

**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 March 22, 2017 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 6:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Lindsey Bennett, Westview Science Teacher
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
Kevin Brown, Frederick High Vocal Director
Dan Cribby, Westview Science Teacher
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
David Kline, Westview Math Teacher
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Abby Martinez, Erie Middle School Choir Director/All-State Choir Chair
Joe McBreen, Chief Information Officer
Chase McBride, Niwot High Athletic Director/Assistant Principal
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent

Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources
Jill Rippa, Frederick High Drama Teacher
Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School
Mark Spencer, Principal of Westview Middle School

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Rob Berry introduced the Choir Directors and All-State Choir students from every high school, middle school and Twin Peaks Charter Academy. The middle and high school students performed several musical numbers from All-State choir competition. Abby Martinez, Erie Middle School Choir Director/All-State Choir Chair told the Board of the student selection process. Abby reported that Sunset Middle School Choir Director Nathan Wubenna will be the All-State Choir Chair next year. Frederick High Drama teacher Jill Rippa introduced Frederick sophomore Kelsea Sibold who is an International Thespian Society member who has taken her love of drama classes to the Colorado State Capitol. Dr. Haddad honored her with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award.

Westview Principal Mark Spencer shared that the Westview STEM program's research project was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Rocky Mountain National Park Biennial Research Conference. Science Teachers Lindsey Bennett and Dan Cribby and Westview Math Teacher David Kline reported that their *Plains to the Park* program brought them to the "People and Stewardship: Using Research for Management" Conference that was held on March 1-2, 2017 in Estes Park along with people from all over the world. They introduced students Charlie Fine, Zack Kyle, Laurel Robbins, Ashley Degen, and Nora Tayefeh who promoted the program to other students. They showed a brief video on the STEM aspect of their research on creating a documentary film on animal sightings using camera traps and the newest project on water quality. This program is hosted by Westview Middle School and in partnership with Rocky Mountain National Park and the Estes Park Environmental Center. Dan and Dave thanked Dr. Haddad, the Board, Michael O'Toole, Sandy Roy, and the Transportation Department for everything they do to support their program.

Trip Merklein, President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association-did not address the Board.

Jim Bechtold, Retired District Dispatcher-did not address the Board.

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

REPORTS (5.0)

None

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.2. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Epson Projectors/Wall Mounts
2. Approval: Approval of School Bus Purchases-this item was not pulled, but Board members asked Brian Lamer of the schedule of replacement buses. Brian will get back to the Board members on that information.

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

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Red Hawk Elementary (7.1)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Timothy Garcia as the Principal for Red Hawk Elementary, effective July 1, 2017. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Mr. Garcia graduated from Wayne State College with a Bachelor of Science in K-12 Health and Physical Education. He continued his education at the University of Nebraska where he completed his School Principalship 7-12 and K-6 Endorsement. He has begun his Superintendent/Specialist Certification with the University of Nebraska.

For the past five years, Mr. Garcia has served as a Principal at McCook Elementary School in McCook, Nebraska, where he was the Title 1 Director, District Crisis Team Director and a District Safety Team member. Prior to that, he served as an Assistant Principal for five years and as a Health and Physical Education Teacher for seven years at Central Elementary School in McCook, Nebraska. Mr. Garcia has served as a Chief of Police, Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, DARE Instructor and served with the United States Marine Corps. He has also coached Boys' Basketball and Varsity Football. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Mr. Garcia was not able to attend the Board Meeting, but Ella Padilla shared a video that he had sent to thank the Board, Dr. Haddad, Ella Padilla, Dina Perfetti-Deany and Mark Mills for selecting him for this position. He introduced his family and told the

Board how excited that they were to move to Colorado, and he looks forward to the challenges ahead of him at Red Hawk Elementary.

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

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Niwot High (7.2)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Zach Pinkerton as the Assistant Principal for Niwot High School, effective July 1, 2017. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Mr. Pinkerton graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science in English and Political Science. He continued his education at Saint Mary's College of California where he completed his Master of Arts in Instruction. He also completed his Administration Credential from California State University, East Bay.

For the past three years, Mr. Pinkerton has served as an Associate Principal at Acalanes Union High School District in California where he led initial rollout of a freshman 1:1 iPad program, transitioned the school to SBAC computerized testing, and co-led district-wide Algebra 1 and Geometry textbook adoption and course framework revision. Prior to that, he served as an Assistant Principal for two years and as a Secondary English Teacher for six years at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, California. Mr. Pinkerton was also elected as Teacher of the Year in 2011. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Mr. Pinkerton was not able to attend the Board Meeting, but Ella shared a video that he had sent to thank the Board and Dr. Haddad for selecting him for this position. Mr. Pinkerton is excited to be a Niwot High Cougar.

Dr. Haddad and the Board members thanked Ella Padilla and her team for the many hours of screening of applicants. Ella thanked Mark Mills, Jackie Kapushion, David Burnison, Dina Perfetti-Deany, and Mary Miner for their quality leadership and dedication. Board members felt it was the quality of leadership by them that attracts the high quality of applicants to this District, along with Dr. Haddad's commitment to excellence.

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

Approval of Purchase of Apple Technology Products and Professional Development (7.3)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of technology products and professional development as described below from Apple Computer, Inc., for a not-to-exceed price of \$1,845,870.00. John Ahrens seconded.

Joe McBreen reported that this technology purchase is for 3,700 iPad Minis, 200 Mac Minis, 300 keyboards and professional development for elementary schools. The purchase will support the ongoing computer lab replacement at all levels and the Learning Technology Plan (LTP) initiative at elementary schools.

The District obtains discounted pricing directly from Apple Computer, Inc. through their Apple Education Pricing List. Joe reported that between the time this memo was first put out, the dedicated members of the Purchasing Department received an even deeper discount for these products. Board members thanked Joe and his team for the tremendous work they do to implement the Learning Technology Plan, and have a deep appreciation for how well the Plan has rolled out in all the schools. Mill levy override funds will pay for these products.

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

Approval of Increase in Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Mead High Addition and Renovation Project (7.4)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 1 for \$1,376,171 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with JHL Constructors, Inc., for the Mead High Addition & Renovation Project for a total contract value of \$10,919,647. 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. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that, on January 11, 2017, the Board of Education approved the Mead High Addition & Renovation Project CMGC contract with JHL Constructors, Inc., for a not-to-exceed \$11,500,000 overall contract value. The expansion of the new wing science rooms and renovations of existing science rooms were added to the project scope. The project is funded under the 2016 Bond program.

Board members thanked Brian Lamer for his extreme dedication to improve the Science Lab layouts in the buildings.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, 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 8:25 p.m. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, 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 April 12, 2017.