R.S. 24-6-401, et seq. (open meeting law)

C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(d)(IV) (outcome of a secret ballot vote must be recorded contemporaneously in the minutes)

C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (a two-thirds majority of the quorum present is required to go into executive session)

C.R.S. 24-18-109 (3) (conflict of interest and voting)

C.R.S. 24-18-110 (voluntary disclosure of conflict of interest)

### Cross References:

BCB, Board Member Conduct/Conflict of Interest

BEC, Executive Sessions/Open Meetings

BEDA, Notification of Board Meetings

**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
**BEDH**  
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

Adopted: October 10, 1972

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All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the views of citizens throughout the District and also needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, the Board shall schedule time during some Board meetings for comments from the public. The Board will set a time limit on the length of the public participation and a time limit for each individual speaker. During times of general public comment at regular business meetings, comments may deal with any topic related to the conduct of schools. Comments at special meetings, if any, must be related to the topics of the special meeting.

The Board recognizes its responsibility to conduct the business of the District in an orderly and efficient manner and will, therefore, require reasonable controls to regulate public presentations to the Board. A person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the president. The person shall then identify himself/herself and proceed with his/her comments as briefly as the subject permits, but within the time limits established by the Board.

The president is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion, the appropriateness of the subject being presented and the suitability of the time for such presentation. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board should make arrangements in advance with the superintendent so that such presentation, if appropriate, may be scheduled on the agenda. The decision to schedule a presentation is within the sound discretion of the superintendent.

Legal Reference:

C.R.S. 24-6-401 et seq (open meeting law)

**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
**JLCD**  
**ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS**

Related: JLCD-R, JLCD-E

Adopted: June 13, 1972

Revised: April 16, 1991

Presented for Adoption: December 16, 2014

ReAdoption: October 25, 2016

Revision First Reading: August 17, 2021

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School personnel shall not administer prescription or nonprescription medications to students unless appropriate administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours and the student's parent/guardian is not available to administer the medication during the school day.

Medication may be administered to students by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of administering such medication. For purposes of this policy, the term "medication" includes both prescription medication and nonprescription medication, but does not include medical marijuana. The term "nonprescription medication" includes but is not limited to over-the-counter medications, homeopathic and herbal medications, vitamins and nutritional supplements.

For preschool students any routine medication, prescription or non-prescription (over-the-counter) must be administered only with a current written order of a health care provider with prescriptive authority and with written parental consent. Home remedies, including homeopathic medications, shall never be given to a preschool student.

Student possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of medication inconsistent with this policy shall be considered a violation of Board Policy concerning drug and alcohol involvement by students and may subject the student to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with applicable Board policy.

The administration of medical marijuana shall be in accordance with the Board's policy on administration of medical marijuana to qualified students.

Medication may be administered to students by the school nurse or other school designee only when the following requirements are met:

1. Medication shall be in the original properly labeled container. If it is a prescription medication, the student's name, name of the medication, dosage, how often it is to be administered, and name of the prescribing health care practitioner shall be printed on the container.
2. The school shall have received written permission to administer the medication from the student's health care practitioner with prescriptive authority under Colorado law.
3. The school shall have received written permission from the student's parent/guardian to administer the medication to the student.
4. The parent/guardian shall be responsible for providing all medication to be administered to the student.

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5. The nonprescription medication is a product that has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

**Self-administration of Prescription Medication for asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis or other prescription medication**

A student with asthma, a food allergy, other severe allergies, or a related, life-threatening condition or who is prescribed medication by a licensed health care practitioner may possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition, or other condition for which the medication is prescribed pursuant to a written treatment plan approved by the school principal. Such plan may provide for self-administration of such medication during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to and from school or a school-sponsored activity. A treatment plan for student possession and self-administration of medication to treat asthma, a food allergy, other severe allergies, or a related, life-threatening condition shall be approved in accordance with the regulation accompanying this policy, and shall be effective only for the school year in which it is approved.

Authorization for a student to possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or other related, life-threatening condition, or other condition for which the medication is prescribed may be limited or revoked by the school principal after consultation with the school nurse and the student's parent/guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication.

**Use of stock epinephrine auto-injectors in emergency situations**

The District shall have a stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for use in emergency anaphylaxis events that occur on school grounds. Such injectors shall be available for use at schools only after the District has first completed the following:

1. Find a medical provider to write a script for each school for annual standing orders. Each script must be complete with medication, route, time, dose, and refills.
2. Emergency procedures to be written and posted at each school and a care plan and forms published on the District website
3. Food handling procedures established to insure prevention of cross contamination.
4. Development of an emergency plan for use of the injectors which includes communication, storage and accessibility in emergencies and identification of staff for training and delegation needs.
5. Development of comprehensive training procedures for each level of needed training, which training shall include: CPR and first aid, the definitions of anaphylaxis, identification of common

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triggers/allergens (nuts, bees); content about how a child or adult might explain a reaction including what symptoms a person may have; the a technique for injector use; requirements for calling EMS; and procedures for reporting the use of epinephrine and reordering of stock, if stock was used.

6. Identification of at least two staff members at each school to be extensively trained and delegated to.

Any administration of a stock epinephrine auto-injector to a student by a district employee shall be in accordance with applicable state law, including applicable State Board of Education rules.

The District's stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors is not intended to replace student-specific orders or medication provided by the student's parent/guardian to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition.

### **Self-administration of Medication**

#### **Prescribed by a Licensed Health Care Provider**

A student enrolled in a District school may be allowed to possess and self-administer on school grounds, upon a school bus or at any school-sponsored event or activity any medication, including medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition, that is prescribed by a licensed health care provider or other condition for which the medication is prescribed to be used by the student, subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

1. A student shall not be allowed to possess or self-administer a medication unless the parent first notifies the school's administration of the student's medical needs and receives written authorization from the school administrator for the student to possess and self-administer such medication in accordance with the program.

2. The school administrator may, in consultation with the school nurse and after reviewing information provided by the parent(s) or guardian(s) and by the licensed health care provider prescribing the medication, authorize or restrict a student's possession and/or self-administration of medication. The factors to be considered in making such determination include the age and/or maturity of the student, the degree of responsibility of the student, the type of medication prescribed, and whether the student's possession or self-administration poses a significant risk of harm to the student or to the other students.

3. If the school administrator determines to authorize the student to possess and self-administer a prescribed medication, the school nurse shall give written notice of the authorization to

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the student's teachers and other school staff having regular contact with the student. The notification may include a copy of the contract or health care plan established for the student, if applicable.

4. Authorization for a student to possess and self-administer a prescribed medication may be limited or revoked by the school administrator after consultation with the school nurse and the student's parent/guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication.

5. If a prescription medication is carried for a life-threatening condition, the parent or guardian shall be required to provide a sufficient supply to be kept at the school to be administered to the student in the event of an emergency.

6. No student shall be allowed to possess medication in an amount or quantity that exceeds the dosage that is prescribed to treat the student's condition for a single day or for the duration of a school event or activity, whichever is appropriate. This restriction shall not apply to medication that is contained in a multi-dose device approved by the school administrator or school nurse, including, but not limited to, an asthma inhaler or insulin pump.

7. A student shall not be permitted to possess medical marijuana, on school grounds, on a school bus, or at any school sponsored event or activity.

8. The Superintendent shall adopt such regulations as are necessary and appropriate to carry out this policy. Any student who possesses or self-administers any prescribed medication in violation of this policy or its implementing regulation, or in violation of any restrictions or rules established by the school administrator for such possession or self-administration, may be considered a violation of the District's policy against alcohol/drug abuse by students, and shall subject the student to discipline, including suspension or expulsion. Any student who sells, shares or distributes to another person any prescribed medication possessed pursuant to this policy shall be subject to expulsion pursuant to Board policy and state law.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. [12-38-132](#) (delegation of nursing tasks)  
[C.R.S. 12-38-132.3 \(school nurses – over-the-counter medication\)](#)  
C.R.S. [22-1-119](#) (no liability for adverse drug reactions/side effects)  
[C.R.S. 22-1-119-1 \(board may adopt policy to acquire a stock supply of opiate antagonists\)](#)  
[C.R.S. 22-1-119.3 \(3\)\(c\), \(d\) \(no student possession or self-administration of medical marijuana, but school districts must permit the student's primary caregiver to administer medical marijuana to the student on school grounds, on a](#)

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school bus or at a school-sponsored event)

C.R.S. 22-1-119.5 (Colorado Schoolchildren's Asthma, Food Allergy, and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act)

C.R.S. 22-2-135 (Colorado School Children's Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act)

C.R.S. 24-10-101 et seq. (Colorado Governmental Immunity Act)

1 CCR 301-68 (State Board of Education rules regarding student possession and administration of asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis management medications or other prescription medications)

6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 9-105 (regulations)

CROSS REFS.: JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students

JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students

JLCDA, Students with Food Allergies

JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care



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The Board strives to honor families' private medical decisions while ensuring a learning environment free of disruption. To accomplish these goals, the District restricts the administration of medications, including medical marijuana, during school hours unless administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours.

~~In those limited circumstances when it is reasonably necessary,~~ aAdministration of medical marijuana to qualified students on District property shall be in accordance with this policy. Administration of all other prescription and nonprescription medications to students shall be in accordance with applicable law and Board Policy JLCD concerning the administration of medications to students.

## Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Designated location" means a specific location identified in writing by the District in its sole discretion and which location may be on the grounds of the school in which the qualified student is enrolled, such as a school nurse's office or a building administrator's office upon a school bus in Colorado, or at a school-sponsored event in Colorado.
- ~~1.2.~~ "Medical marijuana" means a cannabis product with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration greater than 0.3 percent.
- ~~2.3.~~ "Permissible form of medical marijuana" means non-smokeable products ~~in the form of CBD such as oils, tinctures, edible products or lotions~~ that can be administered and fully ingested and absorbed in a short period of time. Patches and other forms of administration ~~not included in this definition may be proposed that continue to deliver medical marijuana to a qualified student while at school may be appropriate for students who receive ongoing adult assistance or on a case-by-case as determined by the District when adequate protections against misuse may be made. Forms of medical marijuana not included in this definition may be proposed~~ by the qualified student's primary caregiver to the Nursing Coordinator, who may authorize such a request after consultation with the ~~Superintendent, other~~ appropriate ~~District personnel, and/or~~ medical professionals chosen by the District.
- ~~3.4.~~ "Primary caregiver" means the qualified student's parent, guardian or other responsible adult over eighteen years of age who is identified by the student's parent/guardian as the qualified student's primary caregiver. In no event shall another student or staff member be recognized as a primary caregiver, unless the staff member is the student's parent/guardian. Any

primary caregiver seeking access to school or District property, a school bus or school-sponsored event for purpose of this policy must comply with the Board's policy and/or procedures concerning visitors to schools and all other applicable policies.

4.5. “Qualified student” means a student who holds a valid ~~registration recommendation for medical marijuana~~ from ~~a licensed physician and is registered with the state of Colorado (license issued by~~ the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) for the use of medical marijuana and for whom the administration of medical marijuana cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours.

### **Permissible administration of medical marijuana to a qualified student**

A qualified student's primary caregiver may administer a permissible form of medical marijuana to a qualified student in a designated location if all of the following criteria parameters are met:

- ~~A written statement signed by the qualified student's parent/guardian must be on file which assumes all responsibility for ensuring the primary caregiver is qualified to perform the task, assumes all responsibility for the administration, maintenance and use under state and federal law, and releases the District from liability for any injury arising out of the administration of medical marijuana on District property.~~
- 1. The qualified student's parent/guardian provides the school with a copy of the student's valid ~~registration recommendation for medical marijuana from a licensed physician and valid registration~~ from the state of Colorado authorizing the student to receive medical marijuana.;
- 2. The qualified student's parent/guardian signs a written acknowledgement assuming all responsibility for the provision, administration, maintenance and use of medical marijuana under state law, and releases the District from liability for any injury that occurs pursuant to this policy;
- 3. The qualified student's parent/guardian or primary caregiver ~~shall~~must be responsible for providing the permissible form of medical marijuana to be administered to the qualified student.;
- 4. The District determines, in its sole discretion, that a location and a method of administration of a permissible form of medical marijuana are available that do not create risk of disruption to the educational environment or exposure to other students.;
- 5. After administering the permissible form of medical marijuana to the qualified student, the student's primary caregiver shall remove any remaining medical marijuana from the grounds of the school, District, school bus or school- sponsored event. and

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- 6. The District prepares, with the input of the qualified student's parent/guardian, a written plan that identifies the form, designated location(s), instructions or treatment plan for administration from one of the student's recommending physicians, and any additional protocol regarding administration of a permissible form of medical marijuana to the qualified student. The written plan must be signed by the school nurse, the school administrator, the qualified student (if capable) and the qualified student's parent/guardian.

### Additional Parameters

Any parent/guardian or other primary caregiver seeking access to District property for purpose of this policy must comply with the District policy and/or procedures concerning visitors to schools, including reporting to the school office when entering, showing proper identification and stating the reason for being at the school. School personnel shall not administer, hold or store medical marijuana in any form and medical marijuana shall not be stored on or in any District school or property at any time.

This policy conveys no right to any student or to ~~his or her~~ the student's parents/guardians or other primary caregiver to demand access to any general or particular location on school or District property, a school bus or at a school sponsored event to administer medical marijuana.

This policy does not apply to school grounds, school buses or school-sponsored events located on federal property or any location that prohibits marijuana on its property.

Any plan developed in accordance with this policy shall be included in any other accommodation plan or individualized education plan developed or in place regarding the qualified student.

Permission to administer medical marijuana to a qualified student ~~on District property under this policy~~ may be limited or revoked if the qualified student and/or the student's primary caregiver violates this policy or demonstrates an inability to responsibly follow this policy's requirementsparameters.

Student possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of marijuana inconsistent with this policy may be considered a violation of Board policy concerning drug and alcohol use-involvement by students or other Board policy and may subject the student to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with applicable Board policy.

If the federal government indicates that the District's federal funds are jeopardized by this policy ~~or directs the District to cease and desist from further implementation of this policy~~, the Board declares that this policy must be authorized the superintendent to immediately suspended immediately and that the administration of any form of medical marijuana to qualified students on school property, on a school

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bus or at a school-sponsored event must not be permitted. The District must post notice of such policy suspension and prohibition in a conspicuous place on its website the operation of this policy.

Legal Refs.: Colo. Const. Art. XVIII, Section 14 (*establishing qualifications for use of medical marijuana*)

C.R.S. 22-1-119.3(a) (*Board must adopt and implement a policy including processes for the storage, possession, and administration of medical* ~~*no student possession or self administration of marijuana, but school districts must permit assisted administration and may adopt policies to establish reasonable parameters for assisted administration*~~)

C.R.S. 22-1-119.3 (3)(d)(*no student possession or self-administratin of medical marijuana, but school districts must permit the student's primary caregiver to administer medical marijuana to the student on school grounds, on a school bus or a school-sponsored event*)

C.R.S. 22-1-119.3 (3)(d)(l) (*school personnel may volunteer to possess, administer, or assist in the administration of medical marijuana*)

C.R.S. 22-1-119.3 (3)(d)(lll) (*Board may adopt policies regarding who may act as a primary caregiver and to establish reasonable parameters on the dministration and use of medical marijuana on school grounds, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event*)

Cross Refs.: JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students

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