

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting

December 16, 2008

Minutes



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Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL	6:05 pm
Absent						➤ Mrs. Kiesler welcomed attendees to the December 16, 2008, Business Meeting.	
Motion						B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted
Second		x			x	➤ The agenda was amended to include an additional Board Policy, <i>K-2-d. JEB, Entrance Age</i> , for First Reading and Information, and an Executive Session: Item <i>N. Legal, CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b)</i> .	As Amended
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	C. MINUTES APPROVAL	Adopted As Presented
Second	x					C-1. November 25, 2008, Business Meeting	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. Energy Star Schools: Mesa View, Rim Rock and Thunder Mountain Elementary Schools [Resolution: 08/09: 56]	
						➤ Mr. Rowley asked the principals from the schools being recognized to come forward. He read the Resolution, outlining the definition and criteria for a school to receive the Energy Star rating. The Board's Certificates of Recognition were presented to Mary Biagini, Tami Kramer, and Diane Carver. Mr. Rowley congratulated Eric Anderson, Resource Conservation Manager, for his work in this area.	
						➤ The Board and Superintendent congratulated the principals and staff for attaining the Energy Star rating.	
						E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS	
						➤ Board members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the annual Colorado Association of School Board's Convention, and reported on several of the sessions and presentations they attended. Those session highlights included:	
						• Green buildings and energy conservation;	
						• The tour of green schools given by District 11 staff;	
						• Community engagement;	
						• Student forum emphasizing teachers making a difference and encouraging students;	
						• Comparisons between schools in the United States and other countries.	
						F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT: None at this time.	
						G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None at this time.	

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						<p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:</p> <p>H-1. United Way Drawing: Ms. Terri Smatla and Ms. Sharon Kallus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members drew names for the annual "Win a Day Off," for staff contributing to the United Way. Volunteers from administration will cover the position for the winners on a mutually determined date. The winners are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim Boyack, Pomona Elementary; Jennifer Lans, Grand Mesa Middle; Joanne Floria, Orchard Mesa Middle; Tom Lisco, West Middle; Melanie Larsen, East Middle; Rod Karp, Mt. Garfield Middle; Donna Nichols, Pear Park Elementary; Wendy Joy, Administration; John Keck, Emerson; Lexi Anne Taddeo, Mt. Garfield Middle; Barbara Hollingsworth, DIA/Fruita 8/9; Mark Schmalz, Appleton Elementary; Lynn Bateman, Emerson; Laura Mayo, Appleton Elementary; Lynn Edwards, Redlands Middle School; Sherri Boyce, Rim Rock Elementary; Cathy Haller, Emerson; Carol LeCrone, Mt. Garfield Middle; Shelly Forsman, Taylor Elementary; Jackie Walsh, East Middle. Ms. Smatla provided a status report on the number of staff participating, contribution amounts, and the traveling plaque winners. She indicated, due to the economy, contributions are down; however, over \$100,000 has been committed for donation this year. The Board and Superintendent thanked Ms. Smatla and Ms. Kallus for their work with the United Way. <p>H-2. Review Youth Risk Behavior Study Data: Dr. Teresa Coons & Ms. Sarah Elliott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Coons provided a PowerPoint presentation, focusing on the Executive Summary of the report. Data was compiled from surveys given to students at Central High School, Grand Junction High School, Fruita 8/9 School, Fruita Monument High School, Palisade High School, and R-5 High School. Officials randomly selected a sample of 1,349 students, representing all 6 high schools. The comprehensive report is a result of the collaborative effort between Mesa County Valley School District 51 and Mesa County Health Department through Steps to a Healthier Mesa County. The presentation provided a review of data in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Health, Mental Health, Suicide, Asthma; Body Weight; 	

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nutrition; o Physical Activity; o Tobacco Use; o Alcohol Use, Prescription and Non-prescription Drug Abuse, and Vehicular Safety; o School and Home Environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the presentation was given, Dr. Coons noted comparisons to previous surveys done in 2005 and 2006, as well as similar trend data within the State of Colorado and the nation. • Board members asked questions regarding ethnic data, and discussed the inter-relationship between behaviors and mental/physical wellness, as it affects alcohol and drug use by students. • Additional discussion included the need to identify a funding source for future surveys, as the grant funding previously utilized has concluded. • Dr. Mills suggested, after the Board has studied the data closer, to have further discussion at an upcoming Work Session. • The Board and Superintendent thanked Dr. Coons and Ms. Elliott for their presentation. <p>H-3. Overcrowding Solutions Committee Update: Dr. Mills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mills reported on the time-line and the work currently in process. A report from the Committee is scheduled for the Board Work Session on February 10. • An orientation has been completed and three sub-committees have been formed for weekly meetings over the course of the next six weeks. Dr. Mills reviewed the focus of the sub-committee work, which includes: current facilities and what opportunities we have, existing space available in the community that is suitable for students, and alternative schedules to address overcrowding. • Mrs. Kiesler and Mrs. Rice attended the Committee Orientation. Mrs. Rice commented it was a very productive day, and she thanked the Trane Corporation for sponsoring the meeting and the facilitator. Mrs. Kiesler reported it was a lot of productive thinking and thoughtful ideas. • Dr. Mills indicated a schedule of sub-committee meetings will be provided to the Board for their information and possible attendance. <p>H-4. Instructional Update: Mr. Steve Schultz, Mr. Andy Laase, Mrs. Deb Bailey, Mrs. Bill Larsen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Schultz reported he is encouraged by the initial data, regarding the implementation of interventions for students most in need of support. • The Board was provided written reports for their information and study in the following areas: <i>Elementary Intervention Data</i>, covering Running Records, Exemplars, Show What You Know, Soar to Success, and Do the Math. <i>Middle School Intervention Data</i>, covering Middle School Universal Intervention Tools for Exemplars: CSAP 	

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						<p>Warm-ups, Show What You Know, and Targeted Intervention Averages for Soar to Success and Do the Math Lessons. <i>High School CSAP Boosters</i>, noting progress in planning, and initial, mid and full implementation in Exemplars, CSAP Warm-ups & Extended Response for Math, and Show What You Know & CSAP Essentials for Math, Science, Reading and Writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Laase reported 33 students could not attend intervention lessons due to transportation and 16 parents refused services. Board members asked questions and discussed the barriers involved for students not attending. Mr. Laase indicated alternatives are being tried for those students who are not participating before and after school. Mrs. Bailey reported for middle schools, the initial data is considered "raw" at this point. She reviewed the written report, previously mentioned, with the Board. Mrs. Rice commented she had received feedback from a middle school teacher, praising <i>Do the Math</i> and the impact it is having. Mr. Larsen reported Progress Monitors and Nova Net resources are making a difference in the high schools. He spoke of the work being accomplished by the three Content Specialists in math, and reviewed the data sheet provided. Scheduling for high school students can be a barrier with split blocks and blocks; special schedules for March, April & May are being considered for seminars in math, science and literacy. Dr. Mills expressed his appreciation for the work going into district-wide interventions; it is above and beyond the everyday work in the classroom. The Board and Superintendent thanked the team for presenting. <p>H-5. Middle School and High School Math Curriculum Adoption: Ms. Cathie Gonzales, Ms. Carla Haas, and Ms. Ann Peterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Gonzales reviewed the process for curriculum selection and presented the Board with the three possible publishers to be considered. The textbooks and resources are standards-based and align with National and State Content Process Standards, with district supporting documents to prepare students with 21st Century Skills. Technology is an important piece; with a need for additional calculators in the classrooms. The textbooks are on display in Room E, at BTK, for board members to review over the next month. A final recommendation will be brought forward for Board approval at the Business Meeting on January 20. Discussion included professional development for teachers, more time for process standards, balanced procedures and concepts, honoring different approaches, and the importance of balance and application. The Board and Superintendent thanked Ms. Gonzales and the Math Team for their work in this important area. 	

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						Recess: 7:32 pm, Reconvene: 7:46 pm H-6. Instructional Technology Demonstration: Mr. Jeff Pearson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Pearson provided a PowerPoint/Internet presentation to demonstrate how technology integration is used in the classroom. He used Geography lessons to illustrate what can happen when technology is infused in the learning. As the presentation was given, he noted how the Geography Standards are applied, and he described the use of several technology tools, which included: streaming video, audio clips, search engines, DVD technology, and Google Earth access. He spoke of the benefits of technology for students to learn critical thinking/problem solving, research methods, contextual learning, creativity, collaboration, and increased communication skills. Board members voiced interest in seeing instructional technology integrated in the classroom. It was suggested classroom demonstrations could be scheduled to coincide with the Board's upcoming plans to visit elementary schools. The Board and Superintendent thanked Mr. Pearson for the presentation. H-4. Business/Investment Reports: Mrs. Vi Crawford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mills asked if the Board had any questions regarding the routine, monthly reports, and noted that the collection of revenue is up somewhat from local sources and less from the state at this time. Mrs. Rice asked when the report would reflect the salary adjustment for increased enrollment over 150 students. Dr. Mills indicated it would be included in the February report. H-5. Expulsion Report: Dr. Mills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mills reported there have been 30 student expulsions, as of November 30, 2008. This reflects an increase of nine students, compared to the same time last year. Board members briefly discussed the "300 category" on the discipline descriptions, for students who are using tobacco products. Mr. Rowley asked for additional information, regarding the number of students suspended for tobacco use on school property. Dr. Mills will provide the information. I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	J. CONSENT AGENDA [Resolutions 08/09: 51, 50, 52, 53] J-1. Personnel Actions J-1-a. Licensed Personnel J-1-b. Support Personnel J-2. Gifts J-3. Grants	Adopted

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Motion					x	K. BUSINESS ITEMS	Adopted
Second		x				K-1. Board Policy Second Reading and Adoption	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	K-1-a. JFABD & JFABD-R, Admission of Homeless Students	
No							
						K-2. Board Policy First Reading and Information	Presented for First Reading
						K-2-a. GBA, GBA-E, GBA-R: Equal Opportunity Employment	
						K-2-b. AC, ACA, ACA-E: Nondiscrimination	
						K-2-c. JB: Equal Education Opportunities	
						o Dr. Mills indicated changes in the above policy language are due to aligning policies to what is now in statute, cleaning up language and changing names/titles.	
						K-2-d. JEB, Entrance Age	
						o It was brought to the Board's attention by David Price, Attorney, and Judy Thornburg, Executive Director of Student Services, that the date of October 1 on the CASB sample policy would need to be changed to September 15. This change will be reflected in the policy presented for second reading and adoption.	
Motion					x	K-3. Appointment of Board Attorney(s) [Resolution 08/09:55]	Adopted
Second	x					• Board members briefly discussed the resolution naming the Board's attorneys. Board action is required per statute, adopted annually in December.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	• Dr. Mills indicated a subcommittee of the Board will work this spring on contractual agreements.	
No							
Motion					x	K-4. Bookcliff Middle School Addition [Resolution: 08/09:54]	Adopted
Second		x				• FCI Constructors Inc. was named as the contractor for the addition.	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	• Mrs. Rice commented she is glad to see the Bookcliff project start, and she is pleased with the contract amount.	
No						• Dr. Mills stated that the Dual Immersion Academy (DIA) expansion has been in the planning stage for a long time, and will provide 150 middle school students with continuing instruction in the DIA model and will help address overcrowding district-wide.	
						L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION: None at this time.	
						M. FUTURE MEETINGS: Reviewed	
Motion					x	N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal, CRS. Section 24-6-402(4)(b), 8:25 pm	Adjourned to Executive Session
Second	x					Present: Mr. Butler, Mrs. Enos-Martinez, Mrs. Kiesler, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Rowley	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	Present: Dr. Tim Mills, Attorney David Price	
No							
Motion					x	RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 8:45 pm	
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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Motion						O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 pm	Adjourned
Second	x				x		8:45 pm
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
						<div> <div></div> <div>Jamie Sidanycz, Secretary Board of Education</div> </div>	



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Mesa View, Rim Rock, and Thunder Mountain ENERGY STAR Rating

Board of Education Resolution: 08/09: 56

Presented: December 16, 2008

The Board of Education would like to recognize Mesa View, Rim Rock and Thunder Mountain Elementary schools for achieving an ENERGY STAR Rating. The addition of these three schools along with Redlands Middle, recognized in August, means District 51 now has four buildings with an ENERGY STAR rating. The ENERGY STAR label signifies the balance between energy efficiency and occupancy comfort, and ultimately recognizes efforts for an improved learning environment.

In order to receive the ENERGY STAR rating, the schools were evaluated in four areas: energy performance (which must be among the nation's top 25 percent), as well as thermal comfort, indoor air quality and lighting. After evaluation, the Mesa View, Rim Rock and Thunder Mountain buildings received the ENERGY STAR label by completing an Application Letter and a Statement of Energy Performance with District 51's Resource Conservation Management office.

The Board would like to congratulate the schools and Eric Anderson for all of their work to make the buildings the most efficient they can be. The Board wishes to honor the schools' staff, students, and community for their efforts, and hopes even more buildings can achieve the ENERGY STAR rating in the future as our district strives to become more energy efficient to improve learning and save dollars.



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Licensed Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution 08/09: 51

Adopted: December 16, 2008

Resignations	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Andrea Faudree	Dos Rios Elementary/Grade 5	December 19, 2008
Rebecca Gibb	Palisade HS/.625 Language Arts	December 19, 2008
Shawn Marsh	Grand Junction HS/P.E. (currently on leave)	November 26, 2008

Retirement	School/Assignment	Effective Date
Leslie Shaw Years in District #51 – 19 ½ Years in Education -- 19 ½	Grand Mesa MS/Social Studies	December 19, 2008

New Assignments	School/Assignment
Corrie Noble	Chipeta Elementary/Grade 1



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Support Personnel

Board of Education Resolution 08/09: 50

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
RETIREMENTS (None at this Time)			
RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS			
Gorman, Emily M	Instructional Asst	Kind Tope Elementary	10/31/2008
Gutierrez, Martina L	Custodian Trainee	Custodial Dept	11/17/2008
Pearmain, Sandi L	Instructional Asst	Reading Chatfield Elementary	11/14/2008
Prochnow, Debra Dawn	Instructional Asst	Sped Grand Mesa Middle School	12/19/2008
Sievers, Troy Michael	Advocate	Emerson	12/18/2008
ASSIGNMENTS			
Arvayo, Erica N	Secretary	Family Dos Rios Elementary	10/23/2008
Decoria, Julie C	Dys Secretary	Division Of Youth Services	10/7/2008
Dillon, Jennifer L	Instructional Asst	Ece Taylor Elementary	10/15/2008
Dyreg, Connie W	Instructional Asst	Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elem	10/2/2008
Estey, Jerod W	Comp Repair Specialist	Technology Services	10/20/2008
Foulke, Michele M	Instructional Asst	Sped Mount Garfield Middle School	10/2/2008
Gilmer, Tawnya K	Chipeta Inst Asst	Chipeta Elementary	10/13/2008
Kerstetter, Marlana D	Instructional Asst	Extra Rim Rock Elementary	10/27/2008
Morrow, Michael J	Instructional Asst	Grand Mesa Middle School	10/7/2008
Oakes, Shawna M	Instructional Asst	Sped Fruitvale Elementary	10/14/2008
Ortega, Veronica R	Instructional Asst	Sped Rim Rock Elementary	10/10/2008



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Osburn, Emily C	Instructional Asst	Sped	Pomona Elementary	10/1/2008
Rino, Diane Elaine	Vision Schl Family Advocate		Vision School	10/1/2008
Ruybal, Catherine J	Secretary		Grand Junction High School	10/27/2008
Scroggins, Brenda J	Vision School Office Manager		Vision School	10/30/2008
Scroggins, Latasha M	Instructional Asst		Grand Mesa Middle School	10/9/2008
Smith, Jeannette L	Secretary, Department		Basil T Knight	10/2/2008
	Dual Immers Academy Inst			
Steele, Rosalinda E	Asst		Dual Immersion Academy	10/23/2008
Uecker, Jessica M	Instructional Asst	Sped	Grand Mesa Middle School	10/20/2008

LEAVES OF ABSENCE (No Leaves at this time)



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GIFTS

Board of Education Resolution: 08/09: 52

Adopted: December 16, 2008

Donor	Vicky Bray
Gift	Violin
Value	\$250.00
School/Department	Music Education office

Donor	Action Publishing
Gift	33 cases of loose-leaf lined paper, 5 cases of binders
Value	
School/Department	Prevention Dept. Extended Learning

Donor	Newspapers in Education – The Daily Sentinel
Gift	Posters
Value	\$25.00
School/Department	BTK

Donor	Melisa Porter
Gift	Piccolo
Value	\$350
School/Department	GMMS Music Program

Donor	Orchard Mesa Lions Club
Gift	Money to help 8 th grade Knight of the Month program
Value	\$400
School/Department	Orchard Mesa Middle School

Donor	Taffy and Gerald Roberts
Gift	Playground equipment and Gigi balls
Value	\$208
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary

Donor	Kirsten and David Tyler
Gift	Playground equipment
Value	\$50
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary

Donor	Laurie Jo and Kevin Elisha
Gift	Playground equipment
Value	\$100
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary



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GIFTS

Board of Education Resolution: 08/09: 52

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Donor	Karla and Dennis Durmas
Gift	2 book sets
Value	\$10
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary

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.



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Grants

Board of Education Resolution 08-09:53

Adopted: December 16, 2008

Grant Title	Morgridge Family Foundation Grant
Source	Denver Foundation
Fund Number	22-644-0032
Site	BTK
Description	To purchase Promethean Technology interactive toolkits thru the 21 st Century Classroom Collaboration at Pomona, Pear Park, Nisley, Chatfield, Mesa View, and Fruitvale Elementary.
Budget Amount	\$55,413.00
Fiscal Year	06/30/2009
Authorized Representative	Cathie Gonzales

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



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JFABD

ADMISSION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

Adopted: January 16, 1996

Revised: August 6, 2002

Adopted: December 16, 2008

It is the Board's intent to remove barriers to the enrollment and retention of homeless students in school in accordance with state and federal law. The district shall take reasonable steps to ensure that homeless students are not segregated or stigmatized and that decisions are made in the best interests of the student.

Each homeless student shall be provided services for which the student is eligible, comparable to services provided to other students in the school, regardless of residency, including transportation services, education services, career and technical education programs, gifted and talented programs, and school nutrition programs.

Homeless students shall be provided access to education and other services that they need, to ensure they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held. All educational decisions shall be made in the best interests of the student.

The district shall coordinate with other districts and with local social services agencies and other agencies or programs providing services to homeless students as needed. The superintendent shall designate at least one staff member in the district to serve as the homeless student liaison and fulfill the duties set forth in state and federal law.

Decisions on enrollment and transportation for homeless students shall be made in accordance with regulation JFABD-R.

NOTE 1: The term "homeless children" is defined in federal law to include the following:

Individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- *children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;*
- *children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;*
- *children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and*
- *migratory children who are living in circumstances described above.*



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NOTE 2: While the definition of homeless children in Colorado law closely tracks the definition in federal law, the federal law contains the following language which is NOT found in the Colorado law:

- *"sharing the housing of other persons due to lack of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason"*
- *"trailer parks"*
- *"substandard housing"*
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Colorado school districts that receive federal funds are required to follow the more inclusive federal definition.

LEGAL REFS.: 42 USC § 114131 et seq. (McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)
 CRS 22-1-102.5 (definition of homeless child)
 CRS 22-32-109 (1)(dd) (duty to adopt/revise policies to remove barriers to access and success in schools for homeless children)
 CRS 22-33-103.5 (attendance of homeless children)
 CRS 26-5.7-10 et seq. (Homeless Youth Act)



Adopted: December 16, 2008

Homeless student liaison

The liaison appointed by the superintendent shall work to identify homeless children and facilitate each homeless child's access to and success in school. By October 1 of each year, the liaison shall report the number of homeless students enrolled in the school district to the Colorado Department of Education.

The primary functions of the liaison shall be to mediate disputes concerning school enrollment, assist in making transportation arrangements, assist in requesting the student's records, provide information and give referrals on services and opportunities. With respect to any homeless child who is not in the custody of a parent or guardian, the liaison shall also assist the child in placement and enrollment decisions, consider the views of such unaccompanied child, and provide notice and information to such child regarding the right to appeal enrollment determinations as provided below.

Enrollment

A homeless student is deemed to reside, and may enroll and attend school in:

- A school in the District attendance area where the child is presently located, or
- The District school that the student last attended before becoming homeless.

Homeless students seeking admission to a school shall be enrolled immediately even if they are unable to provide records or documentation routinely required for enrollment and/or are unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The enrolling school shall immediately make arrangements to obtain any necessary records and to have the student receive any necessary immunizations. When feasible, the district shall seek immunizations through no- or low-cost health care providers. If an expense is incurred, the district shall seek reimbursement through Medicaid if possible. Students determined to be homeless also qualify automatically for the District's free breakfast and lunch program(s), and the school shall provide the District's Nutrition Services Office with the necessary information and paperwork for immediate enrollment in such program(s).

If a homeless student is eligible for or receiving special education or related services but is not in the custody of a parent or legal guardian, a surrogate shall be appointed for the student in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations concerning education of disabled students.

If a homeless student becomes permanently housed outside the district during the school year, the student shall no longer be considered homeless and may only continue enrollment in the district for the remainder of the school year.

Tuition

Students defined in state and federal law as homeless children shall be admitted without payment of tuition.



Notice of decision and appeal

No homeless student shall be enrolled at a school other than the school where the student attended prior to becoming homeless or a school that is contrary to the expressed wishes of the student's parent or guardian (or the one requested by the student if such student is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian) except upon the direction of the Director of Student Services. If the Director of Student Services directs that the homeless student shall attend a school other than the school where the student attended prior to becoming homeless or a school other than the one desired by the student's parent or guardian (or the one desired by the student if such student is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian), such Director shall provide a written Notice of Decision to the homeless student's parent or guardian (or to the homeless student, if unaccompanied), explaining such decision, and a copy of such notice shall be provided to the liaison. Such Notice shall include:

1. Contact information for the liaison and State coordinator, with a brief description of their roles;
2. A description of how to dispute the school's decision, including applicable timelines;
3. A simple, detachable appeal form that parents, guardians, or unaccompanied youth can complete and turn in to the liaison to initiate the District's dispute resolution process;
4. Notice of the right to enroll immediately in the school of choice pending resolution of any dispute;
5. Notice that immediate enrollment includes full participation in all school activities;
6. Notice of the right to appeal to the State if the district-level resolution of the dispute is not satisfactory; and
7. the timelines for initiating and resolving district-level disputes as indicated below.

Resolution of enrollment disputes

A parent or guardian of a homeless student, or a homeless student not in custody of a parent/guardian may dispute an enrollment decision by filing a written appeal with the liaison on a form provided by the District within five (5) school days after receipt of the Notice of Decision. Upon receipt of such appeal form, the student shall be immediately enrolled in the school selected by the parent/guardian or student until the dispute is resolved, and a copy of the appeal form shall be forwarded to the Superintendent. The liaison shall ensure such enrollment and services in the best interest of the child, shall work with the Superintendent (or his or her designee) to resolve the appeal as expeditiously as possible, and shall keep records concerning the dispute.

The Superintendent (or designee) shall review the appeal and attempt to resolve the issues raised informally through communication with the liaison and the homeless student and/or the parent or guardian of the homeless student. If no resolution of the dispute is achieved within ten (10) school days, the Superintendent (or designee) shall issue a written decision regarding the appeal. Such decision shall notify the homeless student and/or the parent or guardian of the homeless student of their right to further appeal such decision to the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Such further appeal shall be governed the state's dispute resolution procedure.



Mesa County Valley School District 51

JFABD-R **ADMISSION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS**

Adopted: December 16, 2008

Transportation

Subsequent to a determination that a homeless student shall attend a school in this district, a request for transportation may be made by the student, or by the student's parent/guardian.

If the student is located in the district, the district shall provide or arrange for the student's transportation to and from school in accordance with district transportation policies. All transportation services shall be comparable to those provided for other students in the district.

If the student is located outside of the district but a determination has been made that the student shall attend school in the district, both this district and the district where the student is located must either agree on a method to apportion cost and responsibility for the student's transportation or share the cost and responsibility equally.

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Appointment of Board Attorney(s)

Board of Education Resolution: 08/09: 55

Adopted: December 16, 2008

WHEREAS, according to Board Policy BDG, the Board of Education shall retain an attorney(s) for legal counsel and services that are necessary in the operation of District affairs. This is to be accomplished by January 1 of each year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that David A. Price and John W. Groves are hereby appointed as such counsel to serve at the pleasure of the Board and perform the services as may be requested by the Board and the administration.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on December 16, 2008.

Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education



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Construction Contract

Board of Education Resolution 08-09:54

Adopted: December 16, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in response to an invitation to bid, FCI Constructors, Inc., (herein "Contractor") submitted a sealed proposal for the general contract for construction of:

Bookcliff Middle School Addition
Bookcliff Middle School
540 29 1/4 Road
Grand Junction, CO 81504

which proposal was accepted by the District; and

WHEREAS, upon such acceptance, the said Contractor submitted to the District a construction contract for the said project along with a project Labor, Material and Performance Bond; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the contract, substantial completion of the project is to be finished by June 19, 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the said construction contract, along with the Labor, Material and Performance Bond, and ratifies execution of the same by the superintendent.

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 December 16, 2008.

*Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education*