

**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 28, 2015 at the Educational Services Center Board Room, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Robert J. Smith at 6:32 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  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Andrew Moore, Principal of Lyons Elementary  
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor  
Kyle Schuyler, Assistant Principal of Lyons M/S  
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement  
Tony Whiteley, Budget Director  
Greg Winger, Principal of Lyons M/S

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

Board reports were added to the Agenda.

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

Joan Gregerson announced the “Youth of the Earth” Festival to be held at Boulder County Fairgrounds on April 22, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Boulder High School student Rose Gordon presented information about the Festival. Information on the Festival can be found at [www.srlongmont.org](http://www.srlongmont.org).

### **BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (4.0)**

#### **Presentations to the Board**

Grassroots St. Vrain (GSV) President Sarah Elahi was present and introduced GSV Officers Karna Jones, Outreach Director; Carolyn Storz, Communications Director; Lisa Granat, Treasurer; and Karen Ragland, Secretary. They shared the video "Class Size Starts with You", that they've been sharing with parent groups across the District this year. Board members were very appreciative of the work of Grassroots St. Vrain members.

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Board Appreciation Dinner at Career Development Center.
- Attended Skyline, Silver Creek, Mead High and Longmont High basketball games.
- Announced that Skyline High School Student Council raised \$4,000 to the Make a Wish Program for a nine year old girl from Vietnam to visit there, and are hoping to increase that funding to \$10,000.
- Attended final State Standards and Assessment Task Force meeting. After this committee service, he has renewed respect for Tori Teague and the building staffs for what they need to do to get the testing done.
  - The Task Force service challenged him to go beyond initial reactions and he relayed his concerns with our current assessment system. It reinforces an era in education that should be behind us rather than reflecting what level the student should currently be at.
  - Felt the benefits were elevated standards and a renewed focus on accountability- especially true for low-income students.
  - One negative aspect to focusing on accountability was that it can and has contributed to a re-segregation to our schools nationwide.
  - To the SVVSD administration team-start a new era of engagement in SVVSD, to support the creation of experiences that students and staff want to be a part of.
  - Recommendations from the Task Force can be found on the Colorado Department of Education website [www.cde.state.co.us/cdedepcom/taskforce](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdedepcom/taskforce)
- Board members thanked John for all of his time and considerable attention to participating and representing St. Vrain on this Task Force.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Board Appreciation Dinner at Career Development Center-thanks to the students and staff for a wonderful meal.
- Attended Mountain View Elementary Open House and Grand Opening of the STEM Discovery Preschool at Mountain View.
- Attended CASB Board of Directors Annual Retreat in Estes Park-new Denver Public Schools board member. Legislative issues were topic of conversation; i.e., Standards and Assessment Task Force; Online Task Force report which provided recommendations regarding online school authorizers; constitutional reform and how it would affect school funding.
- Attended Sunset PAC Meeting.
- Attended informational meeting at Niwot High School for 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students to learn about the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade IB Program.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Meeting-annual grant awards night at Timberline PK-8.
- Attended Board Policy Review Committee Meetings.
- Attended Niwot High Girls' basketball game and awarded a district sportsmanship medal to a player-thanks to Rob Berry for this great idea and opportunity for board members to get to the games. Looking forward to handing out the boy's medal at a game.
- Attended Youth Services Alliance Meeting-two Mead High students and two Frederick High students were there to report on recent events at schools.
- Attended Martin Luther King Jr. Day at SCHS hosted in part by the Leadership Academy-great to hear about the history and to hear Dr. Haddad's remarks to the community. Visited with LA students Kaari, Anton and Amanda who were exhibiting their capstone projects that day.
- Attended a Town Hall Meeting with Senator Matt Jones, Rep. Jonathan Singer, and Rep. Mike Foote-they seemed very attuned to the work of the Standards and Assessment Task Force.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Board Appreciation Dinner at Career Development Center.
- Attended Mead Middle School Staff Meeting-attends these staff meetings to introduce herself and to provide an opportunity for open dialogue.
- Attended Student Advisory Council meeting at Longmont High School-enjoyed Shelly Allen's nutrition discussion with the students and appreciates Shelly's leadership and contributions in this area. Also enjoyed the discussion on the structure of after-school academic support.
- Attended Mountain View Elementary Open House and Grand Opening of the STEM Discovery Preschool at Mountain View.
- Attended Rotary State of the State luncheon-enjoyed Lt. Governor Joe Garcia's presentation.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meeting-thanked Greg Fieth and Joe McBreen for their presentation on technology.
- Attended Board Policy Review Committee Meetings.

- Looking forward to presenting Leadership St. Vrain model to Adams 12 School District with John Poynton.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Open House of the Town of Frederick's new Public Works Building.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Colorado Music Educators' Association concert at Longmont High School.
- Attended Board Appreciation Dinner at Career Development Center-thanked the students and staff for a wonderful dinner.
- Attended Finance and Audit Meeting.
- Attended Mountain View Elementary Open House and Grand Opening of the STEM Discovery Preschool at Mountain View.
- Attended Board Policy Review Committee Meetings.
- Attended Rotary State of the State luncheon.
- Attended Bright Eyes Breakfast-thanks to Linda Kopecky from the City of Longmont and Connie Syferd.
- Toured Mountain View Elementary, Burlington Elementary, and Erie High School.
- Attended boys' and girls' basketball games-was nice of the schools to recognize Board members for Board of Education Appreciation Month.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Presented the 0-3 Initiative to the Carbon Valley Rotary with Connie Syferd-thanked Connie for the marvelous job she's done with the 0-3 Initiative and for her leadership in that field.
- Attended Colorado Music Educators' Association concert at Longmont High School.
- Attended Mountain View Elementary Open House and Grand Opening of the STEM Discovery Preschool at Mountain View-great staff turnout.
- Attended High School Student Advisory Council Meeting-appreciate the students' insights.
- Attended Board Appreciation Dinner at Career Development Center.
- Thanked Terry Schueler and Ella Padilla for the terrific job they've done on the committee that is preparing the health care RFP.

## **REPORTS (5.0)**

### **Lyons M/S Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (5.1)**

David Burnison introduced Lyons M/S Principal Greg Winger who then introduced the Lyons M/S Student Advisory Council students Meagan Keen and Jenna Anderson. Student Council member Jonathan Herbst was unable to attend. Lyons M/S Assistant Principal Kyle Schuyler and Lyons Elementary Principal Andrew Moore were in attendance. The students presented a video they produced about Lyons M/S and

Lyons Elementary and handed out framed pictures of the video title to the Board. Board members felt the students really captured the uniqueness of Lyons in the video, and suggested they show the video to the Lyons Town Council and Chamber of Commerce.

### **Second Quarter 2014-2015 Financials (5.2)**

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with the financial report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015. Greg Fieth thanked Grassroots St. Vrain for the use of their videos to present information about school finances to community groups, and for the excellent job they do for the District.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)**

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.2. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, New Board Policies EJ – Service Animals; EJ-R – Service Animals; EJ-E-1 – Appendix A, Request to be Accompanied by Service Animal/Miniature Horse (Annual Request Required); and EJ-E-2 – Appendix B, Service Animal/Miniature Horse Agreement
2. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies JICI – Weapons in School; JIH – Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests; and JIH-R – Policies and Procedures for Conducting Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests

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].

### **ACTION ITEMS (7.0)**

#### **Adoption of Amended Budget FY 2014-2015 (7.1)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt the amended budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 as presented. Debbie Lammers 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 2015 Superintendent's Proposed Budget was introduced at the May 28, 2014 Board Meeting, including questions and discussion. On June 11, 2014, the Proposed Budget was available to the public for questions. On June 11, 2014, the Board adopted

the FY 2015 Superintendent's Budget. Since that date, there have been some expected revisions and new information that Tony presented to the Board.

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 Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with EAGLE-Net Alliance (7.2)**

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the EAGLE-Net Alliance Intergovernmental Agreement. Paula Peairs seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that the District purchases high-speed broadband services as a member of the EAGLE-Net Alliance. The Intergovernmental Agreement creating and maintaining this entity is proposed for modification as EAGLE-Net grows and expands its service area. The existing IGA requires 100% approval of IGA members of any amendments. District staff is in favor of the proposed amendments which provide flexibility and growth opportunity to the EAGLE-Net Alliance.

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 Extension of Superintendent Contract (7.3)**

Mike Schiers moved that the Board of Education approve a one-year extension to Dr. Haddad's contract and for the Board to obtain a salary survey to bring his base salary in line with other districts of similar enrollment and size. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The Board would like to grant a one-year extension to Dr. Haddad's current Employment Agreement from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and authorize the Board to obtain a salary survey and to make a recommendation to the Board at a later date regarding a further amendment to the Employment Agreement to bring the base salary in line with other districts of similar enrollment and size and to recognize Dr. Haddad's performance over the past year.

Since it will take time to complete the salary survey, the written addendum will be completed after the survey and brought before the Board at a later date.

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 Right of Entry at Burlington Elementary (7.4)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education authorize administration to finalize negotiations with the City of Longmont regarding a Right of Entry at the Burlington Elementary School property indicated on attached Exhibit A to accommodate the construction of the flood damaged wading pool at the City owned Kanemoto Park. John Creighton seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the City of Longmont asked the District for access of a small section of unused property south of the Burlington Elementary play fields that abuts Kanemoto Park. To keep the pool renovation on schedule, the City asked for temporary access until the final documents can be developed and presented to the Board of Education in March. Construction of the pool will begin in February of 2015. Final documents were reviewed by District legal counsel.

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)**

Paula Peairs updated the Board of Education and administration on the progress of the Board Policy Review Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

John Creighton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Joie Siegrist 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 February 11, 2015.