

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Special Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2023

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A - Doug Levinson
 B - Kari Sholtes
 C - Andrea Haitz
 D - Will Jones
 E - Angela Lema

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Mesa County Valley School District 51
Board Special Meeting: May 5, 2023
Adopted: June 20, 2023

	A	B	C	D	E		
						AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
						<u>BUSINESS MEETING</u>	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	1. Call to Order/Roll Call	2:13 p.m.
Absent						➤ Board members attended the meeting virtually.	
Motion				x		2. Agenda Approval	Approved
Second		x					
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion					x	3. Resolution to Shift The Boundaries For Middle School Students Living in the	Adopted
Second				x		Appleton Elementary School Attendance Area [Resolution 22/23: 109]	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	➤ Board members held discussion around the following:	
No						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing language in the resolution to leave the boundary line at 26 Road, and delay any changes in the area between 25 Road and 26 Road until the Board receives recommendations from the Elementary Declining Enrollment Committee in the fall. • The cost savings if following the recommendation to shift the boundary line from 25 Road to 26 Road, as requested by parents. • Parents living in the area of 25 to 26 Road, who attended the meeting, were in approval of the change with no parents expressing disapproval. • Shifting the boundary from 25 Road to 26 Road would enable the students attending Appleton Elementary School to transition from elementary school into one middle school, Redlands Middle School, instead of feeding into Redlands Middle School and West Middle School. • Boundary changes for Appleton, Pomona and Tope Elementary Schools were implemented within the past few years. • Shifting the boundary from 25 Road to 26 Road would shift some students out of West Middle School and into Redlands Middle School, which would assist in balancing the middle school student enrollment numbers. 	
						4. Board Open Discussion	
						➤ None at this time.	
Motion	x					5. Adjournment	3:35 p.m.
Second							
Aye							
No							
						<hr/> Bridget Story, Assistant Secretary Board of Education	



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Resolution To Shift The Boundaries For Middle School Students Living in the Appleton Elementary School Attendance Area

Board of Education Resolution: 22/23: 109

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education's vision is to engage, equip, and empower each and every student every day; and

WHEREAS, the District has been experiencing declining enrollment since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the District's demographer, presented stakeholder information, to the Board of Education, showing the majority of stakeholders, in the Fruita area, prefer the secondary schools in the Fruita area return to a traditional grade configuration of grades sixth through eighth and ninth through twelfth; and

WHEREAS, families, of middle school students living in the Appleton Elementary School attendance area, and the general public were invited to attend a community meeting to discuss proposed boundary changes; and

WHEREAS, information from the community meeting, along with the demographer recommendations were shared with the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, shifting middle school students, living in the Appleton Elementary School attendance from Fruita Middle School, Fruita 8/9 School and West Middle School to Redlands Middle School, would be beneficial in helping the District address staffing and programming issues currently being experienced at the middle school levels and beneficial in transitioning the Fruita area secondary schools back to traditional grade configuration; and

WHEREAS, the area for the boundary shift is described as: Beginning at the intersection of 26 Road and G Road in Mesa County, Colorado; thence westerly along the centerline of G Road to the Colorado River; thence westerly along the Colorado River to the centerline as extended southerly of 22 Road in Mesa County; thence northerly along the centerline of 22 Road to the centerline of L Road; thence easterly along the centerline of L Road and the alignment of L Road as extended easterly across unoccupied BLM land to the alignment of 26 Road as extended northerly; thence southerly along said alignment and southerly along the centerline of 26 Road to the point of beginning; and

WHEREAS, boundary changes would go into effect for the 2023-2024 school year for incoming middle school sixth graders living in the Appleton Elementary School boundary as described above; and

WHEREAS, busing will be provided, at no cost, for middle school students currently residing in the Appleton Elementary School as described above to Redlands Middle School starting the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, affected students who would be in sixth grade in the 2023-24 school year, and would have siblings in the seventh or eighth grade who will be attending school at Fruita Middle School, Fruita 8/9 School or West Middle School during the 2023-2024 school year, will be grandfathered into Fruita or West Middle School, if they choose to remain in order to allow all family members to attend the same school; and

WHEREAS, busing will be proved, at no cost, for sixth grade siblings who would be grandfathered according to the stipulations described above and for seventh and eighth grade students who live in the shift area to continue at their current school for the 2023-2024 school year as they are phased out of their current assignment; now



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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to work with the District's demographer to make the necessary boundary adjustments to shift middle school students residing in the Appleton Elementary School shift area to Redlands Middle School.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on May 5, 2023.

Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education