

**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 23, 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 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

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):**

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary, Director District D

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Michelle Bourgeois, Director of Learning Technology  
Damon Brown, Executive Director of Human Resources/Risk Management  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Laura Hess, Executive Director of Special Education  
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support  
Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Liza Nybo, Principal of Coal Ridge Middle School  
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent  
Hilary Sontag, Director of Competitive Grants and Strategic Partnerships  
Jason Trujillo, District Technology Services  
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

None

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

Ella Padilla introduced new hire Russell Fox as the Dean of Students for Erie High School. Russell was excited to take on and expand his role with St. Vrain Valley Schools. He introduced his wife Lyndsey.

Ella introduced new hire Gina Trujillo as a Special Education Coordinator. Gina thanked the Board and Dr. Haddad for the opportunity to continue to advance in the District. She introduced her family.

Ella announced that Mari Stevenson had also been chosen for a Special Education Coordinator position, but could not attend the Board Meeting.

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

### **REPORTS (5.0)**

#### **Finance and Audit Committee Update (5.1)**

Greg Fieth introduced Finance and Audit Committee member Heather Parrish who updated the Board on the accomplishments of the year. She thanked the Finance team and Joie Siegrist and Paula Peairs for inviting her to serve on the Committee. Greg reported that the District is in its fifth year of a five-year contract with auditors RubinBrown and that they were very satisfied with Rubin/Brown's services, but may look at changing partners within Rubin/Brown in the fall. Greg and the Board members thanked Heather for her work on the Committee, and reminded everyone that Heather's position on the Committee and her attendance at the Board Meeting is strictly voluntary.

#### **Partnerships and Grants Update (5.2)**

Jackie Kapushion introduced Hilary Sontag who reported on the District's partnership development and grant work. Since Hilary started, she has applied for \$5.9 million in grants, and the District has received \$834,000 thus far. She thanked the Board for their interest in her work and for the warm welcome she received when she began her new position. Hilary encouraged anyone with new philanthropic ideas to get in touch with her so that she could continue to cultivate important partnerships. Brian Lamer announced

that the District had been awarded a \$2 million BEST grant for Main Street School, with the District contributing \$5 million toward the renovation project.

### **District Financial Statements-April Financials Fiscal Year 2018 (5.3)**

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a recap of the financial report for April FY2018 after an extensive report during this evenings' work session, and reminded everyone that financials can be found on the District website.

### **Introduction of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget – All Funds, for Fiscal Year 2019 (5.4)**

Tony Whiteley introduced the Superintendent's Proposed Budget--All Funds, for Fiscal Year 2019. The Public Hearing of the FY19 Budget will take place on June 13, 2018, and the final budget adoption is scheduled for June 27, 2018. He pointed out the new summary calls for an \$8.9 million draw-down of the General Fund surplus on Page 6 of the budget document, and reminded everyone that this document can be found on the District website with a printed copy also available in the Finance office. Board member Joie Siegrist thanked Tony for his presentation of the FY2019 budget to the Finance and Audit Committee.

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

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.5. Karen Ragland seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Microsoft Software Licenses
2. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Apple Volume Purchase Program Credits for Education
3. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Coordinator of Special Education
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Coordinator of Special Education
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Coal Ridge Middle School

Michelle Bourgeois reported that the Apple Volume Purchase Program approval will allow for additional iPads for elementary students and apps for Grand View Elementary and Soaring Heights PK-8. Board members commended her for tremendous support of classroom technology.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; 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 the 2013 Charter School Mill Levy Override Memorandum of Understanding (7.1)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for District Charter Schools and the 2012 Mill Levy Override signed in 2013 for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Memorandum of Understanding for District Charter Schools and the 2012 Mill Levy Override, signed in June 2013, is set to expire in June 2018.

On April 11, 2018, the Board of Education approved the Mill Levy Override Revenue Sharing Plan beginning with the 2019-20 fiscal year as required with the passage of HB17-1375.

This action will extend the existing Memorandum of Understanding for District Charter Schools and 2012 Mill Levy Override for the 2018-19 fiscal year as a bridge until the Mill Levy Override Revenue Sharing Plan takes effect in July 2019.

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

**Approval of School to Work Alliance Program Contract (7.2)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with the Colorado Department of Education to support funding for the School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP). Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that SWAP is a partnership between the St. Vrain Valley Schools, the Colorado Department of Education, Department of Human Services, and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. This program supports the development of job seeking, work skills, and employment for students with disabilities ages 15 through 21.

St. Vrain Valley Schools has participated in SWAP for the past 20 years, and has one of the highest closure rates for students seeking, securing, and maintaining employment for students with disabilities in the state. A program coordinator and three specialists are supported through this grant funding. The District contributes in-kind monies, but the state provides the bulk of the revenue. There are no changes to the contract this year after the data privacy changes were made to it last year.

Board members pointed out that SWAP has had much success throughout the years with providing employment for students with disabilities.

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

**Approval of Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for the Niwot High School Renovation Project (7.3)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with JHL Constructors, Inc., for \$2,600,680 for the Niwot High School Renovation project. Further, that the Board authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents and change orders up to the approved amount referenced above in accordance with Board of Education policy. Karen Ragland seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that Phase 1 of the project includes renovations to the upper level classrooms, counseling area, and special education classrooms in preparation for Phase 2 of the learning commons renovation. Phase 1 also includes two modular classroom buildings for temporary classroom space. Brian reported that a contingency is not needed for Phase 1 of this two-phase project.

The CMGC review committee reviewed responses to RFQ 2017-027 for Construction Manager/General Contractor services. JHL Constructors, Inc., was selected as the most qualified for the project based on their experience, performance within the District, and their performance in the CMGC interview process for the Niwot High School Renovation project. The project is funded under the 2016 Bond program.

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

**Approval of Demonstration of Compliance for Supplementing, not Supplanting, Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (7.4)**

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the District's Demonstration of Compliance requirements regarding the Supplement, not Supplant (SNS) under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that Congress changed the way SNS must be demonstrated in Title I, Part A, under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. The updated SNS test reviews the manner in which the District allocates State and local funds to ensure Title I schools receive all of the funds they would have received had they not participated in Title I.

The District distributes State and local resources based on a combined methodology using the characteristics of students approach, as well as an equitable staffing and supplies approach. This distribution methodology has been recognized by CDE as an acceptable methodology to ensure that each school at a certain level (elementary, K-8, middle, and high) receives standard staffing based on student enrollment, class size ratio,

small school determination, free and reduced lunch percentage, and students on Individualized Learning Plans (ILP).

Discretionary budgets are standardized at each level to ensure equitable supplies, professional development and other needs.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; 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)**

Dr. Haddad thanked Jackie Kapushion, Mark Mills and Dina Perfetti-Deany for putting together the graduation walks at each of the schools, and announced the upcoming graduation ceremonies for Life Skills, St. Vrain Online Global Academy, and Olde Columbine High School. He thanked the Operations staff for facilitating the graduations at all schools. Board members congratulated the Class of 2018, and thanked staff for another successful year of working together to demonstrate academic excellence by design.

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Karen Ragland seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; 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 June 13, 2018.