

**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 May 10, 2017 at the Educational Services Center Board Room, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Robert J. Smith at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B  
Dr. Richard Martyr, Director District E  
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F  
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A  
Amory Siscoe, Assistant Secretary, Director District G  
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

**Board Members Absent (Excused):**

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Tracy Bartlett, Blue Mountain Design Challenge  
Kelly Bates, Skyline Design Challenge  
Kenneth Benson, Niwot High AP/IB Economics and PIB/Honors US History Instructor  
Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8  
Heather Brubaker, Blue Mountain Design Challenge  
Darah Brush, Mountain View Design Challenge  
Matt Buchler, Principal of Erie High School  
Meghan Carter, Skyline Design Challenge  
Carolyn Clifford, Timberline PK-8 Design Challenge  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School  
Gabrielle Fuehrer, Mountain View Design Challenge  
Courtney Groskin, Mountain View Design Challenge  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Laura Hess, Executive Director of Special Education  
Stephen Hoel, Principal of Blue Mountain Elementary

Lori Januszewski, Skyline Design Challenge  
Randi Kalish, Timberline PK-8 Design Challenge  
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent  
Lesa Kolm, Timberline PK-8 Design Challenge  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support  
Ashley McIntyre, Timberline PK-8 Design Challenge  
Jennifer Meredith, Mountain View Design Challenge  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Julie Mitchell, Erie High Geology Instructor  
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent  
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation  
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School  
Heidi Ringer, Principal of Skyline High School  
Jennifer Ryan, Principal of Mountain View Elementary  
Brandon Shaffer, Ex Dir Govt & Legal Affairs/Community Outreach/P-TECH

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

Board President Robert J. Smith read the District Mission and reminded everyone that this Board does not get involved in operational matters of the District. He announced that Superintendent Haddad has decided that there will not be any field trips taken to the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge by St. Vrain Valley students.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

W. Gale Biggs, Ph.D., 59 Benthaven Place, Boulder 80305-attended the meeting to persuade St. Vrain Valley Board of Education to ban student field trips to the new Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge because of concerns of continued contamination.

Anne Fenerti, 2805 Stanford Avenue, Boulder 80305 attended the meeting to persuade St. Vrain Valley Board of Education to ban student field trips to the new Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge because of concerns of continued contamination.

Dr. Haddad reiterated that the District will not allow St. Vrain Valley students to take field trips to the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

Dr. Haddad introduced Erie High Principal Matt Buchler. Matt introduced Erie High Geology Instructor Julie Mitchell, and told the Board all the reasons he felt that Julie is an excellent teacher. Ms. Mitchell reported on her experience visiting Texas to obtain her award, and thanked her friends in attendance at the Board Meeting. Dr. Haddad presented a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award to Ms. Mitchell. Dr.

Haddad and Board members commended her for receiving the 2017 American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) Foundation's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Mitchell's award includes a \$6,000 prize, half allocated to her for her own personal use and the other half designated to Erie High School for educational use.

Dr. Haddad introduced Niwot High Principal Eric Rauschkolb. Eric introduced Niwot High AP/IB Economics and PIB/Honors US History Instructor/Social Studies Department Co-Chair Kenneth Benson. Dr. Haddad presented a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award to Mr. Benson. Dr. Haddad and Board members commended him for receiving the 2017 Enterprising Teacher of the Year Award from the Colorado Council for Economic Education.

Jackie Kapushion introduced Skyline Principal Heidi Ringer and Silver Creek Principal Erick Finnestead. Heidi introduced Skyline Boettcher Scholarship recipient Lindsey Hamblin, and told everyone about the great things that Lindsay has accomplished. Lindsey told the audience of her plans for college and introduced her family. Erick introduced Silver Creek High Boettcher Scholarship recipient Jacob Fuhrman, and told everyone about the great things that Jacob has accomplished. Jacob told the audience of his plans for college and introduced his family. Dr. Haddad honored both students with Superintendent's Excellence in Education awards.

Dr. Diane Lauer introduced all the principals and staff that won the Design Challenge competition which was funded by the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley. For the Emerging Learner Category the Runner Up was Blue Mountain Elementary Team Crafting Compassion Heather Brubaker and Tracy Bartlett. Grand Prize winner was Skyline High Team Access to Essentials Kelly Bates, Meghan Carter and Lori Januszewski. In the Skillful Practitioner Category Runner Up was Mountain View Elementary Team Designing Dining Courtney Groskin, Gabrielle Fuehrer, Jennifer Meredith and Darah Brush. Grand Prize winner in that category was Timberline PK-8 Team Empathy, Engagement, Empowerment Carolyn Clifford, Lesa Kolm, Ashley McIntyre and Randi Kalish. All principals for those schools were in attendance-Stephen Hoel, Blue Mountain; Heidi Ringer, Skyline High; Jennifer Ryan, Mountain View Elementary; and Karrie Borski, Timberline PK-8.

Lee Berg, Executive Director of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley-did not address the Board.

Jim Berthold, Retired District Dispatcher-did not address the Board.

Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School-did not address the Board.

## **BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (5.0)**

### **Board Reports**

Debbie Lammers –  
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Tribute to Teachers event-another wonderful event by the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley to celebrate our teachers. Nice to have Apple executive John Couch attend-was engaging and fun.
- Met with Kerin McClure about Burlington Elementary's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Continues legislative work through CASB Board of Directors, the Legislative Resolutions Committee and weekly conference calls.
- Attended Hispanic Education Foundation Banquet (HEF)-terrific event that ties together people from all walks of life in our community. HEF is one of the few organizations that provides scholarships for continuing college education to further support academic needs.
- Attended and enjoyed the High School Student Advisory Breakfast at the Career Development Center.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Enjoyed being part of the Dia de los Ninos Fundraiser Breakfast that celebrates and supports the achievements of Hispanics in Boulder County.
- Attended Longmont High School's fourth annual Medical & BioScience Academy's senior project poster presentations. Thanked LHS Science teachers Chris Chou and Erica Hadden for their dedication, the sponsors of the program, and for the support of LHS Principal Rick Olsen.
- Attended Shakespeare in the Park-great to see 50 different District 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms represented.
- Attended CBOCES graduation-23 graduates from the Longmont campus-each one of them shared what graduating meant to them. Passed along former SVVSD Superintendent Randy Zila's appreciation for St. Vrain support for this program.
- Announced that Joie Siegrist was chosen President of the Northern Colorado Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Pool by their Board of Directors.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Great Education Action Summit with members of the Grassroots St. Vrain-nice job of getting education advocates around the state together to discuss large and very common issues of every Colorado school district.
- Congratulated Grassroots St. Vrain for their very well deserved "Communicator of the Year" award from Colorado School Public Relations Association.
- Continues connection with Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University regarding cross collegiate program with engineers that are building a state-of-the-art sustainable community in Douglas County. Thanked Patty Quinones for her assistance in this connection. Thanked Dr. Haddad for coordinating another meeting with them in late May-she will keep everyone up-to-date.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Appreciated the Tribute to Teachers event-thanks to the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley.

- Excited for graduation ceremonies.
- Attended the Northern Colorado Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Pool meeting-reviewed the financial portfolio which is being managed very well-fund balance of \$2,000,000 and anticipates an average year. Many thanks to Heather Keith for her fantastic work, and to the Beecher Carlson Insurance Company that manages the accounts.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Jackie Kapushion for her immediate response to the tragedy in Firestone, and the amazing amount of support from the District. Every principal came together to see what they could do to support each other, their students and the community.
- Appreciates the leadership of Brian Young at Frederick High-he and his administrators covered for their secretaries in the office so they were able to go to lunch for Administrative Assistant's Day.
- Toured Coal Ridge with Liza Nybo-amazing amount of technology going in to the school, and looking forward to next year for the students to use that technology.
- Attended Leadership Luncheon at Legacy Elementary.
- Looking forward to the graduation ceremonies.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Appreciated the recognition that Dr. Haddad gave to the Grassroots St. Vrain members at the COSPRA Conference.
- Thanked Board members and administration for all their support of the District in their communities and representing St. Vrain Valley Schools so well.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Attended the Tribute to Teachers celebration on May 5, 2017-excellent event and really appreciated celebrating our teachers. Thanked Lee Berg, Executive Director of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley for an outstanding evening. Together, they also attended a Western Disposal fundraiser that raised \$160,000 that will provide many more opportunities for our students.
- Excited about upcoming graduation ceremonies and hoping the weather cooperates.
- Updated the Board on the hiring process-all administrative positions have been filled and they are now working on teacher replacements. Thanked Dina Perfetti-Deany, David Burnison, Mary Miner, Jackie Kapushion and Mark Mills for their steadfast work on the many open positions.
- Updated the Board on the schedule of assessment testing-reported that the assessment season has begun without any issues.
- Thanked Greg Fieth and Tony Whiteley for keeping him up-to-date on school funding legislation-should be a \$232/per pupil allocation increase.
- Reported that negotiations are very near completion.

- Reported that Jackie Kapushion is working with representatives from Congressman Ken Buck's office on a Colorado 4th Congressional District App Challenge that he is sponsoring.
- Thanks to all of our teachers and staff for their great work.

### **REPORTS (6.0)**

None

### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Dr. Richard Martyr moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.14. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the April 12, 2017 Regular Meeting, the April 19, 2017 Study Session, and the April 26, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Purchase and Trade-In of Cisco Network Products
5. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Microsoft Software Licenses
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Specialized Education of Colorado, Inc.
7. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Architect Agreement for Mead High Addition & Renovation Project
8. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Carbon Valley Academy Renovation
9. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Flagstaff Academy Renovation
10. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Twin Peaks Charter Academy Renovation Project
11. Approval: Approval of Payment to United Power-Erie PK-8
12. Approval: Approval of Easement Agreement with the Town of Erie for Erie PK-8
13. Approval: Approval of Transport Gas Contract with nTherm
14. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit GBEE\*-E-2 – Non-Staff Responsible Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications

No Consent Items were pulled, but Dr. Richard Martyr wished to recognize the District savings as a result of Consent Item 7.13. Brian Lamer commended Dara Ward for her work as Energy Manager and her work on negotiating a better price each year for that savings.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

## **ACTION ITEMS (8.0)**

### **Adoption of Capital Reserve Budget for 2017/18 (8.1)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Reserve allocations of \$5,800,000 as presented and authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign appropriate documents related to the disbursement of funds. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the Capital Reserve allocations presented follow the Capital Reserve Handbook that outlines the process and procedure for Capital Reserve fund allocations.

The following identified recommendations presently proposed for the budget expenditures for 2018 are: Arts/Athletics-\$129,000; Maintenance/Grounds-\$2,261,500; Support Services-\$1,714,500; Custodial/FFE-\$398,000; Transportation-\$1,267,000; and Environmental-\$30,000. However, as need, scope and bidding conditions change, these numbers could vary slightly.

Dr. Haddad added that student safety and instruction is always taken into account in replacing furniture and fixtures, and the capital reserve resources cover one years' worth of projects.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **Approval of Medicaid Contract (8.2)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing with the State of Colorado, and further authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all necessary documents. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that this contract allows the District to be compensated for providing health services to students who are receiving Medicaid, and for providing Medicaid Administrative Activities. Within the capacity of the specific School Health Services (SHS) Program, the District can receive reimbursement in the form of federal funds only from the Department for School Health Services that are medically necessary and provided to Medicaid eligible students as prescribed in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). School Health Services may include direct medical services, including rehabilitative therapies, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services, targeted case management (TCM) and specialized non-emergency transportation services. The District may also receive federal funding for performing administrative activities which

include service coordination, outreach, referral, enrollment and administrative functions that support the Medicaid program.

The District has provided these services and has been compensated by the State of Colorado without a formal contract for many years. This year, the State of Colorado is formalizing the contract. The District's legal counsel has also reviewed the document.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest-Board Policy GBEA (8.3)**

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest, Board Policy GBEA. This exception would enable Heather Rogers, a District employee, to market her face painting services to the Community Schools Program. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that Board Policy GBEA, Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest, states, "No school district employee or firm owned by a school district employee shall be allowed to sell to the district or its schools or staff goods or services of any kind without express prior written consent of the Board of Education."

Heather Rogers is employed by the District as a Custodial Supervisor. She also runs a face painting business, "See Life as a Muse". Her services would be offered through Community Schools as a vendor.

Since Ms. Rogers is an employee and she owns her business, she is requesting a waiver from Board Policy GBEA so she can continue to offer these services through Community Schools within the St. Vrain Valley School District. Administration recommends approval of this exception.

Board members and administration discussed ways to streamline the requests to grant exceptions to Board Policy GBEA.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)**

#### **First Reading, Discussion, New Board Policies JRCB\* -- Student Information Privacy and Protection; and JRCB\*-R -- Student Information Privacy and Protection (9.1)**



Dr. Diane Lauer and Brandon Shaffer explained to the Board that the new Colorado Student Data and Transparency & Security Act perpetuated the creation of these new Board policies and that administration and District legal counsel had reviewed CASB samples of those policies and revised them for St. Vrain best practices. Brandon assured the Board that these new policies will exceed the requirements of the new Act. Dr. Lauer thanked Brandon Shaffer, Joe McBreen and Patrick Mount for covering that new legislation from the very beginning. Board members and Dr. Lauer feel very fortunate to have Brandon Shaffer on staff for his expertise and coordination with projects such as this.

Board members moved that these new Board policies will enter their second reading, with no changes, at the May 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT (10.0)**

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m., and Paula Peairs seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

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 June 14, 2017.