

**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 September 11, 2019 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 Joie Siegrist at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Vice President, Director District F
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A
Robert J. Smith, Member, Director District C

Board Members Absent:

Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Crystal Carmody, Student Services Secretary
Olga Cordero, Educational Equity Coordinator
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Paula Fredman, Student Services Truancy Advocate
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Kristin Hefflon, Student Services Coordinator-Student Attendance & Engagement
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Bob Norris – 532 Rider Ridge Drive, Longmont, 80503 – present to announce an early childhood education event at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm., Friday, September 13, 2019. He presented Bob Smith with a t-shirt to thank him for his service on the Board.

VISITORS (4.0)

United Power's Senior Community Affairs Representative Bill Meier introduced United Power Vice Chair of the Board Ursula Morgan and Director Ginny Buczek, both from United Power's West District. They presented a capital credit check to the District of \$19,183.37. Mr. Meier provided a map of the District area that United Power serves, and the list of student counts per school that United Power services. On behalf of the District, Dr. Haddad accepted the check that will go toward the Mobile Innovation Lab, and looks forward to continued opportunities with United Power. Board members were thankful to get the chance to recently tour United Power's new facility.

Mark Mills introduced Wayne Granger, Executive Director of Flagstaff Academy, and announced that Flagstaff Academy received the 2019 Trailblazer National School to Watch award from the Colorado Association of Middle-Level Education on June 28, 2019 in Washington, D.C. Mark also announced that Dr. Diane Lauer is the State Coordinator of the Colorado Trailblazer School to Watch Program. Wayne introduced Katie Gustafson, Flagstaff Middle School Principal, parents, and students who were in attendance. Board members praised them for their award and recognized everyone in the audience that came to support them.

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

Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Congratulated Flagstaff Academy for their 2019 Trailblazer National School to Watch award.
- Announced that on September 19, 2019 the Mobile Innovation Lab will be at the Colorado Succeeds awards event. St. Vrain Valley Schools has two finalists – one for Excellence in Technology for launching the P-TECH Program and one for Transformational Impact in a Middle School to Altona Middle School.
- Announced that on November 6, 2019 the Colorado Technology Association will host their 2019 APEX Awards. Dr. Haddad is one of the Individual Nominees and St. Vrain Valley Schools is one of the Company Nominees.
- Announced that Colorado Governor Jared Polis will visit Legacy Elementary School to read to the Kindergarten students on September 12, 2019. Dr. Haddad will be meeting with Governor Polis individually next week in Denver.

- Attended the first High School Student Advisory Council Meeting at Lyons Middle/Senior High – impressive group of student leaders. Lyons M/S Principal Andrea Smith challenged all other high schools to match the 100% graduation rate and 89% participation rate of Lyons M/S.
- Thanked parents and Board members for attending the first Community Meeting at Silver Creek High School – Dr. Haddad posed the question “what is the purpose of public education” to all parents, and will provide a report to the Board after the total of 16 community meetings are complete.
- Attended the first Leadership St. Vrain meeting at the Innovation Center – 115 parents attended. Dr. Haddad thanked Kerri McDermid and her Communications team for facilitating those meetings.
- Announced that St. Vrain Valley Schools was recognized by *Forbes* magazine in an article Tom Vander Ark wrote on September 9, 2019.
- Proud of the constant positive changes to all District facilities and of the community for their financial support to make those changes.
- Thanked his leadership team for working so hard to manage a school district the size of a small city.

REPORTS (6.0)

Strive for 5 Attendance (6.1)

Dr. Jackie Kapushion introduced Kristin Hefflon who provided the Board of Education with an update on the Strive for 5 Attendance initiative. Strive for 5 is in its third year and seeks to improve attendance rates and lower chronic absenteeism rates across all schools in St. Vrain. Kristin provided information related to attendance rates, attendance liaisons’ casework, and collaboration with community partners, results of interventions, parental workshops, and credit recovery options for students. Their successful approach is less punitive and focuses on more of a human connection to building relationships with families.

Board members and Dr. Haddad thanked Jackie and Kristin for their report. Jackie thanked the dedicated staff that went above and beyond to ensure the students’ success and thanked the Board for their support.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

John Ahrens moved to approve Consent Items 7.1 through 7.6. Bob Smith seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, the August 21, 2019 Study Session, and the August 28, 2019 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Easement Agreement at Main Street School with Colorado Department of Transportation
5. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Sunset Middle School Renovation Project

6. Approval: Approval of Change Order 3 to Skyline High School Addition and Renovation Project

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 School District Calendars (8.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt the proposed calendars for a two-year calendar period (2020-2021 and 2021-2022). Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the development of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 calendars began in August 2018. In establishing the calendars, the District Calendar Committee gathered numerous resources to guide the creation of the calendars, which included calendars from neighboring districts and universities, athletic schedules, and testing schedules. The goals of the Committee were to facilitate what is best for students, parents and teachers, opportunities for teachers to improve practice, to follow Board policy, and to meet state/federal requirements.

In the proposed 2020-2021 calendar, students begin school August 18, 2020 and end school May 27, 2021. In the proposed 2021-2022 calendar, students begin school August 17, 2021 and end school May 26, 2022. Seven Professional Learning Community (PLC) Days are included, and remain the 1st Wednesday of every month, excluding October and January in both calendars.

Board members thanked Dr. Lauer for her report and asked that she pass on their gratitude to the District Calendar Committee.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Concerning Fair Contributions for Public School Sites Between the Town of Dacono & SVVSD (8.2)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the IGA with the City of Dacono and further authorize the appropriate Board members to sign the IGA. John Ahrens seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that this IGA provides a methodology that requires the dedication of land or cash-in-lieu of land for the future acquisition and development of school sites based on housing type, acreage requirements, and student yield. This is a model that other communities and districts have followed for over twenty years. The City of Dacono

and the District initially entered into a joint agreement in June of 1998. In January 2008, the City of Dacono terminated the IGA with the District. After recent meetings with City staff and the City Council of Dacono, there was renewed interest expressed in again entering into an IGA which would help the District and the City plan for future school sites in Dacono.

There are no proposed changes to the agreement or the fees compared with the other Weld County communities, other than the focus being upon Dacono and the location of future schools within the Comprehensive Plan area of Dacono that covers the St. Vrain Valley School District.

The Planning Department is reviewing components of the fee calculation, including current student yields by housing type, sales of recent parcels of undeveloped land, and current estimates of costs associated with the development of land. If there are significant changes, the fee calculations may be modified in future updates to the IGA's.

The proposed fees are Single-Family \$970; Duplex/Triplex \$846; Multi-Family \$589; Condo/Townhouse \$347; and Mobile Home \$785.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Site Selection for Elementary #28 (8.3)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education choose the Erie Highland site (a 10-acre parcel within Erie Highlands Filing #11, Block 5, Lot 1) as its remaining elementary school funded in the 2016 Bond. Bob Smith seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that the location of Elementary #28, funded through the 2016 Bond Election, has been anticipated for the Weld County area of the District since approval of the Bond. The past five years of enrollment continues to show that nearly 1,400 students were added in Weld County compared with approximately 400 in Boulder County. Projections for ages 5 through 18 by the State Demographer also point out the strong growth expected in the Weld County area.

The three possible areas for Elementary 28 include the Erie area, the Mead/Weld MUD area and the Tri-Town area. Sites owned by the District include from North to South, Liberty Ranch (Mead), Meadow Vale (Weld County), Idaho Creek (Weld County), Colliers Hill (Erie), and Erie Highlands (Erie). The District currently is in the negotiation stages for sites in the Tri-Town area, but nothing has been dedicated at this time. Scott provided maps for exact locations.

Within the Weld County area of the District, more new housing units have been built in the Erie Feeder area. Of the 3,277 units permitted from 2016 – 2018 in the three Weld area feeders, 52.1% (1,708) have been issued within the Erie Feeder, 38.8% (1,270)

within the Frederick Feeder and 9.1% (299) in the Mead Feeder. Student growth has been the strongest over the last few years in the Weld County area feeders. Based on enrollment and classroom space available, the need still remains for additional capacity in the Erie feeder. The Soaring Heights area, in particular, has been a fast-growing area with significant increases in new students and births.

Scott provided maps of student locations in the eastern portion of Erie that show a widespread dispersal; however, more students live south of Erie Parkway in and near the Erie Highlands site than north. Based on 2018 data, 402 elementary students reside south of Erie Parkway and 281 reside north of Erie Parkway. With the close proximity of the Colliers Hill area to the current Soaring Heights K-8, the next school site location would ideally be located south of Erie Parkway within Erie Highlands on the parcel recently acquired by the District.

With approval of the Erie Highlands site for the Future Elementary 28, the District Operations staff can begin the design and engineering process. This future elementary is scheduled to be opened in the 2021/2022 school year.

Board members thanked Scott for his thorough comparison report on growth in each of the three possible areas to build Elementary #28.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Contract – Sale of District Land in Frederick (8.4)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the offer from Robinson Williams Investments, LLC, to purchase surplus land in Frederick and, further, authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign appropriate documents related to this real estate transaction. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the District owns real property in Frederick, consisting of twelve parcels. On February 14, 2018, the Board approved the resolution deeming the land as surplus and authorized the sale of the lands through a sealed bid process.

The Purchasing Department issued RFP #2018-077 on May 7, 2018. Robinson Williams Investments, LLC, offered to buy the land. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Robinson Williams Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$872,200.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Adoption of Resolution for Signature Authorization (8.5)

Karen Ragland moved that the proposed Resolution be adopted by the Board of Education to enable the Financial Services Department to continue using the previous Board officers' signatures until the signatures are changed to the new Board officers. Bob Smith seconded.

At their August 28, 2019 Regular Meeting, the Board of Education elected Paula Peairs as Vice President because Bob Smith stepped down from his officer position of Vice President. Paula then vacated her Treasurer position, and the Board appointed Karen Ragland Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

Greg Fieth requested that the Board adopt the Resolution presented as it will be necessary to continue with the previous officers' signatures until new officers are elected and signatures are changed. Designated signers of checks issued by the District include Greg Fieth, Tony Whiteley, and Brian Lamer.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and John Ahrens seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

John Ahrens, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on October 9, 2019.