

# *Board of Education*

## *Mesa County Valley School District 51*

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*Board Business Meeting Minutes*

*August 15, 2023*

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### **Board Business Meeting Minutes**

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						<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
						<u><b>BUSINESS MEETING</b></u>	5:03 p.m.
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE/ROLL CALL	
Absent							
Motion					x	B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Amended
Second						➤ A motion was made to amend the agenda to add Business Item J.2 – Resolution to Sell Career Center Project Property.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion				x		C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL	Approved
Second					x	C-1. July 24, 2023 Board Special Meeting	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. Future Business Leaders of America Top 10 National Finishers [Resolution: 23/24: 04]	
						➤ Mr. Jones invited Trevor Rund and Bailee Edwards, Palisade High School students, to come to the front of the room to be recognized. Bailee placed ninth in Accounting 1 and Trevor placed tenth in Help Desk Role Play at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference.	
						➤ The Board and Superintendent Hill congratulated both students and their supporting teachers and staff for their hard work and accomplishments earning these results.	
						E. BOARD REPORTS	
						E-1. Good Things	
						➤ Ms. Lema reported about the Bus Tour that the Board and Staff Leadership took to Palisade High School, West Middle School and Pear Park Elementary School.	
						➤ Mr. Jones spoke about the Watchdog bus stop program at West Middle School and Bookcliff Middle School. The Watchdog program is for screened volunteer dads, grandparents, etc to walk through the halls and bus stops to help out staff and counselors and have a presence in open areas of the schools.	
						E-2. Committee/Activity Updates	
						➤ None at this time	
						F. D51 HAPPENINGS AND CELEBRATIONS	
						➤ Ms. Ciera Colson, Media and Communication Specialist, displayed photos and shared information on events happening across the District this past month and showed a video of the Grand Junction High School construction project. Events highlighted included:	
						• Ron Kovach from the D-51 Warehouse was recognized with the Golden Apple Award.	
						• Koreena Montoya, Director of Regional Migrant Services, recognized with the Golden Apple Award.	
						• The Healthy Meals for ALL nutritional program.	
						• East Middle School student Jeron Dunham honored his former school, East Middle School, with a memorabilia display at the Museum of the West.	

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- System Administration Appreciation Day was celebrated.
- The Stuff the Bus event was conducted at Mesa Mall, collecting and sorting school supplies for the 23/24 school year by administration, staff, D51 Foundation members and Mesa Mall staff.
- A check presentation from Stuff the Bus sponsors held at R-5 School to provide supplies for students.
- D51 staff helped the Rotary Club load vehicles with school supplies donated by the Rotary Club purchased at the North Avenue Walmart.
- The Rocky Mountain PBS KidsFest event with over 3000 D51 students participating.
- A Spanish-speaking registration day held with support from the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Team.
- First day of school celebration held at Taylor Elementary School, which included Chatfield and Rocky Mountain Elementary Schools.
- Orchard Mesa Middle School hosting a Welcome Back Red Carpet event for staff.
- Welcome Back tunnels at Rocky Mountain and Clifton Elementary Schools.
- Scenic Elementary School's new mascot preview.
- Bus Tour with Senior Leadership and the Board to Palisade High School, West Middle School and Pear Park Elementary School.

**G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**G-1. Fruita Area Secondary Schools Reconfiguration Update**

- Mr. Clint Garcia, Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Ari Goldberg, Director Site Leadership, Superintendent Hill and Mr. Shannon Bingham, Demographer, updated the Board on previous work and future timeline to reconfigure the secondary grades in the Fruita area schools to a traditional 6-8 grade middle school and a 9-12 grade high school. Mr. Bingham joined the presentation virtually. Townhall meetings are scheduled to begin in October to give families and the community an opportunity to express their thoughts on the steps and timeline. The projected start date of the reconfiguration was initially scheduled to begin the 2025/26 school year, however, adjustments to the timeline may be necessary to avoid having to operate two small middle schools at lower enrollment for two years.
- The Board asked questions about ensuring all parents are contacted to gather their input on timeline decisions. Mr. Bingham described the processes to be followed.

**G-2. Staffing/School Opening Report**

- Superintendent Hill presented information on the following summer projects and learning opportunities that recently occurred.
  - Summer Institute
  - Summer School
  - Extended School Year
  - Technology updates completed
  - Leadership Academy
  - New Administrative Orientation training
  - New Teacher Orientation
  - Administrative Assistant In-service

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**ACTION**

- Special Education trainings
- Back to School In-service
- Instructional Leadership Team Retreat
- Safety & Security, Custodial, Leadership, and Migrant Trainings
- Maintenance projects
- Implementation of the new salary schedule
- Strategic Plan work
- Long Range Facility Planning
- Ms. Nikki Jost, Chief Human Resources Officer, commended Human Resources and Finance employees for all their hard work. She recapped hiring efforts and highlighted information on the following:
  - The ideal time period for posting new positions is in January for administrative positions and February or March for teaching positions.
  - Resignations and turnover are about the same as other years.
  - Current and new efforts are being utilized to recruit.
  - An incentive program for substitute teachers, especially in special education classes and hard-to-fill schools, has been implemented.
  - Slide was shown comparing District 51 to other Colorado districts showing filled and unfilled positions, at this time for the 23/24 school year.
- The Board inquired about other avenues for recruiting such as job fairs and exit interviews. Ms. Jost described the process of exit interviews and how data is being evaluated and used.
- The Board asked about the new reading program. Mrs. Jennifer Marsh, Chief Academic Officer, and Ms. Jackie Anderson, Executive Director of Curriculum and Learning, came forward and discussed the progress of the implementation of the new reading program. They discussed how teacher input from last year was used to choose the reading program, and aspirations for the new program to improve student learning over the current levels of eighty percent of kindergartners reading at grade level or above, and seventy percent of students' grades first through third reading at grade level or above.

[Recess 6:31 p.m. Resume 6:46 p.m.]

**H. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

- Bruce Lohmiller, Grand Junction 81506  
 Mr. Lohmiller requested the Board check on a CBS and Fox News report regarding sex education classes and if the information is accurate to incorporate it into District classes. He stated that the District, as well as Mesa County Sheriff Department, should have zero tolerance for violence. He spoke of using 241-STOP due to shooting events, and to have persons placed on a watch list or welfare checks performed. He reported the Sundance Report is out and having witnessed Peter Hautzinger commit slander. Mr. Lohmiller noted he previously left documentation for the District's Legal Counsel and the City Attorney to review and is leaving more to review.
- Rickie Howie, Grand Junction 81501  
 Ms. Howie spoke about the library selection policy that she stated was introduced but pulled due to incorrect statutes being referenced. She thinks more is wrong in the policy including some requirements of the policy being too

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						<p>cumbersome such as each school's principal or designee acting as gatekeeper on the selection of books gaged by complaints. The gatekeeper or administration could review context of the complaint, then decided if the book should be pulled. She reported Jeffco School District has a committee that includes librarians and teachers who make book decisions together, rather than one single gatekeeper, which she feels is the more appropriate way for such decisions to be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tom Sheeran, Grand Junction 81507 Mr. Sheeran thanked Mr. Will Jones for continuing to support the Dads on Duty Program and stated Dr. Hill has provided tremendous leadership to the District. Mr. Sheeran spoke about policies, standards, and CORA requests he previously submitted regarding library books. He noted not finding much in District policies regarding standards for book selection. He stated legal obligation for book selection is vested with the Board, although they may delegate to others. He feels a district this large should have policies which clearly define criteria for book selection and books should be appropriate for elementary, middle and high school levels. He stated the book <i>Jack of Hearts</i> is in Palisade High School's library and is inappropriate.</li> <li>➤ Jason Marsh, Fruita 81521 Mr. Marsh spoke about teacher boundaries, specifically about decorations in his eleventh grader's classroom and a survey sent out regarding which pronoun a student would like to use. He believes teachers should have influence but shouldn't sway sexual ideologies and he wanted to know if this was against policy. He requested the Board put a policy in place for teachers to use stating parents should make decisions, not the teachers. He stated he wants boundaries put in place for teachers going forward.</li> <li>➤ Ana Elliott, Grand Junction 81504 Ms. Elliot spoke about the Panarama Survey having sections including questions about mental health and well-being. She specifically wanted to know if and when a parent is involved, should a student answer yes to the survey questions asking if the student needs to speak to a counselor.</li> <li>➤ Sara Fletcher, Grand Junction 81507 Ms. Fletcher spoke about summer school and how it impacted her family. She reported her son is at risk for falling behind, doesn't love reading and is on an Individual Education Plan. She gave kudos to his experience at the summer program and stated during the end of the program's ice cream social, a teacher expressed pleasure working with her son. She reported her son had a twenty-four point improvement in reading skills thanks to the summer program.</li> </ul>	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>I. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>I-1. Licensed and Administrative Personnel Actions</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">I-1.a. Licensed &amp; Administrative Personnel Actions [Resolution 23/24: 01]</p> <p>I-2. Gifts [Resolution 23/24: 02]</p>	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>J. BUSINESS ITEMS</p> <p>J-1. Resolution Supporting Grant from Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District for Improvement to the Baseball and Softball Facilities at Palisade High School [Resolution 23/24: 03]</p>	Adopted

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Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>Mr. Paul Cain, Director of Athletics/Activity, Mr. Zeb Howard, Palisade High School Assistant Principal and Coach and Mr. Nathan Porter, Palisade High School Baseball Coach, shared information about the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District Grant and specifically what would be provided if the grant is received.</p> <p>J-2. Resolution for Approval to Sell Career Center Project Property [Resolution 23/24: 05]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Superintendent Hill described the Career Center program and how it works. A video on the program and the building of the homes is on the District Youtube page. All money received goes back into the program.</li> </ul> <p>K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Jones stated there were many people involved in the Dads on Duty program.</li> <li>➤ The Board discussed the pros and cons of having a dedicated grant writer. Grant writing was to be a part of the Assistant Superintendent's duties, had that position been filled.</li> <li>➤ Dr. Sholtes asked questions and requested information on the savings and goals met with the closure of East Middle School.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Levinson spoke on the possible benefits of initiating a staff survey, similar to the Organizational Health Inventory (OHI) Survey previously used by the District. Mrs. Jennifer Marsh shared information on a data driven survey program currently being used by the District to survey teachers, students and in the near future, parents.</li> <li>➤ Student enrollment counts will be shared over the next couple weeks when more reliable figures are available.</li> </ul> <p>L. FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>L-1. September 5, 2023, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m., Board Work Session</p> <p>L-2. Septemer 9, 2023, Chatfield Elementary School Cafeteria, 9 a.m., Board Coffee</p> <p>L-3. September 19, 2023, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m., Board Business Meeting</p> <p>M. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>No items at this time.</p> <p>N. ADJOURNMENT</p>	Adopted
Motion				x		<p style="text-align: right;">_____  Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary  Board of Education</p>	7:36 p.m.

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The Board would like to invite Palisade High School students, Bailey Edwards and Trevor Rund to join us at the front of the room.

At the end of June, nearly 12,000 students, educators, and volunteers headed to Atlanta, Georgia for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference. The annual event brought together middle and high school students for competitive events with cash prizes, learning workshops, and career development opportunities.

FBLA is an organization that inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.

This year, the Board is excited to recognize the remarkable achievement of two District 51 Palisade High School seniors who placed in the top 10 at the National Competition. Bailey Edwards, placed ninth in Accounting 1 and Trevor Rund, placed tenth in Help Desk Role Play.

Their dedication, hard work, and commitment have paid off, showcasing their exceptional skills and talents on a national platform. Not only have they represented District 51 incredibly well, but they have also raised the bar for excellence within our District's FBLA program.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Hill are proud to recognize these students for their hard work and accomplishments at the Future Business Leaders of America competition and wish them the best of luck in future endeavors.

# Fruita Reconfiguration Update

- **Board Resolution**
  - The Board of Education hereby wishes to address programming and staffing issues caused by declining enrollment at Fruita Middle School and to transition the secondary schools to a traditional grade configuration.
  - The Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to begin working with District staff to make the recommended and necessary changes needed to transition the secondary schools in the Fruita area to a traditional grade configuration of grades sixth through eighth and ninth through twelfth.
- **Change Fall 2023**
  - Initial boundary changes have taken effect for 6th grade in the Wingate and Appleton attendance areas.
- **Change Fall of 2024**
  - Initiate boundary change for 9th grade students from Wingate and Appleton attendance areas.
- **Completion of reconfiguration Fall of 2025**
  - Transition of Fruita students to GJHS is complete



# Fruita Reconfiguration Planning

- **The initial proposal was to phase out transition students identified for boundary changes one grade per year, consolidate a school and reconfigure three schools into a single middle school (6th-8th) & a single high school (9th-12th) for the 2025/26 school year.**
  - The original 2025/26 final implementation schedule requires the district to continue to operate/fund 2 small middle schools at lower enrollment for two years.
- **If all shifts/adjustments are made in the 2024-25 School year**
  - The district would create a Fruita Middle School (6-8) and a Fruita Monument High School (9-12) by moving from 3 secondary schools in Fruita to 2. This would increase student enrollment at both schools while minimizing any staff reductions. Small school operation would only last for one school year.
- **Further data gathering will be needed to to be conducted to determine which year is most feasible for the final change.**

# Fruita Grade Reconfiguration Initiative – Status

- The District staff is working to update forecasting of FMHS, GJHS, Fruita 8-9 and Fruita MS as current count data becomes available
- The results of this revised forecast will be used to determine the timing of the eventual ninth grade transition: SY 24-25 **or** SY 25-26
- The administration will work with staff to address the logistics of transition of the FMHS facility to eventual grade 9-12 operation:
- Planning for a stakeholder input process is underway for phased boundary changes which are proposed to begin SY 24-25 whether the eventual 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition happens in SY 24-25 **or** SY 25-26
- Town hall meetings:
  - In person Oct 4th RMS and Oct 5th at Fruita 8/9
  - Virtual Oct 11th Online - all meetings will be 5:00-6:30
- Communication with administration and staff will be ongoing as decisions proceed

# Fruita Grade Reconfiguration Initiative – History

- During SY 22-23, the district began to explore the eventual reconfiguration of Fruita schools to a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade structure.
- The District began shifting school boundaries to redirect Appleton area students to RMS with the intent of reducing the size of the 9th grade class at FMHS.
- The changes were deemed feasible given declining enrollment in the area, the planned activation of the new GJHS and continuing long-term school size challenges with the Fruita middle schools
- In May of 2023, two scenarios were identified that would initiate a phased boundary change of students in the Appleton and Redlands areas from FMHS to GJHS, one grade at a time, beginning in SY 24-25
- The second step in the plan to reconfigure FMHS to full grade 9-12 operation (housing all Fruita 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the building) would follow in SY 24-25 **or** in SY 25-26 after the boundary change made room for the additional students
- In late summer of 23, the administration began work on a stakeholder process for the boundary changes that would occur in early fall of SY 23-24 and to collect current data necessary to determine the timing of when the 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition would occur: SY 24-25 **or** in SY 25-26
- Detailed analysis is underway to determine -when enough space will be available for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students as the outgoing boundary change students matriculate out

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# D51 Hiring Update

August 15, 2023



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# How It Started

## Posting Dates:

- 3/27 - Posted Principal Positions
- 4/14 - Posted Certified Positions to Internal Staff
- 5/1 - Posted Certified Positions to Internal & External Staff

Ideal time to post administrator positions is January

Ideal time to post teaching positions is late February or early March

Overall number of separations (resignations, retirements, involuntary turnover) has been similar over the last three years.

- We had 15 fewer separations as compared to 21-22 and roughly the same number compared to 20-21.

# Annual Efforts to Recruit

- Evaluate and enhance hiring and onboarding process to ensure candidates receive offers in a timely manner
- Partner with CMU and Other Preparation Programs
  - Meet with students throughout the year
  - Develop pipeline of Student Teachers who can sub in the 2nd and 4th quarter
- Attend job fairs (in-state and out-of-state)
- Promote Grow Your Own Program
- Utilize social media to make connections and promote openings
- Advertise on targeted job boards
- Local advertisements (flyers, brochures, newspapers, ads, etc)





# New Efforts to Recruit

- Pursued and hired out-of-country candidates
- Partnered with CDE to develop Job Board for State
- Partnered with CDE, Teach Colorado, Mesa County Workforce to find scholarship opportunities + grants for staff obtaining licensure
- Sent mass recruiting blast to over 2500 special education leaders and educational leaders throughout the state and nation
- Wrapped D51 vehicles to advertise openings
- Recruited retirees



# How It's Going

In the last two weeks - 88 employment applications have been completed

Support Staff Openings - Highest Areas of Need

- 28 Special Education Paraprofessionals (\$17.24/hr)
- 18 School Support Staff (general ed paraprofessionals (\$15.68/hr, health assistant (\$17.24/hr)
- 14 Early Childhood and PreK Additional Support
- 9 Nutritional Services (\$16.42/hr and up)

Substitutes

- 385 Subs as of 7/27/2023
- Sub Incentive (an extra \$20 per day to fill in for a special education teacher or at certain locations)



# Comparable Districts- Educator Openings

Comparable District	As of 8/1/2023	As of 8/10/2023	Students (PK-12) Enrollment in 22/23	First Day of School
Montrose	13	10	6035	8/14
Littleton	15	14	13450	8/15
Thompson	15	21	15212	8/15
<b>D51</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20851</b>	<b>8/9</b>
Greeley - Weld 6	46	42	22673	8/14
Brighton - 27J	6	7	22687	8/10
CO Springs - 11	126	121	22729	8/16
CO Springs - 20	56	50	26607	8/15
Poudre	13	7	30105	8/16
St. Vrain	25	20	32639	8/16
Adams 12	51	46	35747	8/14
<b>Average</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>		

# Elementary School - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/10

## Open

- GenEd Teachers: 1
- SPED Teachers: 4
- Counselors: 2
- Admin: 0

## Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 89
- SPED Teachers: 20
- Counselors: 4
- Admin: 10



# Middle School - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/10

## Open

- GenEd Teachers: 5
- SPED Teachers: 5
- Counselors: 1
- Admin: 0

## Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 59
- SPED Teachers: 13
- Counselors: 6
- Admin: 10



# High School - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/10

## Open

- GenEd Teachers: 4
- SPED Teachers: 2
- Counselors: 0
- Admin: 0

## Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 43
- SPED Teachers: 16
- Counselors: 12
- Admin: 7



# Alternative Campus - Open & Filled Positions as of 8/10

## Open

- GenEd Teachers: 2
- SPED Teachers: 5
- Counselors: 1
- Admin: 0

## Filled

- GenEd Teachers: 8
- SPED Teachers: 3
- Counselors: 0
- Admin: 1



# Temporary Vacancy Coverage - as of 8/15

- 38 Long Term Substitutes
  - 13 general education vacancies
  - 10 special education vacancies
  - 11 support staff vacancies
  - 5 FMLA / other leave
- 6 Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) and Sped Specialists are temporarily covering
- Utilize PERA retirees

*Big thanks!*

THANK YOU  
SO MUCH

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Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
<b>Retirements</b>			
NONE AT THIS TIME			
<b>Resignations/Termination</b>			
BEYNON, JESSE O	EAST	6TH GR LANGUAGE ARTS	5/24/2023
BOWNS, TAYLOR MARGARET	SHELLEDY	GRADE 4	5/24/2023
MOORE, KATHERINE	GJHS	HEALTH	5/24/2023
MUTZ, GEORGE A	NISLEY	GRADE 5	(rescinded)
ZITTERKOPF, RYLEE ROSE	CLIFTON	SP ED-SSN	5/24/2023
<b>Leave of Absence</b>			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			
<b>New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)</b>			
CASEY, SUTTON M	R-5	INTERVENTIONIST	8/1/2023
DEROSE, JENNIFER M	LINCOLN OM	MUSIC	8/3/2023
DURAN, KATIE L	LOMA	GRADE 3	8/3/2023
GENTRY, DIANE M	GJHS	CLD-HS	8/3/2023
GUTIERREZ, SIANA SOMMERSTED	BOOKCLIFF	7TH GR LANGUAGE ARTS	8/3/2023
HAGADORN, JAY T	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	SP ED-SNB	8/1/2023
HODGES, CLEON E	GJHS	SCIENCE	8/3/2023
JACKMAN, SABRINA I	BOOKCLIFF	8TH GR LANGUAGE ARTS/SS	8/3/2023
KIEDINGER, ABBY K	ORCHARD MESA	7TH GR SCIENCE	8/3/2023
LUEBS, AHNA M	LINCOLN OM	GRADE 4	8/3/2023
LYNCH, GRACE E	GRAND MESA	CLD-MS	8/3/2023
MARCHANT, MEGAN A	FRUITA 8-9	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	8/3/2023
MENDOZA, VALERIE A	CLIFTON	GRADE 3	8/3/2023
MICHEL, JOHN D	NISLEY	GRADE 5	8/3/2023
MORALES, MARIO A	R-5	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	8/1/2023
MUNIZ, ELAN NATHANIEL	GJHS	INTERVENTIONIST	8/3/2023
NOE, CHRISTINE L	PREVENT SVCS	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/1/2023
PINCHBACK, JOY M	SHELLEDY	GRADE 4	8/3/2023
PINEDA, NICOLLE S	CENTRAL	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/1/2023
RIDDLE, GRACEY S	RIM ROCK	SP ED-SSN	8/1/2023
VELARDE, KRISTEN D	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	GRADE 2	8/3/2023
WHEELER, CAROLINE CHRISTINE	BOOKCLIFF	6TH GR LANGUAGE ARTS	8/3/2023
WILKINSON, LARA CARYN	EMERSON	COACH, LEARNING MODEL	8/3/2023





**Mesa County Valley School District 51**

**Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action**

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<b>Return from Leave</b>			
CASTRO, TEAGAN P	NISLEY	GRADE 1	8/3/2023
HAWLEY, CASEY J	CENTRAL	SOCIAL STUDIES	8/3/2023

*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 15, 2023.*

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*Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary  
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Donor	Mr. Richard M. & Ms. Abby L. Kaul
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1000
School/Department	GJHS Boys Golf

Donor	Spring Works
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary Lego League

Donor	Alpine Bank
Gift	Cash
Value	\$4000
School/Department	\$2000 to GJHS & \$2000 to the District

Donor	Mr. Justin J. and Ms. Elvira R. Whiteford
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	GJHS Senior Scholarship

Donor	Grand Valley Lax Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$300
School/Department	GJHS Girls Lacrosse(\$50) Boys Lacrosse(\$250)

Donor	Martial Arts Research Systems
Gift	10 backpacks with school supplies
Value	\$300
School/Department	Appleton Elementary School

Donor	Mr. Brad R. and Ms. Sheila G. Neese
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	GJHS Football

Donor	Fisher's Market
Gift	Gift Card
Value	\$50
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Starbucks Coffee
Gift	Coffee, cups, cream & sugar
Value	\$200
School/Department	Drinks for Secretaries at Inservice

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Donor	Ramblebine
Gift	Gift Card
Value	\$25
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Enstrom Candies
Gift	2 boxes of Toffee
Value	\$60
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Zesty Moose
Gift	Gift Certificate
Value	\$25
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	GJ Jackalopes
Gift	GJ Jackalopes Spirit Gift Items
Value	\$35
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Chick-Fil-A
Gift	150 Chicken Biscuits and platter of fruit
Value	\$618.50
School/Department	For breakfast for secretaries at Inservice

Donor	Home Depot
Gift	Fire Pit and Pop-Up Canopy
Value	\$318
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Wild Birds Unlimited
Gift	Bird House and Bird Food
Value	\$35
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Four Winds Coffee
Gift	5 Coffees
Value	\$30
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Bookcliff Gardens
Gift	2 Gift Cards
Value	\$50
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

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Donor	Human Bean
Gift	4 gift cards
Value	\$100
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Dillard's
Gift	Gift Basket
Value	\$500
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Texas Roadhouse
Gift	2 gift cards
Value	\$80
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Mrs. Jennifer Marsh
Gift	Denver Broncos Swag
Value	\$75
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Gear Junction
Gift	Bike Tune-Up Gift Certificate
Value	\$65
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Cold Stone Creamery
Gift	2 Ice Cream Cake Certificates
Value	\$80
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Mama Ree's Pizza
Gift	4 Gift Cards
Value	\$100
School/Department	For prizes at Secretary Inservice

Donor	Martial Arts Research Systems
Gift	10 backpacks with school supplies
Value	\$300
School/Department	Appleton Elementary School

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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 15, 2023.*

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*Amy Navarette  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

**Resolution Supporting Grant from Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District for Improvement to the Baseball and Softball Facilities at Palisade High School**

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WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (“MCFMLD”); and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District has submitted a Grant Application requesting a total award of \$274,000.00, for the improvement to the baseball and softball facilities at Palisade High School; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District supports the completion of the project if a grant is awarded by the MCFMLD, now;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education.
2. The Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education supports the Grant Application submitted by the Mesa County Valley School District with matching funds being secured through cash and in-kind donations for a grant with MCFMLD.
3. The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease grant will not be accepted by Mesa County Valley School District until such cash and in-kind donations are received and/or secured.
4. If the grant is awarded, the Board of Education strongly supports the completion of the project.
5. The Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of cash donations received necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the MCFMLD.
6. The project site is owned by Mesa County Valley School District and will be owned by Mesa County Valley School District for the next 25 years. The Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education of the Mesa County Valley School District will continue to maintain Safe and Secure Schools Program in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance annually.
7. If a grant is awarded, the Mesa County Valley School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to sign a Grant Agreement with the MCFMLD.

*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 15, 2023.*

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*Amy Navarette*  
*Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

**Approval to Sell Career Center Project Property**

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WHEREAS, the Career Center, a Mesa County Valley 51 school, has a construction program designed to allow students to learn and practice the skills necessary to build a house, and;

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2017, the Board approved Resolution 16/17: 101 to purchase property located at 3011 Fallawater Court, Grand Junction, CO 81504, for the purpose of constructing a home under the Career Center Construction Program.

WHEREAS, the house located at 3011 Fallawater Court, Grand Junction, CO 81504 was recently completed and the home and property was listed for sale with River City Real Estate, LLC, and;

WHEREAS, the District is anticipating receiving a contract for an amount equal to or greater than the listing price, and;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to accept a contract offer greater than the listing and/or appraised value, now;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education declares the parcel located at 3011 Fallawater Court, Grand Junction, CO 81504 to be surplus property not needed within the foreseeable future for any purpose authorized by law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board is in agreeance with the District to accept a Contract to Buy and Sell Real Estate in an amount greater than the listing and/or appraised value, upon review of and approval from District Legal Counsel, and;

FURTHER RESOLVED upon review and approval from District Legal Counsel the Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent, or his designee, to execute said contract on behalf of the Board; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or his designee, is authorized to take such further steps and execute such other documents as and when required to complete the transaction.

*I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on August 15, 2023.*

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Amy Navarette  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education