

**MINUTES
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

OPENING OF MEETING

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met November 14, 2012 at the Educational Services Center Board Room, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Joie Siegrist, Director District A
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C
Dori Van Lone, Treasurer, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Rod Schmidt, Director District F

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Susan Burnett, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School
David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dennis Daly, Principal of Niwot High School
Stacy Davis, Security Manager
Greg Fieth, Budget Director
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Amy Herrman, Longmont PK-8 Dean of Students
Dr. Janis Hughes, Principal of Burlington Elementary School
Dr. Mike Keppler, Principal of Niwot Elementary School
Ryan Kragerud, Planning/GIS Specialist
Dr. Dawn Macy, Principal of Sunset Middle School
Randy McKie, Director of Transportation
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Karen Musick, Principal of Frederick K-8
Evan Oldroyd, Assistant Principal of Frederick K-8
Judy Orbanosky, Principal of Indian Peaks Elementary

Kathryn Petri, Administrative Assistant for Niwot High School
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

There were changes to the Director District C map and facility list in Board packet item 8.1 Director District Reapportionment.

Board packet item 8.5 Longmont PK-8 Boundaries-City of Longmont Transportation Department sent the District Planning Department a letter recommending the Board choose Scenario 1 due to traffic safety issues.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Don Oest, 2117 Ridgeview Way, Longmont 80504-Present to congratulate the District on the passage of the mill levy override, and the fact that the District was awarded Large Business of the Year by the Longmont Chamber of Commerce. He also reported that the Longmont Area Economic Council (LAEC) Education Committee has scholarship monies available for the students in the St. Vrain Valley, and would like to use that scholarship money to sponsor a student that has ideas for creating new businesses.

Dr. Joel Champion, LAEC-Present to discuss the ways that the LAEC would like to collaborate with the District in promoting more business education in the District.

Ray Warren, New York Life- Present to discuss a program that teaches stock exchange experience for business teachers. Students will learn personal investing and finance. Classes are funded by New York Life.

Trip Merklein-President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association-Present to thank the leadership of the Board, Ken Schuetz (Yes on 3A Chair), and Grassroots St. Vrain for all that they did to get the mill levy override passed. He would like to challenge the members of the Yes on 3A campaign to now concentrate their efforts to find ways for the state to better fund schools.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (4.0)

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Blue Mountain, Central and Altona Parent Update meetings.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce 125th Anniversary Dinner where the District was voted Large Business of the Year-thanked the Chamber for that.

- Thanked Grassroots St. Vrain and Yes on 3A campaign members for their tireless efforts to get the mill levy override passed.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Boulder County Commissioners meeting where they signed a resolution of support for the mill levy override.
- Attended Denver area regional meeting where representatives of surrounding cities created a forum with experts in community suburb planning.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce 125th Anniversary Dinner.
- Attended School Choice Expo at the Twin Peaks Mall.
- Toured Habitat for Humanity homes built by Loveland High School “Geometry in Construction” students and visited their classroom to discuss the program.
- Attended Spangler and Mountain View Parent Update meetings.
- Attended 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee performance at Niwot High School.
- Attended Silver Creek and Erie High School Student Advisory Council meetings.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Legacy and Centennial Parent Update meetings.
- Attended Centennial PTO meeting.
- Was impressed with the Frederick High School and District Trauma Team staff when a Frederick High School student recently passed away.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the Longmont Cable Trust (Channel 8) meeting.
- Attended LiveWell-Colorado and LiveWell-Longmont meetings.
- Attended Sanborn and Lyons Middle/Senior Parent Update meetings.
- Wanted everyone to know that the Board sends its condolences to the Frederick High community on the death of one of their students.
- Thanked the SVVSD community for getting the mill levy override passed.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Longs Peak Parent Update meeting.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce 125th Anniversary Dinner.
- Attended School Choice Expo at the Twin Peaks Mall.
- Attended NOCO Workers’ Comp Self-Insurance Pool Board meeting-finished the year with a positive bottom line.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meetings.
- Attended Red Hawk PTO meeting.

- Attended Erie Elementary and Erie Middle Parent Update meetings.
- Attended the School Choice Expo at the Twin Peaks Mall.
- Attended NOCO Workers' Comp Self-Insurance Pool Board meeting.
- Attended High School Advisory Council meeting at Erie High School.
- Thanked everyone for supporting the mill levy override.
- Attended Erie High School softball banquet.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Thanked everyone for their tireless efforts to get the mill levy override passed-very proud of everyone that participated in its passage.
- Announced that Parent Update Meetings have been very successful and well attended.
- Thanks to the staff at Frederick High School for their care and concern following the death of a Frederick student. Dr. Haddad expressed his condolences on behalf of the staff to the family of the young man.
- Presented promotional information that will be sent out to the surrounding community promoting District programs-thanked Shari Wilson in the Communications Department for her work on these projects.
- Announced the Hackathon that will be held at Altona Middle School on December 7 at 6:00 p.m. and December 8 at 10:00 p.m.

REPORTS (6.0)

1st Quarter 2012-2013 Financials (6.1)

Terry Schueler and Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with the financial report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2013 in compliance with Board Policy DBI, Budget Implementation/Monitoring during the worksession and the Regular Meeting.

Niwot High School Feeder Report by High School Student Advisory Council Students (6.2)

Mark Mills and Amy Weed thanked the Board for the opportunity for the students to come and present to the Board.

Dennis Daly and Susan Burnett introduced the Niwot High School Student Advisory Council students Nathan Grabau, Eric Peairs, Maddy Coxon, and Stephanie Kelemen. The students reported on each of the Niwot feeder schools. Feeder principals from SMS, IPES, BES and NES were in attendance.

Corporate Sponsorships (6.3)

Dr. Don Haddad reported that the Leadership Team for St. Vrain Valley Schools believes strongly that positive and productive partnerships with the corporate sector are extremely valuable to our schools and to the community. He announced the

corporations in the St. Vrain Valley community that provided additional resources and support, and thanked them for their assistance in strengthening our ability to educate students and increase student achievement as we prepare our students for a highly competitive global environment.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.7. Dori Van Lone seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the October 10, 2012 Regular Meeting; the October 17, 2012 Regular Study Session; and the October 24, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies AE-R-2 – School Building Advisory Accountability Committees (School Improvement Teams); AE-E Accountability Process Timeline (to be deleted); and AED – Accreditation
5. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JFBA-E-1 – Open Enrollment/Nonresident Application
6. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Owner/Consultant Agreement-Erie Middle School Addition and Renovation Project
7. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies LBD – Relations with Charter Schools; LBD-R – Relations with District Charter Schools (Procedures for Establishment, Renewal and Revocation); and LBD-E – Charter School Intent to Apply Form

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Director District Reapportionment-NO ACTION (8.1)

Ryan Kragerud gave a report on the boundary changes in each Director District. On average, growth in the St. Vrain Valley School District for the four-year period was 6%. However, that growth was primarily concentrated in Districts D, F & G. District D saw 9% growth. District F reached 8%, and G equaled 11%.

In order to equalize the population in each of the districts, the gains in D, F and G were redistributed across the other four districts. As a result, the boundaries were redrawn to accommodate this increase.

Board member Debbie Lammers raised questions about where the new boundaries were drawn for District B and District D relative to the NHS attendance area boundary.

Board President John Creighton was concerned about east Longmont being divided up into several different areas and feared that the east side may end up without representation from the Board.

Ryan Kragerud will take all suggestions from the Board and reconfigure the maps, and bring back a new set of boundaries at the December 12, 2012 Regular Board meeting.

Approval of School Name and Mascot for K-8 in Frederick (8.2)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education select Thunder Valley K-8 as the name of the new K-8 school in Frederick. The three choices that were presented were Buffalo Ridge, Range View, and Thunder Valley. School colors will be blue and gold and the mascot will be the Raptors. Mike Schiers seconded.

Amy Weed gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the Committee came to the conclusions for the school name and mascot for the Frederick K-8. She thanked the many District staff members that helped with this very large project.

Board members collectively agreed they would not add "Academy" to the school name.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of K-8 in Frederick Boundaries (8.3)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education select Scenario 1 boundaries for Thunder Valley K-8 School in Frederick from the choices that were presented. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Scott Toillion reported on the process of creating the K-8 boundaries. Frederick Elementary boundaries stayed the same, but the middle school students will attend Thunder Valley K-8 to relieve overcrowding at Coal Ridge. There were no changes for the high school-level students.

Board President John Creighton indicated that the District transportation department should plan to provide busing for one year for current 7th grade students that want to attend Coal Ridge for their 8th grade 2013-2014 year only.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of School Name, Colors and Mascot for the PK-8 in Longmont (Loma Linda and Heritage) (8.4)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education select Timberline PK-8 as the new name for the Loma Linda/Heritage PK-8 from the three choices that were presented. Their school colors will be Green and Blue and their mascot will be the Wolves. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Karrie Borski, Kathi Jo Walder, and Amy Herrman reported on the process for the naming of the PK-8 in Longmont. Karrie Borski wanted to thank Shari Wilson, Communications Department, for all of her behind-the-scenes work that she did to get communications out about all the meetings that were held to make this process happen.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of PK-8 in Longmont Boundaries (8.5)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education select Scenario 2 that includes all of the current Spangler elementary attendance area into the current Loma Linda-Heritage attendance area. This boundary maintains the current middle school boundaries for Heritage and Trail Ridge thus there is no change at the middle school level from the two choices that were presented. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Scott Toillion, Ryan Kragerud and Randy McKie reported on how the PK-8 in Longmont boundaries was decided upon and detailed the boundaries for each of the two scenarios.

Board members preferred Scenario 2 which would guarantee more students would attend Columbine Elementary where student numbers are low. Board members acknowledged receipt of a letter from the City of Longmont to the District regarding traffic in the area.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Acceptance of 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (8.6)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education accept the 2012 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as presented at the October 24, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Terry Schueler reminded the Board that the CAFR garnered an unqualified opinion (the highest rating possible) after being presented at the October 24 Televised Study Session by Cheryl Wallace of the auditing firm RubinBrown.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming American Education Week, November 11-17, 2012 (8.7)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve a resolution proclaiming November 11-17, 2012 as American Education Week. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Board Member Dori Van Lone read the Resolution.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of Waiver for Board Policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities (8.8)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to Board Policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities, thereby approving a waiver of fees for an International Craft Fair to be held at Central Elementary in March, 2013. Bob Smith seconded.

Central Elementary would ask that the fees be waived and that vendors would each make a donation of \$20 to Central Elementary. Central Elementary would keep half of the fees for school and/or event expenses (advertising, etc.), and the other half will be donated to their sister school, Moonlight Primary, in Uganda to help fund the construction of their new school. Central Elementary is hoping to build and foster community through the spirit of global-mindedness under the guide of our IB Primary Years Programme.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of Accreditation Recommendations for District Alternative Schools (8.9)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the accreditation recommendations for Adult Education as Accredited with a Priority Improvement Plan, and Olde Columbine High School as Accredited with a Performance Plan. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Two District schools (Olde Columbine High School and Adult Education) are CDE approved alternative campuses and use different assessment data for the framework calculations. The alternative school performance frameworks were not available in October for the Board of Education meeting, but are now available. Olde Columbine improved their accreditation level moving from Improvement to Performance. Adult Education did not have enough state data to receive a score on the school performance framework, so the committee recommends keeping the same rating as last year (Priority Improvement).

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy BC-R – School Board Member Disclosure; and Board Policy BE/BEA/BEB – School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings (9.1)

These policy revisions are necessary for improved clarity and alignment with current practice and applicable statutes, and were reviewed by the Board of Education.

The Board recommended these policies be placed in Consent for the December 12, 2012 Regular Board meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy EEAA – Walkers and Riders (9.2)

Revisions to this policy are necessary due to the addition of K-8 and PK-8 schools, as well as a minor change in title for the Chief Operations Officer. This policy has been reviewed by administration.

The Board recommended that this policy be placed in Consent for the December 12, 2012 Regular Board meeting.

November 6, 2012 Coordinated Election Results (9.3)

Terry Schueler presented the unofficial abstract of votes of the November 6, 2012 election. Due to the fact that the District has not yet received the official canvass from Boulder County, Larimer County, Weld County, and the City and County of Broomfield, the final and official recommendation will not be presented to the Board for action until that information is received. The unofficial results, at this time, for the mill levy override were: Yes: 44,773 No: 34,242

Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority (9.4)

Terry Schueler provided the Board of Education with updated information related to the development of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Erie Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure future local school election revenue will be protected from the tax increment financing (TIF) of the URA.

ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Lammers moved to adjourn the meeting. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lammers, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Secretary to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on December 12, 2012.