

**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 27, 2015 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:

John Creighton, Member, Director District E
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Kahle Charles, Executive Director of Curriculum
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction
Tony Whiteley, Budget Director

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Trip Merklein, President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association, was present to support Action Item 7.5 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association.

VISITORS (4.0)

Dr. Haddad introduced Lyons Elementary instructor Wendy Parker. Wendy was chosen as the Elevations Credit Union Teacher of the Month, and Dr. Haddad presented her with an Excellence in Education award. She grew up in Lyons and loves the community, her colleagues, and thanked Andrew Moore for nominating her.

Mark Mills introduced SMART Team advisers Chris Chou and Richard Martyr (retired LHS AP Chemistry instructor). Chris Chou, AP Biology instructor and Coordinator of the Longmont High Medical and BioScience Academy, introduced the student members of the co-curricular team Students Modeling a Research Topic (SMART). Student members present were Jake Drewes, Haleakala Harroun, Maya Lippard, Chase Schumacher, Alexander Santucci, and Danielle Swope. Adrienne Jacobi, Justin Martyr, and Trevor Bonner were unable to attend the meeting. Student members reported that they had recently presented at the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology's Conference in Boston, Massachusetts and were able to meet their remote mentor Dr. Christopher Cunningham.

Mark Mills introduced John Rigsby, mentor to the Up-A-Creek Robotics team. John introduced the student officers in the program that were present. Those students were Tyler Faye-President, Jake Olkin-Vice President, Courtney Howell-Secretary, and Tim Ewing-Safety Officer. The students told the Board and audience that the group is made up of five different high schools and two middle schools throughout the District. They are made up of 48 students and 15 mentors, and told of the sponsors who have helped them achieve their goals. They demonstrated how the robot works, how they start with nothing and end up with a fully functional robot in six weeks, and answered questions from the Board members.

REPORTS (5.0)

District Financial Statements-April 2015 (5.1)

Greg Fieth reported that at the worksession prior to this Board meeting, information related to the April 2015 Monthly Financial Statements was provided to the Board in compliance with all aspects of Board Policy DBI. Greg reported on the separate items on the "dashboard" that is a summary of this quarter's financial issues.

Introduction of Superintendent's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget (5.2)

Tony Whiteley reported on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, and let the Board know that the Public Hearing of the FY16 Budget will take place on June 10, 2015, and

the final budget adoption request is scheduled for June 24, 2015. This timing complies with all the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado. Tony detailed the General Fund to the Board and is projecting a 29.6% increase in the 2015-2016 budget compared to this year's budget, with an estimated per pupil increase of \$260. He detailed the costs that the new salary schedule will produce, as well as the costs that will decrease from this past year. Tony will provide a summary to the Board of the 2015-2016 budget showing comparisons to this year.

Finance and Audit Committee Update (5.3)

Finance and Audit Committee members Heather Parrish and Erika Lind gave highlights of their work throughout the year, and praised the Finance team and their fiscal commitment to the community. Finance and Audit Committee member Kristyn Unrein was also in the audience. They thanked Board members Joie Siegrist and Paula Peairs for their support on the Committee. Greg Fieth stated that several school districts in the area have called him with an interest to model their own Finance & Audit Committee after St. Vrain's.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

None

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Columbine Elementary Principal (7.1)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Audrey Konauka-Seybold as Principal of Columbine Elementary School, effective July 1, 2015. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Ms. Seybold graduated from Saint Louis University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. She continued her education at University of Colorado at Denver where she completed her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. She also completed her Principal Licensing Program through the University of Denver.

Ms. Seybold previously worked at Federal Heights Elementary School where she was the Assistant Principal. Prior to that, she was the Assistant Principal at the STEM Magnet Lab School in Northglenn. Ms. Seybold was also an Instructional Leader and Science Department Co-Chairperson at Rocky Top Middle School in Thornton where she was responsible for the instructional leadership within the Science Department. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Ms. Seybold introduced her family in attendance, and was very excited for the opportunity to work with the staff at Columbine Elementary.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Additional District Digital Library Purchases (7.2)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve an extension of the current purchase contract to OverDrive for the purchase of digital resources by an additional \$292,000.00, not to exceed \$1,019,000 in FY15. Paula Peairs seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that Board Policy DJ—Purchasing Authorization, requires that the Board approve all vendors who the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year. At the August 13, 2014 Board Meeting, OverDrive was approved with anticipated expenditures of \$727,000. Since current year expenditures are now expected to exceed \$1,000,000, in the interest of transparency, we are bringing this back for approval. OverDrive is the District vendor for digital library books.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of 2015-2016 Fuel Purchase (7.3)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of fuel for the 2015-2016 school year and further authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign appropriate paperwork. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the cost of fuel is determined with the MAPO bid with Arapahoe County, which is not updated at this time. Upon finalization of the bid, the information will be sent to the Board with the new bid number and dates. The funds to purchase fuel are budgeted in the General Fund. The estimated amount for fuel for the year will be approximately \$1,200,000.00 based on fuel pricing. This is the same agreement the District has been using for fuel in past years.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Adoption of Resolution to Approve the Contracted Use of Motor Coach Buses (7.4)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to allow the District to contract with a reputable transportation charter service for the purpose of transporting District students and staff to and from extra/co-curricular events or activities. Use of motor coach buses shall only be utilized when the travel distance and/or the amount of cargo to be hauled render the use of a traditional school bus

impractical; or when the use of a regular school bus may adversely impact District Transportation's primary mission. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the Board of Education understands motor coach buses meet a different set of safety requirements and guidelines as traditional school buses, and requires District staff to develop, maintain and enforce safety standards and procedures when contracting with over-the-road motor coaches.

As a result of recent changes to the Colorado Minimum Standards Governing School Transportation, 1 CCR 301-25, effective April 30, 2015, the Board of Education must approve by resolution for the short-term rental of a motor coach bus from a contract carrier for transportation of students to school-related events.

Dr. Haddad reported to the Board that the motor coach bus companies will be expected to adhere to the same strict safety regulations as the District does for its own buses.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (7.5)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (SVVEA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J, effective July 1, 2015. John Creighton seconded.

Dr. Haddad reported that the negotiation teams for the District and for SVVEA met for several months in the winter and spring for discussions regarding proposed language changes in the existing Agreement. In addition, after two years of collaboration, the teams brought a new salary schedule to the Board of Education that was adopted at the March 25, 2015 Board of Education meeting. Since the adoption of the new salary schedule, the negotiation teams met to discuss compensation matters that would be competitive to recruit highly qualified teachers. All of these discussions resulted in a number of tentative agreements and the MOA.

SVVEA has formally notified the District that their membership has voted to approve changes to the Agreement for the 2015-16 contract year.

Dr. Haddad thanked Trip Merklein and his team for this collaborative effort while keeping the best interests of the students and staff in mind throughout the process.

Trip Merklein, President of the SVVEA, thanked the SVVEA Negotiating Team and the Board of Directors for their commitment to collaboration, and to David Burnison for his

input to use a career ladder approach. Trip would like to see the District get to the \$40,000 teacher salary base as soon as possible.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (8.0)

Board Policy Overhaul Project Update (8.1)

Board Member Paula Peairs reported that the District should receive Section J for approval in its entirety at a June Board Meeting, and that we may not receive the rest of the manual until July for an August approval of the remaining sections of the Board Policy Manual.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjournment, John Creighton expressed his thanks to Brian Lamer and his team for the smooth handling of all the high school graduations.

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. John Creighton seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Joie Siegrist, 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 10, 2015.