

**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 January 24, 2018 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Jim Cade, CDC Welding Teacher
Shannon Carheden, Lyons M/S High School Science Teacher
Ramona Clyncke, CDC Cosmetology Teacher
Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School
Dennis Daly, Co-Principal of Lyons M/S
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Jason Maguire, Lyons M/S Athletic Director/Dean
Randy McKie, Lyons M/S Assistant Principal
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Moore, Principal of Lyons Elementary

Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir of Govt & Legal Affairs/Community Outreach & P-TECH
Connie Syferd, Co-Principal of Lyons M/S
Buck Webber, Assistant Principal of CDC/Olde Columbine
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget
Joe Wilson, CDC Paraprofessional

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Career Development Center Principal Deniece Cook who introduced the student officers of SkillsUSA who presented an exquisitely handcrafted eagle weather vane to Dr. Haddad. Those students were Juan Mondragon, Peyton Sharp, Henry Carlson, Natalia Morales, and Jonah Rudd. The students shared what they learned most from being involved in SkillsUSA, their future plans, and introduced their parents.

Jackie Kapushion introduced the High School Student Advisory Council students that attended the Colorado Association of School Boards Convention in Colorado Springs in December 2017. Those students were: Austin Leech and Parker Nicholas from Silver Creek; Hannah McDonald from Niwot High; Lena Weisman from Skyline; and Doyle Schroth from Frederick High. Adam Pena from Longmont High was unable to attend the meeting. The students reported on the things that they learned at the Convention and the great opportunity it was to meet students from other school districts in Colorado. They thanked the administration and the Board for the opportunity to represent the District at the Convention. Board members thanked them for being outstanding role models.

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

Ixchel Leeuwenburgh, Student Liaison for the High School Advisory Council – present to represent the Student Advisory Council.

Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal at Niwot High School – did not address the Board.

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

REPORTS (5.0)

School Board Recognition (5.1)

Dr. Haddad thanked the Board members for their District representation throughout every school. He most appreciated them for how much they care about the students' success and that each Board member is an independent thinker yet is still able to act as one cohesive team. Dr. Haddad read a Resolution encouraging the community to honor the Board members for their service.

Lyons M/S School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (5.2)

Jackie Kapushion introduced Lyons M/S School Co-Principal Dennis Daly, and thanked him for stepping into that role in a moment's notice. Dennis introduced the Lyons M/S Student Advisory Council students Kylen Christiansen, IxChel Leeuwenburgh, Colton Jonjak Plahn, and Linda Marquez-Rubio. The theme of their presentation was "A Week in the Life of Lyons M/S Students," and they thanked the District Communications Department for helping them create their video. Students shared their plans after high school graduation, and introduced their parents. Additional Lyons M/S feeder administrators in attendance were Andrew Moore, Lyons Elementary; Randy McKie, Lyons M/S Assistant Principal; Jason Maguire, Lyons M/S Athletic Director/Dean; Shannon Carheden, Lyons M/S High School Science Teacher; and Connie Syferd, Co-Principal at Lyons M/S. Board members appreciated the students' presentation. Dennis Daly thanked the Lyons' feeder administration, Lyons' Booster Club President Alison Jennings, and the Lyons' parent community for their support.

District Financial Statements-Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2018 (5.3)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with the financial report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2018. At the worksession prior to this Board meeting, information related to the financial statements for the quarter ending December 31, 2017 was provided to the Board. Board members that attended the January Finance and Audit Committee meeting thanked Greg for the opportunity to meet at Altona Middle School where they enjoyed experiencing Virtual Reality and the Google Earth presentation by Principal Jeremy LaCrosse and Altona student Sacha Levine.

Safety/Security Report (5.4)

Stacy Gahagen reported that District departments, schools, and staff have the responsibility to create a safe school environment. The areas of activity she reported on focused around mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. Stacy highlighted each of the District departments who have been tremendous collaborative partners to her to create a safer environment for staff and students. Dr. Haddad and the Board members thanked Stacy for her comprehensive report and for her leadership. High School Student Advisory Council representative Ixchel Leeuwenburgh thanked Stacy, on behalf of all students, for enabling them to feel safe so that they can focus on learning.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.4. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Change Order for District-Wide Gym Floor Refinishing
2. Approval: Approval of Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract-Niwot Elementary Renovation Project
3. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for District-Wide Roofing Repairs
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation JQ-R – Student Fees, Fines and Charges

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

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Silver Creek High School Addition and Renovation Project (7.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with Fransen Pittman General Contractors for \$5,022,550 including contingency, for the Silver Creek High School Addition & Renovation project. Further, that the Board authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents and initiate scope changes in accordance with Board of Education policy. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the CMGC interview committee reviewed responses to RFQ 2017-027 for Construction Manager/General Contractor services. Fransen Pittman General Contractors was selected as the most qualified for the project based on their experience, proposed team, cost and availability. The project includes a six-classroom addition and science room consolidation and renovation. The project is funded from the 2016 Bond program.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Adoption of Superintendent's Amended Budget, All Funds, for the Fiscal Year 2018 (7.2)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt the Amended Fiscal Year 2018 Superintendent's Budget, as presented. John Ahrens seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to review and change the budget with respect to both revenues and

expenditures at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted.

The FY 2018 Superintendent's Proposed Budget was introduced at the May 24, 2017 Board Meeting, including questions and discussion. On June 7, 2017, the Proposed Budget was available to the public for questions. On June 21, 2017, the Board adopted the FY 2018 Superintendent's Budget. Since that date, there have been some revisions and new information; therefore, the Amended Budget was presented for the Board's approval. Board members thanked Tony for his report and felt our District is very fortunate to have reserves built into the budget.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of District School Calendars for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 School Years (7.3)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education adopt the proposed calendars for a two-year calendar period (2018-2019 and 2019-2020). Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the development of the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 calendars began in August 2017. In establishing the calendars, the District Calendar Committee gathered numerous resources to guide the creation of the calendars, which included calendars from neighboring school districts, schedules from universities, testing schedules, and athletic schedules.

In the proposed 2018-2019 calendar, students begin school August 15, 2018 and end school May 23, 2019. In the proposed 2019-2020 calendar, students begin school August 13, 2019 and end school May 21, 2020. Eight Professional Learning Community (PLC) Days are included, and remain the 1st Wednesday of every month, excluding January in both calendars.

The goals of the Committee included facilitating what is best for the students, focusing on achievement; facilitating what is best for adults/teachers, providing opportunity for entry of grades prior to the end of a grading period; considering opportunities for teachers to improve practices; and meeting State/Federal requirements and local District policies.

Board members thanked Dr. Lauer and her Calendar Committee for the arduous work on the calendars and for her outstanding presentation at the Day of Excellence event. High school student Ixchel Leeuwenburgh expressed her appreciation for the work of the Calendar Committee on behalf of the student population.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Superintendent's Contract (7.4)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's contract extension and salary increase, as presented. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Board President Robert J. Smith commended Dr. Haddad for the extraordinary job he does on behalf of the District. Dr. Haddad's annual compensation will change from \$273,000 to \$284,000 and will be valid through 2021. Provisions were included to allow Dr. Haddad to have all costs paid when representing the District when he attends local, state, national and international events, and to assure that his estate will receive any salary payments/fringe benefits in the event of his death.

Board members commended Dr. Haddad for his integrity and for being a respected role model. He has developed this District into a model other school districts throughout the country will seek to emulate in the future. High school student Ixchel Leeuwenburgh thanked Dr. Haddad for creating the High School Advisory Council so that the students have an engaged voice in their education.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (8.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Karen Ragland seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Amory Siscoe, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on February 14, 2018.