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Dispute Resolution

1. In the event that a dispute arises between Mesa Valley School District #51 (District) and MVCS concerning governing policy provisions of the school's charter contract, either party may request dispute resolution pursuant to this article upon written notice to the other party. Written notice of intent to invoke this process must include a brief description of the matter in dispute and the scope of the disagreement between the parties.
2. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice, MVCS and the District shall agree to any form of alternative dispute resolution to resolve the dispute. Any form chosen must result in final written findings by a neutral third party within one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of such written notice. The neutral third party shall apportion all costs reasonable related to the mutually agreed upon dispute resolution process. MVCS and the District may agree to be bound by the written findings of said neutral third party, in which case such findings are final and not subject to appeal.
3. If the parties do not agree to be bound by such written findings of the neutral third party, the parties may appeal such findings to the State Board of Education. The party appealing the findings must provide the State Board of Education and the other party with a notice of appeal within thirty (30) days after the release of such findings, and the notice of appeal shall state a brief description of the grounds for appeal. The State Board of Education may consider such written findings, along with other relevant materials in reaching its decision, or it may, after sufficient notice, conduct a de novo review and hearing on the underlying matter. The State Board of Education shall issue its decision on the written findings of the neutral third party within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice to appeal.
4. If the State Board of Education decides to conduct a de novo review, it will make its own findings within sixty (60) days of its own motion for a de novo review. If the State Board of Education finds that either of the parties has failed to participate in good faith or comply with a decision reached after agreeing to be bound to it, the State Board of Education shall resolve the dispute in favor of the aggrieved party. The decision of the State Board of Education is final and not subject to appeal.