

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

OPENING OF MEETING

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met for a Special Meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2013, at the Educational Services Center, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The Meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 4:00 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
Rod Schmidt, Director District F (participated via speaker phone)
Joie Siegrist, Director District A
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C
Dori Van Lone, Treasurer, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Greg Fieth, Budget Director
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Ryan Kragerud, Planning/GIS Specialist
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Regina Renaldi, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Scott Toillion, Planning Director
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

Topics Discussed:

- Board members reported on the condition of each of their Director Districts due to the flooding.

No action was taken for any of the above discussion topics.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Closure of Schools

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the closure of all schools from September 12, 2013 and the re-opening of all schools on September 18, 2013 (except Lyons Middle/Senior High School and Lyons Elementary). That the Board of Education also approve the placement of Lyons high school students at Main Street School starting on September 23; the placement of Lyons middle school students at Main Street School starting on September 24; and the placement of Lyons Elementary students at Main Street School starting on September 25. Dori Van Lone seconded.

- A Parent Meeting for Lyons parents is planned for Wednesday, September 18 (BOE Meeting is cancelled), regarding the relocation of Lyons students to Main Street School in Longmont. Parents who cannot attend the meeting are encouraged to contact their school's principal. This meeting will be held at the Longmont High School Auditorium.
 - 5:00 pm for preschool and elementary school parents
 - 6:30 pm for middle and high school parents
 - Lyons high school students will start at Main Street School on Monday, September 23, and the school day will start at 7:30 am and end at 2:55 pm
 - Lyons middle school students will start at Main Street School on Tuesday, September 24, and the school day will start at 7:50 am and end at 2:53 pm
 - Lyons elementary school students will start at Main Street School on Wednesday, September 25, and the school day will start at 8:30 am and end at 2:20 pm
 - There was no plan for Lyons preschool students at the time of this Board meeting, but it was later decided to house Lyons preschoolers at Hygiene Elementary School
 - Main Street School parking- Class times will be staggered to help with parking problems. SVVSD is trying to make arrangements with City of Longmont to possibly utilize Roosevelt Memorial Building parking lot.
- The Planning Department supplied the Board of Education and administrators with a map of the District showing evacuated areas from the flooding and the impact that it will have on all students in the District. As of this date, the map showed that the flooding has impacted 1,590 of the students in the District.

Some staff members were also evacuated with some unable to communicate with anyone.

- 86 bus routes will need to be rerouted, and then rerouting information communicated to parents. Biggest challenge is washed out roads and bridges leading to schools and the inability to communicate with Lyons parents and anyone else that had power knocked out.
- Niwot High School, Mead High School, Silver Creek High School and Lyons Elementary School are being used as evacuation sites. Thanks to all for helping at evacuation sites. Thanks to Oskar Blues and Blackjack Pizza for donating food.
- There will be a meeting with the District insurance carrier on Monday, September 16, to determine what resources will be available for rebuilding efforts.
- Power outages caused a large amount of food to go bad in each of the schools. Warehouse employees will be called upon to remove the spoiled food and restock with fresh supplies.
- Erie High School will have no power for a longer timeframe because their power boxes were totally under water.
- May extend school year because of number of days that schools were closed, but could be granted a waiver from the Commissioner.
- October 1 Count-Don't yet know how that will be affected but, with all the Colorado school districts affected by flooding, administration is hoping that there will be some type of extension of time to report on student counts.
- Charter Schools-Administration was able to get in touch with all charter schools except received no response from Aspen Ridge Preparatory.
- Raising money-SVVSD is not creating a structure for fund collection. Longmont Community Foundation is creating a flood fund. Parent/Teacher Organizations are willing to create fundraisers to support flood relief but are waiting to find out what the immediate needs are.
- John Creighton to attend Lyons teacher/staff meeting at Main Street; Joie Siegrist to attend Lyons Town Board meeting.
- Thanks to Rick Ring, Trip Merklein, and John Poynton for their tireless help with the assessment and reporting of damage to schools
- BOE thanked the District Finance team for managing the budget responsibly to enable the District to get through this crisis financially.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Dori Van Lone moved to adjourn at 5:04 p.m. and Bob Smith seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, yes-via speaker phone; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, 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 October 9, 2013.