

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Business Meeting

September 18, 2007

Minutes



- A - Jim Gebhard
- B - Dan Robinson
- C - Harry Butler
- D - Leslie Kiesler
- E - Ron Rowley

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Present		x	x		x	CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 pm	
Absent	x			x		[Mr. Gebhard: absent, excused] [Mrs. Kiesler: Absent, excused] [Mr. Gebhard: present, 7:00 pm]	
Motion			x			A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted As Presented
Second		x					
Aye		x	x		x		
No							
Motion		x				C. MINUTES APPROVAL	
Second			x			C-1. August 7, 2007, Regular Meeting/Work Session Overview	Adopted As Presented
Aye		x	x		x		
No							
Motion			x			C-2. August 21, 2007, Business Meeting	Adopted As Presented
Second		x					
Aye		x	x		x		
No							
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. Kathy Joseph, Colorado State Band Association Hall of Fame [Resolution: 07/08:28]	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Mr. Rowley read the resolution and presented Kathy Joseph with the Board's Certificate of Recognition. The resolution outlined Ms. Joseph's education and employment history since beginning her career in 1976, including an overview of the many awards Kathy and her bands have received. She is the first woman and only the second inductee from the western slope of Colorado since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1976. > Board Members and the Superintendent congratulated Ms. Joseph and thanked her for her outstanding work with students. 	
						D-2. Exemplary Band Awards [Resolution: 07/08:27]	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Mr. Robinson asked the Band Directors to come forward, and read the resolution recognizing Paul Traugott from Central High School; Brett Argo from East Middle School; Debbie Wilson from Grand Mesa Middle School; Sarah Kamstra from Redlands Middle School; and Joe Webb from Fruita Middle School for receiving the 2006-2007 Colorado Band Masters' Exemplary Band Award. The resolution outlined the criteria used in determining the exemplary status. > Mr. Butler presented the Band Directors with the Board's Certificate of Recognition. > Board Members and the Superintendent conveyed their congratulations to each band director and all of the young musicians. > Several of the band directors spoke, conveying their appreciation to their school administrators and the Board of Education for their support of music programs in the District. > Dr. Mills commented on the rich tradition of music programs in District 51, and how music provides a well-round education for students. 	

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						<p>E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS: None at this time.</p> <p>F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT: None at this time.</p> <p>G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None at this time</p> <p>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>H-1. Extended Learning: Cathy Haller, Steve States & Lee Carlton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > A PowerPoint presentation was given by the leadership team to report on the status of the Extended Learning Board Goal: <i>To develop and implement extended learning time for increased interventions to support the improvement of student performance.</i> The areas presented included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mission statement, "to provide a seamless educational program for all students in the "red zone," as well as providing enrichment activities for all students. It is our desire to ensure that all students receive responsive instruction that meets their educational needs." • Quotes from several students, parents and teachers, regarding this opportunity as a positive experience for students to learn. • Data charts and information were provided in the following areas: enrollment, attendance rate, student breakdown by levels, free & reduced summary percentages, high school course completion data, curriculum-based assessments used for pre and post testing to report average growth, sample forms for tracking progress, budget, successes and next steps. • Key-points of the presentation included: enrollment is up at 2,034 in 2007 compared to last year at 809; the schools were instrumental in identifying children needing extra help – growth data is given back to the school to assist in moving the student forward; continued work will go into streamlining the process and identifying consistent data to collect; a single 9-week session will be considered; and a budget will need to be developed to support expected enrollment increases next year. > Mr. Robinson emphasized the importance of establishing and meeting clear, quantifiable goals to demonstrate accountability and to ensure positive results, before increased funding is provided to the program. He would like to see goals specific to gender, ethnicity, and free & reduced lunch students. Mr. Robinson is concerned about new information coming out about boys not being motivated to pursue educational endeavors; he mentioned a book entitled <i>Boys Adrift</i>, which delves into this issue. > Mr. Butler proposed the possibility of talking to retailers around the valley to participate. > Mr. Robinson suggested changing the name of the extended learning summer program to an "academy," for a specialized group of students and teachers. He also suggested the possibility of paying students as an incentive to do well in the program. > Board members asked questions about the data, transportation, and food service. Additional information will be provided regarding ethnic, gender, free & reduced lunch students, and the number of "red-zone" students served. > Dr. Mills summarized the areas previously mentioned for specific goals, and concluded by stating the purpose of the extended learning program is to provide an opportunity for students to have additional time to learn; it is skill focused, limiting the regression of learning that happens over the summer. 	

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						<p>H-2. 2006-2007 End-of-Year Business/Investment Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dr. Mills presented the routine, end-of-year financials, gave an overview of funds and asked the Board if they had questions or comments. > Mr. Robinson pointed out how the general fund balance has increased over previous years, and commended the classified and certified staff, the teacher association, and the executive directors for their part in being conscientious regarding district funds. He credited the leadership and work of Dr. Mills in improving the fund balance to current levels, with a 2006-2007 balance of over six million. He stated that District 51 is not a rich district; the district's fund balance has improved from a district that was in the "hole" six years ago to one which would be considered a "AAA" rated company. > Dr. Mills spoke of the establishment of budget parameters as a factor in maintaining the fund balance. He stated that a lot of work has been done to stabilize and maintain the fund balance to provide direct resources to students. District 51 provides 74% of its budget for instruction and pupil support, which is one of the highest percentages in the state. > Mr. Rowley commented on energy costs; he favors striving for and setting a higher standard for energy efficiency to reduce costs. <p>H-3. 2007-2008 Business/Investment Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > No further comment was made, regarding the beginning 2007-2008 school year routine reports. <p>I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.</p>	
Motion		x				J. CONSENT AGENDA [Resolutions 07/08: 14, 15, 16, 18,]	Adopted
Second			x			J-1. Personnel Actions	
Aye	x	x	x		x	J-1-a. Licensed Personnel	
No						J-1-b. Support Personnel	
						J-2. Gifts	
Motion		x				K. BUSINESS ITEMS	Adopted
Second	x					K-1. LaRaza Conference Pepsi Grant	
Aye	x	x	x		x	> Mr. Robinson commented he is delighted to fund this opportunity again this year, noting that the LaRaza Conference promotes and develops responsible leadership skills for Latino youth.	
No							
						K-2. Board Policy 1 st Reading & Information [Resolution 07/08: 13]	1 st Reading & Information
						K-2-a. Students Studying Abroad, Amendment to Board Policy IKF	
						> Dr. Mills added that the intent is to insert the resolution language into the Performance Based Policy, with a subheading. The 2 nd reading will be the actual policy, as it will be published.	
						> Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Gebhard for a great job and a real contribution.	

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						<p>INTRODUCTIONS: Dr. Mills introduced the following administrators in attendance who are new to their positions this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anna Goetz, Palisade High School, Assistant Principal ➤ Mike Allison, Redlands Middle School, Assistant Principal ➤ Pat Chapin, Orchard Mesa Middle School, Assistant Principal ➤ Curry Newton, Rimrock Elementary School, Administrative Intern <p>L. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Gebhard opened discussion, regarding teacher evaluation. He emphasized the need for accountability to reach teachers, students, and parents, to raise proficiency. ➤ Mr. Robinson appreciates Mr. Gebhard keeping this subject on the table. Mr. Robinson conveyed his belief that the Board and the District will never be satisfied with test scores. ➤ Further discussion included: the connection between teacher performance and the assessment results of students, the role and responsibility of middle school and high school progress monitors, the importance of student achievement and the role of the classroom teacher, the competitive factors in our modern society taking students away from academic endeavors, parent involvement, Christian values, and current beliefs around the importance of a college degree. ➤ Mr. Rowley reminded Board Members of the work done with the Baldrige Model and the consultant, Judy Phillips, to bring accountability to the student level. ➤ Dr. Mills spoke about what is being done at the state level and the work of the new Commissioner of Education. Doing away with assessment or accountability is not being discussed; however, work is being done to re-evaluate the standards which have been in place for 13 years to see if they are still relevant, and exploring ways to get information back to individual students in a timely manner to assist them in improvement efforts. ➤ Further discussion regarding teacher evaluation and student performance will be held when Mrs. Kiesler is back, at the Board's Regular Meeting on October 2. <p>M. FUTURE MEETINGS: Reviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Rowley reminded Board Members of several upcoming events: a celebration of the new synthetic turf at Stocker Stadium at noon on September 25, the band festival on October 6, and plans for groundbreaking of the new downtown elementary school (date/time to be determined). ➤ Mr. Robinson requested a report from the District's Attendance Officer to review current data. This report will be planned for the October 16, Business Meeting. <p>N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.</p> <p>O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 pm</p>	
Motion		x					
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x				
No					x		Meeting Adjourned
						<p>_____ Jamie Sidanycz Secretary, Board of Education</p>	



Mesa County Valley School District No. 51

Recognition: Kathy Joseph, 2007 Colorado Band Masters Association Hall of Fame

Board of Education Resolution: 07/08: 28

Presented: September 18, 2007

Kathy Joseph, Music Coordinator for School District 51, was inducted into the Colorado Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame during the Annual Colorado Bandmasters Association Award Banquet July 19-20, 2007. Ms. Joseph is the first woman and only the second inductee from the western slope of Colorado since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1976.

Ms. Joseph graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Music Education and received her Masters of Music Education in 1981. She began teaching in Hotchkiss, Colorado in 1982, after teaching five years in Michigan. During her seven-and-a-half years in Hotchkiss, her bands earned numerous awards including two state marching championships and were named several times as the Outstanding Concert and Jazz Band at the Colorado West Music Festival. The 100+ member Hotchkiss band was also selected to perform at the state CMEA Convention in Colorado Springs.

In 1989 Ms. Joseph began teaching at Grand Junction High School. During the next seven years, her bands continued their stride for excellence earning top honors as the Colorado West Outstanding Jazz Combo, Outstanding Jazz Band, Outstanding Concert Band, Outstanding Marching Band, and they received the Colorado West Sweepstakes Award six times.

When Ms. Joseph transferred to Mt. Garfield Middle School in 1996, she established a jazz program that became the model for the other middle schools in District 51. Her middle school concert and jazz bands continued earning superior awards during the next eight years. Over the course of her Colorado career Kathy's bands received CBA Exemplary Band Awards and superior ratings for over 20 years. She retired from the classroom in 2004 and is currently serving Mesa County School District 51 as their Music Coordinator.

In addition to her teaching duties, Kathy has served throughout Colorado as a clinician, conductor, and adjudicator for concert, solo and ensemble, and marching bands in both Colorado and New Mexico. She has provided clinics in sight reading for CMEA and has spoken on several panels for the CBA conventions. Kathy has also served several band and booster programs throughout the state as a leadership trainer and motivational speaker. In 1997 she founded the Western Colorado Marching Effects Camp and has served as the camp coordinator and drum major instructor until 2006.

Ms. Joseph first served on the State CBA board in 1984 as the Western Slope Representative. Later she served as the recording secretary and spent three years as the executive secretary. After a year as president-elect, Kathy served the first two-year term as president of the state CBA and finally a two year term as past president before retiring from the board. Kathy made several contributions to the Colorado Band Association and to the state of Colorado during her 10 years of service on the state board. She proposed that CBA award state champion marching band medals, was involved in the initial promotion of the Exemplary Band Award as well as the State Concert Band Festival, and was the spear-head for the state handbook. Ms. Joseph has taken real pleasure in being able to serve others during her career.

It is with great honor we recognize this achievement, and honor an individual who has supported music education in School District 51 for many years. Ms. Joseph has truly made a positive impact in the lives of her students and the lives of many colleagues.



Each year in Colorado, the Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA) presents awards to bands that demonstrate excellence in their craft. Middle and high school bands are eligible for the Exemplary Band Award if the director of the band is a member of the CBA, and if the band has met predetermined criteria within a single school year. These bands must demonstrate superior performances in concert band as well as in 2 out of 4 of the following areas: marching, solo ensemble, jazz band, and total band student enrollment. We are proud to have four middle schools and one high school whose bands have qualified for, and received this prestigious award out of nine awards given in Colorado.

We are proud to recognize Paul Traugott from Central High School, Brett Argo from East Middle School, Debbie Wilson from Grand Mesa Middle School, Sarah Kamstra from Redlands Middle School, and Joe Webb from Fruita Middle School, and their bands for receiving the 2006-2007 Colorado Band Masters Exemplary Band Award.

At the high school level, Paul from Central received the CBA Exemplary Band Award, in part, due to the band's 9th place finish at the State Marching Band Championships, for qualifying for the State Concert Band Festival in April, a very high percentage of entries in solo and ensemble festival, and receiving superior ratings for all the bands at Central High School. Only five high schools in the state received this coveted award. The bands at Central were very honored to receive such an award and will continue to strive for greater accomplishments in the years to come.

The East Middle School Band program received the CBA Exemplary Band Award due to the 6th and 7th grade bands receiving Superior ratings at large group festival, the 8th grade Jazz Ensemble receiving a Superior rating at large group festival, and from the large percentage of participants in band. The band program at East had a very high participation rate last year with more than 50% of the total student body. In addition to this, a large number of students received Superior ratings at Solo/Ensemble Festival, 8 students were selected for the CBA Middle School Honor Band, and 3 were selected for the WSCBA Honor Jazz Band.

Grand Mesa Middle School received the CBA Exemplary Band Award for reaching a total of 100 points through outstanding work in various aspects of the band program during the 2006 – 2007 school year. These points were accumulated through Superior ratings at large group festivals, a large number of Superior ratings at Solo/Ensemble Festival, a high percentage of students enrolled in the

band program, and students of the Grand Mesa Band program being accepted into an honor band through their audition.

The Redlands Middle School Band program had outstanding success in student participation, large and small ensembles, and individual performance during the 2006-2007 school year. Over 200 students (about 32% of the student body) in Grades 6 through 8 participated in the band program. Both the 7th Grade Concert Band (66 members) and 8th Grade Concert Band (57 members) received straight Superior ratings at the Colorado West Music Festival. 40 of their 47 entries at Solo/Ensemble Festival earned Superior ratings, all others received Excellent ratings. Eight students were selected for CBA Middle School Honor Concert Band - of those, all placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd chair by audition, and 3 students successfully auditioned into the CBA Middle School Honor Jazz Band.

At Fruita Middle School Band both 6th and 7th Grade Concert Bands received Superior Ratings at the Colorado West Music Festival, 20% of the Band Students received a Superior Rating at Solo/Ensemble Festival, 22% of all students at FMS are enrolled in Band during the 2006-07 school year, the FMS Jazz Band received an Excellent Rating at the Colorado West Music Festival, and two 7th grade students were selected to the CBA Western Slope Honor Jazz Band.

All of these bands are truly models of excellence, as are their directors! Congratulations to each of you and to all of your young musicians.



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Licensed Personnel Action

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New Appointments 2007-2008

Nicole Costigan
Kenneth Frankhouser
Valery Isham
Steven Kauyedauly
Anna Koster
Brittany Linton
Robert Lubinski
Elizabeth Mather
Alice McCary
Heather McPherson
Erin Neely
Gail Petch
Heather Polzin
Sara Poncelet
Gregory Pottberg
Katie Sewelson
Sheryl Simpson
Nicole Sisco

School/Assignment

Emerson/Psychologist
Emerson/.4 Psychologist
Palisade HS/Business
Fruitvale Elementary/S.L.I.C.
Grand Junction HS/.5 English
Grand Mesa MS/Math Grade 6
Fruita Monument HS/Math
Appleton Elementary/.2 Grade 3
Tope Elementary/Literacy Lab-Coach .5
Orchard Mesa MS/.5 Language Arts Grade 7
Grand Junction HS/Resource
Chatfield Elementary/Grade 5
Orchard Avenue Elementary/.5 Kindergarten
Orchard Mesa MS/Grade 7 Soc.Studies-English
Gateway School/Elementary
Central HS/Science
DIA/.5 Music
Emerson/ESL

Resignation

School/Assignment

Effective Date

Cindy Ficklin

West MS/.5 Progress Monitor

September 28, 2007



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Support Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution 07/08-15

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NAME	ASSIGNMENT		LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
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RETIREMENTS

None at this time

RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS

Bell, Kimberley Ann	Instructional Asst	Reading	Loma Elementary	5/24/2007
Castaneda, Mary Ann R	Custodian	Part Time	Dual Immersion Academy	8/3/2007
Dwyer, Kandy Jo	Instructional Asst	Reading	Fruitvale Elementary	5/24/2007
Ferrier, David W	Custodian, Night		Central High School	8/15/2007
Friedly Jr, Dennis E	Instructional Asst	Sped	Appleton Elementary	5/24/2007
Garrick, Meta F	Instructional Asst	Sped	Scenic Elementary Thunder Mountain Elementary	5/24/2007
Goulette, Melissa K	Instructional Asst			5/24/2007
Grace, Colleen G	Instructional Asst	Reading	Nisley Elementary	5/24/2007
Greeley, Kathryn S	Custodian, Night		West Middle School	8/15/2007
Gutierrez-Mims, Joann	Instructional Asst	Reading	Pear Park Elementary	8/31/2007
I den, Hope L	Instructional Asst Non-Inst	Kind	Scenic Elementary Orchard Mesa Middle School	5/24/2007
Ipatenco, Karrie Lynn	Paraprofessional			5/24/2007
Israel, Adele	Paralibrarian		Dual Immersion Academy	5/25/2007
Jones Jr, Warren G	Instructional Asst	Music	Redlands Middle School	5/24/2007
Lefebre, Tracy R	Instructional Asst		Lincoln Park Elementary	5/24/2007
McDowell, Stacy L	Instructional Asst	Reading	Chatfield Elementary	8/31/2007
Nicholson, Caroline P	Instructional Asst	Sped	Orchard Avenue Elementary	5/24/2007
Rudolph, Edward F	Instructional Asst	Sped	Hawthorne	5/24/2007
Sandoval, Jose A	Custodian, Night		Dual Immersion Academy	9/5/2007
Tooker, Kara S	Custodian, Night		Central High School	8/24/2007
Wall, Carolyn A	Preschool Director		Appleton Elementary	5/25/2007
Wengler, Erin E	Instructional Asst	ECE	Tope Elementary	5/24/2007
Wilson, Lee Ann	Instructional Asst	Reading	Pomona Elementary	5/24/2007

ASSIGNMENTS

Albright, Julie D	Speech/Language Assistant		Hawthorne	8/27/2007
Arellano, Gena N	Instructional Asst	Reading	Scenic Elementary	8/20/2007
Banks, Valerie L	Instructional Asst	Reading	Broadway Elementary Thunder Mountain Elementary	8/20/2007
Barnhart, Brandi J	Instructional Asst	Reading		8/20/2007
Bilger, Cade A	Custodian, Night		Grand Junction High School	8/20/2007



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Bingaman, Connie R	Instructional Asst	Sped	Rim Rock Elementary	8/22/2007
Blade, Dana R	Instructional Asst		Lincoln Park Elementary	8/20/2007
Campbell, Wendy N	Secretary, Counselor		Central High School	8/14/2007
Carleton, Deann	Instructional Asst	Reading	Rim Rock Elementary	8/30/2007
Culver, Kelly M	Instructional Asst Speech/Language Assistant	Sped	Hawthorne	8/20/2007
Davey, Megan K			Emerson	8/20/2007
Elisha, Laurie Jo	Instructional Asst	Kind	Mesa View Elementary	8/20/2007
Espinosa Muniz, Maria R	Instructional Asst	Reading	Fruitvale Elementary	8/20/2007
Falsone, Danika M	Instructional Asst	Reading	Dos Rios Elementary	8/27/2007
Ferguson, Wanda Rae	Instructional Asst	Reading	Fruitvale Elementary	8/28/2007
Fetveit, Carla R	Instructional Asst	Reading	Dos Rios Elementary	8/20/2007
Franklin, Trudy M	Instructional Asst	Reading	Appleton Elementary	8/20/2007
Griffin, Jennifer R	Instructional Asst	Reading	Chatfield Elementary	8/20/2007
Harness, Amber R	Instructional Asst		R-5 High School	8/20/2007
Hatch, Diana L	Instructional Asst	Reading	Loma Elementary	8/20/2007
Hogstad, Debra D	Instructional Asst	Reading	Mesa View Elementary	8/20/2007
Horne, Alice O	Instructional Asst	Reading	Fruitvale Elementary	8/29/2007
Hudson, Jennifer E	Instructional Asst	Sped	Fruita Monument High School	8/27/2007
Humphrey, Gregory K	Instructional Asst	Reading	Rim Rock Elementary	8/29/2007
Hutchinson, Susan A	Instructional Asst	Reading	Fruitvale Elementary	8/28/2007
Kopfman, Jeremy L	Instructional Asst		Valley School	8/20/2007
Lawson, Kathleen M	Inst Asst Music		Redlands Middle School	8/20/2007
Lierz, Amanda J	Instructional Asst		Shelledy Elementary	8/20/2007
Lohof, Shirlie M	Instructional Asst	Kind	Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elem	8/20/2007
Lyons, Diane	Instructional Asst	Reading	Appleton Elementary	8/20/2007
Mahan, Stefanie	Instructional Asst	Study	Grand Junction High School	8/20/2007
Mayo, Laura M	Instructional Asst	Sped	Appleton Elementary	8/20/2007
Medina, Corinne V	Instructional Asst	Reading	Pear Park Elementary	8/20/2007
Merrifield, Lorena	Instructional Asst	Sped	Mount Garfield Middle School	8/20/2007
Miramontes, Liliana	Instructional Asst	Sped	Shelledy Elementary	8/20/2007
Moore, Nancy H	Instructional Asst		R-5 High School	8/16/2007
Moseley, Kristina M	Instructional Asst	Kind	Chatfield Elementary	8/20/2007
Myers, Teresa K	Instructional Asst	Reading	Rim Rock Elementary	8/27/2007
Ouderkirk, Stacey L	Instructional Asst		Clifton Elementary	8/28/2007
Petty, Lisa D	Instructional Asst	Kind	Broadway Elementary	8/20/2007
Reed, Suzzann D	Instructional Asst	Sped	Fruita Monument High School	8/27/2007
Rehl, Annajo C	Instructional Asst	Reading	Lincoln Park Elementary	8/27/2007
Rhodes, Cynthia P	School-Career Coordinator		Grand Junction High School	8/20/2007



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Rice, Amy K	Instructional Asst	Reading	Dos Rios Elementary	8/20/2007
Ridgway, Leanda J	Instructional Asst		Loma Elementary	8/16/2007
Sanchez, Mary E	Instructional Asst	LEAG	Bookcliff Middle School	8/20/2007
Schultz, Laura A	Instructional Asst	Reading	Appleton Elementary	8/20/2007
Sears, Dianna K	Instructional Asst		Grand Junction High School	8/27/2007
Skillicorn, Sharla N	Instructional Asst	Reading	Loma Elementary	8/20/2007
Smith, Melissa Ann	Instructional Asst		Rim Rock Elementary	8/30/2007
St. Germain, Kimberly A	Instructional Asst	Reading	Fruitvale Elementary	8/28/2007
Steffl, Marlene	Instructional Asst	Reading	Wingate Elementary	8/20/2007
			Mount Garfield Middle School	
Stiles, Kathryn M	Inst Asst Music			8/20/2007
Thomas, Patricia A	Instructional Asst	Reading	Nisley Elementary	8/20/2007
Thompson, Sharline A	Instructional Asst	Sped	Clifton Elementary	8/21/2007
Trousdale, Jonathan L	Instructional Asst		Career Center	8/21/2007
Trujillo, Paula A	Migrant Recruiter		Emerson	8/20/2007
Velasquez, Monique D	Instructional Asst	Sped	Grand Junction High School	8/20/2007
	Non-Inst		Orchard Mesa Middle School	
Verzani, Miriah Roxanne	Paraprofessional		Orchard Mesa Middle School	8/20/2007
			Orchard Mesa Middle School	
Waggoner, Pamela A	Instructional Asst	Sped	Orchard Mesa Middle School	8/20/2007
	Non-Inst		Orchard Mesa Middle School	
Wallace, Angela M	Paraprofessional			8/20/2007
Weed, Donna D	Instructional Asst	Kind	Wingate Elementary	8/20/2007
Welch, Brenda L	Instructional Asst	Sped	Broadway Elementary	8/20/2007
Wolfe, Yolanda C	Preschool Director		Appleton Elementary	8/13/2007
Worthen, Blake L	Instructional Asst	Sped	Wingate Elementary	8/20/2007

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Guajardo, Doris	Secretary, Attendance		Grand Junction High School	8/31/2007
Bambino, Ashley	Instructional Asst	Kind	Lincoln Park Elementary	8/30/2007



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Administrator Appointment Support Personnel

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Odus Harwood
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

Education:

- B.S. – United States Military Academy (1977)
Major: Engineering
- M.S. – Air Force Institute of Technology (1986)
Major: Computer Systems

Experience (Administrative):

- 1986-1997 U.S. Army Various Assignments including:
 - Indianapolis, IN - Chief, Command Control Communications & Computers (1986-1990)
 - Frankfurt, Germany – Deputy Chief Operating Officer – IT (1990-1993)
 - U.S. Space Command, Colorado Springs, CO – Director Satellite Communications Strategy & Technology Application (1993—1995)
 - Wuerzburg, Germany – Director, IT (1995-1997)
 - Fort Carson, CO – Director of Quality & Reinvention (1997)
- 1997-2000 Mincom, Inc. – Denver, CO – Project Manager
- 2000-2007 Mincom, Inc. – Denver, CO – Various Vice President and Director positions



Board of Education Resolution: 07/08:16

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Donor	Michael & Debbie Wilson
Gift	Yamaha trombone
Value	\$300.00
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School Band Department

Donor	Mark & Jennifer Cooper
Gift	Violin, violin case, and bow
Value	\$350.00
School/Department	East Middle School Band Department

Donor	Dr. Bill Hood
Gift	7 student rock kits, 1 teacher rock kit, and 1 resource CD rom for each middle school
Value	N/A
School/Department	Basil T. Knight Center Office of Curriculum

Donor	Joan Woodward
Gift	Cameras and equipment
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Basil T. Knight Center

Donor	Cyndi & Jerry Clark Mesa Forklift Company
Gift	8 bean bag chairs and classroom balls
Value	\$171.72
School/Department	Broadway Elementary School

Donor	Duane Phelps
Gift	27" television
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Fruita 8/9 School

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District No. 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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LaRaza Conference Pepsi Grant

Board of Education Resolution 07/08: 17

Adopted: September 18, 2007

Grant Title	La Raza Youth Leadership Conference
Amount Requested	\$5,000
Purpose	This weekend conference is designed to help Latino youth reach their educational, social and economic potential. Funds will be used for presenter(s) fees and supplies. Funded in past: \$5,000
Contact Person	Shirley Otero, GJHS

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on September 18, 2007.

Jamie Sidanycz
Secretary, Board of Education



Mesa County Valley School District 51

Students Studying Abroad Amendment to Board Policy IKF

Board of Education Resolution 07/08-13

1st Reading & Information: September 18, 2007

WHEREAS, Mesa County Valley School District 51 encourages exposure of students to different cultures, and encourages opportunities for students to develop proficiency in a foreign language; and

WHEREAS, student exchange between countries is a pathway to accomplish these objectives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, each high school and middle school will make students aware of this district policy, and encourage student participation in out-of-the country exchange programs; and

1. Students will receive 2 semesters foreign language credit for every semester spent studying at a school where English is not the dominant language.
2. Students will receive 1 semester elective credit in humanities for their out-of-the-country living experience.
3. Credit in any other content areas will be awarded upon submission by the student evidence of proficiency or appropriate student work in that content area.
4. The safety and the quality of the student exchange program will solely be determined by the student and his or her parents or guardians. The district will not be responsible for determination of safety, quality or appropriateness of any exchange program.