

**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 9, 2011 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 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, Director District E
Rick Hammans, Director District A
Debbie Lammers, Director District B
Mike Schiers, Director District G
Rod Schmidt, Director District F
Bob Smith, Director District C
Dorinda Van Lone, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Greg Fieth, Budget Director
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Lamer, Director of Construction
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The agenda was adopted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Paula Peairs, 2017 Sundance Drive, Longmont 80504-Present to thank the Board for their leadership in supporting Proposition 103. Grassroots St. Vrain Leadership members Laura McDonald and Carolyn Storz were present. The Board praised Grassroots members for their loyal support.

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

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanks to organizations and groups who made time for Board members to visit their meetings to talk about school funding.
- Spoke at National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Latino Parent Coalition, and Twin Peaks Rotary meetings.
- Attended Parent Update meetings at Central, Rocky Mountain, and Blue Mountain Elementary Schools.
- Thanked Senator Brandon Shaffer and Representative Glenn Vaad for attending Leadership St. Vrain meeting.
- Toured St. Vrain Community Montessori Charter School.
- Congratulated Skyline High School Drama Club for their production of “High School Musical”.
- Thanked the many Silver Creek High School students who sent emails on behalf of their Civic Action projects.
- Attended briefing of the Lobato case-striving for a uniform education across the state with uniform funding. Board President John Creighton to forward the slides from the trial to the Board members.

Rick Hammans –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended School Choice Expo.
- Spoke to Current Events Group and Retired St. Vrain Employees Group.
- Appointed to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice truancy and education subgroups.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended School Choice Expo-thank you to Shari Wilson in Communications for setting that up.
- Attended Superintendent Community Update at Niwot High School.
- Attended booster and parent group representative meeting at Niwot High-thanked administration for a good resolution to that issue.

- Attended High School Student Advisory Council meeting at Frederick High School- Rachel's Challenge-thanked Principal Pete Vargas, parents and students who supported that program.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Coal Ridge Parent Update meeting.
- Attended Arts Night at Frederick High School.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Parent Update meetings at Fall River Elementary, Mead Elementary, Mead Middle, Mead High, and Heritage Middle School.
- Attended CBOCES meeting-thanks to leadership of Randy Zila for the turnaround in that organization.
- Toured Altona and Heritage Middle Schools with the Accountability Committee.
- EagleNet-seeing nice growth and securing contracts.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Recognized Senator Rollie Heath for his courage and leadership.
- Attended Spangler community meetings.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended I-25 Corridor Group meeting.
- Attended Erie Middle Parent Update meeting.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Enjoying Parent Update and Superintendent Community Update meetings.
- Meeting with town managers and civic organizations.
- Highlighted article about Skyline High School entitled "Scholars and Sense" that showcased the STEM Academy helping companies solve problems.
- Highlighted all the successful District sports articles in the **Longmont Daily Times-Call**-many District teams going deep into the State playoffs. Will have a report on music programs next month.
- Highlighted front page of **Longmont Weekly** "SVVSD Schools Show Improvement" regarding academic achievement increases.
- Highlighted national publication article by District Instructional Technology Coordinators Michelle Bourgeois and Bud Hunt entitled "Teaching 2.0".
- Erie Elementary Principal Amanda Sauer is working with Encana Natural Gas Company to see how they can help power Erie's STEM program. Encana would like to financially support their science labs.

- Highlighted email from Kristie Venrick, Principal, at Blue Mountain Elementary sharing how Art Instructor, Heather Brubaker, is integrating technology into art projects for the students.
- National Guard helicopter landed on school grounds of Blue Mountain Elementary to support National Red Ribbon Week.
- Congratulations to two teams of Erie High School students that won first and second place for their Chinese Language and Video Making 2011 Colorado Chinese Language Teachers Consortium.
- Met with Kathy Hall, Executive Director of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, which is putting on the Tech Fair this year. The Fair will be held at Skyline High School on April 13 & 14, 2011.
- Met with Kathy Hall about jointly hosting a two-hour luncheon with major and small corporations in our District to partner with them to achieve greater levels of support.
- Congratulations to two Longmont High School students, Savannah Iverson and Rea Blash, who were given the Si Si Puede Award from the City of Longmont for their work with the LHS Student Restorative Justice Team.
- Thanked all building principals and teachers for all their hard work in the schools.

REPORTS (6.0)

1st Quarter 2011-2012 Financials (6.1)

Greg Fieth, Budget Director, gave a report of the first quarter financials for the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fiscal year 2012. Thanked Jane Schein, District Accountant, for her work on the budget. Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, reminded the public that the District is fully compliant with transparency laws with purchasing details readily available on the District website.

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

Mark Mills introduced Nathan Grabau, Randall Johnson, and Lorenzo Moncivais of the High School Advisory Council. The students reported on events and good news of the Niwot High School feeder schools. Dennis Daly, Principal of Niwot High School, was present to introduce the students' families and feeder principals Judy Orbanosky of Indian Peaks and Janis Hughes of Burlington Elementary.

Report of 2008 Building Bond Activities (6.3)

Brian Lamer, Director of Construction, reported on the 2008 Building Bond Activities which includes the new Frederick High School #8 project, the renovation of the existing Frederick High School into a new preK-8 project, and the major renovation efforts planned for Erie Middle School.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rick Hammans moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.11. Dori Van Lone seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2011 Regular Meeting; October 19, 2011 Study Session; and October 26, 2011 Televised Study Session
4. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Commercial Banking Services
5. Approval: Approval of School Closures
6. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) – Burlington Elementary Renovation Project
7. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) – Erie Middle Renovation Project
8. Approval: Approval of Contract Award to Office Depot for District Office Supplies
9. Approval: Approval of Antenna Site License-Global Signal Acquisitions II, LLC, at Career Development Center
10. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policy GCB – Professional Staff Contracts/Compensation/Salary Schedules
11. Approval: Approval of Change Order #6-Longmont High School Area “A” Renovation Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Review and Acceptance of Abstract of Votes – November 1, 2011 Coordinated Election Results (8.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education review and accept the votes of the November 1, 2011 Coordinated Election for Districts A, C, E and G, for four-year terms with the newly elected Directors as follows: Director District A, Rick Hammans; Director District C, Robert J. Smith; Director District E, John Creighton; and Director District G, Michael Schiers. Debbie Lammers seconded.

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

Approval of New Board District Directors and Oath of Office (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the newly elected Board members following the survey of votes as follows: Rick Hammans – Director District A;

Robert J. Smith – Director District C; John Creighton – Director District E; Michael Schiers – Director District G. Rod Schmidt seconded.

As stated in Board Policy BBBB, Board Member Oath of Office, and C.R.S. 22-31-125, each school board member is required to take an oath of office, swearing to faithfully perform the duties of the office as required by law.

John Creighton was sworn in by Notary and Secretary to the Board Barb Steege. Rick Hammans, Michael Schiers, and Bob Smith were sworn in by Board President John Creighton.

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

Election of Board Officers for President & Vice President (8.3)

Rod Schmidt moved that John Creighton be approved for President of the Board of Education and Rick Hammans be approved for Vice President of the Board of Education. John Creighton and Rick Hammans were willing to serve in these positions. Dori Van Lone seconded.

As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

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

Appointment of Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Board (8.4)

Rod Schmidt moved that Debbie Lammers be approved for Secretary, Bob Smith be approved for Assistant Secretary, and Dori Van Lone be approved for Treasurer. All were willing to serve in these capacities. Dori Van Lone seconded.

As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

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

Appointment of Assistant Treasurer and Secretary to the Board (8.5)

Rick Hammans moved to appoint Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, as Assistant Treasurer to the Board and Barb Steege as Secretary to the Board. Dori Van Lone seconded.

As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

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

Approval of Signature Authorization (8.6)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt the signature authorization resolution to enable the Financial Services Department to continue using the previous officers' signatures until the signatures are changed to the new officers (formality as all officers stay the same this year). Bob Smith seconded.

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

Approval of American Education Week Proclamation, November 13-19, 2011 (8.7)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve a resolution proclaiming November 13-19, 2011 as American Education Week. Debbie Lammers seconded.

The goal of American Education Week is to increase public understanding and appreciation of the nation's schools, to encourage parents and non-parents to visit schools, and to build civic and community pride and support education.

Board member Bob Smith read the proclamation.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policies JICA – Student Dress; JICDA – Student Code of Conduct, and JICDE – Bullying Prevention and Education (9.1)

Revisions to these policies are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by District administration.

It was recommended by the Board that these three policies be moved to Consent at the December 14, 2011 Board meeting.

Board Member Code of Ethics-CRS 24-18-105 (9.2)

Following Board Policy BCA, Code of Ethics for Board of Education Members, each newly elected Board member signed Board Exhibit BCA-E-1.

December Board Meetings (9.3)

Using the traditional schedule of monthly Board meetings, this year there is only a Regular meeting scheduled for December 14, 2011. The Board and District administration discussed whether to schedule a televised study session some time before the holiday break. It was decided that the Board and administration would have a budget worksession at 5:00 pm before the December 14 Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Hammans moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Schmidt seconded.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Secretary to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on December 14, 2011.