

**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 August 28, 2019 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 Joie Siegrist at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Sean Corey, Principal of Legacy Elementary School
Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Kahle Charles, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Rick Ruffino, Executive Director of Construction and Maintenance
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir of Legal/Govt Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH
Bryan Zwisler, Construction Project Manager

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Jennifer Byxbe as the new Dean of Students for Legacy Elementary School. Jennifer thanked Board members, Dr. Haddad, Dr. Kapushion, Sean Corey, and Kate Slick for the opportunity. She introduced and thanked her husband for his encouragement and introduced their daughter.

Jim Berthold, Retired District Bus Dispatcher – did not address the Board.
Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board.

REPORTS (5.0)

2016 Bond Activity Update (5.1)

Brian Lamer introduced Bryan Zwisler and Rick Ruffino. Brian then shared a PowerPoint that showed before and after pictures of a variety of construction projects that were completed during the summer. Bryan Zwisler gave an update on Bond projects yet to be finished. In the last 36 months, the District has opened three new schools and numerous additions, delivered 180 new classrooms, and spent or encumbered 83% of the 2016 Bond. Bryan Zwisler confirmed that the design and planning process has already begun for the Lyons M/S auditorium project.

Board members thanked Brian and his team for the quality of his team's work, for the short period of time it took for the projects to be completed, and for fulfilling the promises to our communities through the earmarked funding provided by the 2016 Bond that was passed by the community.

Early Literacy/Project Launch (5.2)

Dr. Jackie Kapushion reported that in June of 2019 the District implemented a voluntary extended school year for 1,900 students in grades K-5 with a particular emphasis on students in first and second grade to strengthen their literacy skills. Project Launch demonstrated positive results for students and was only one of several early literacy strategies designed to strengthen early literacy skills of our elementary students. The other strategies, included in the report by Dina Perfetti-Deany and Dr. Diane Lauer, were the Dyslexia Incubator Project, Orton-Gillingham Professional Development, Foundations Professional Development, New Teacher Training, and the Year-Long Reading Academy.

Board members were encouraged by the results of the detailed report, and were appreciative that the District had the financial resources to implement and sustain these initiatives.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.3. Chico Garcia seconded. Consent Agenda Item 6.2 was pulled for further discussion.

1. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy DJB – Federal Procurement
2. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, New Board Policies EGADA* – Intellectual Property (Students); EGADA*-E-1 – Intellectual Property (SVVSD Waiver of Rights); EGADA*-E-2 – Intellectual Property (Student Waiver of Rights); EGADAB* – Intellectual Property (Employee & Mentor); EGADAB*-E – Intellectual Property (Mentor Acknowledgement and Release)
3. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Legacy Elementary School

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

The new Intellectual Property Board policies were discussed further. Dr. Richard Martyr moved to approve those Board policies. Karen Ragland seconded.

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

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Adoption of Resolutions for Delegate Assembly of the Colorado Association of School Boards (7.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education adopt resolutions to propose to the 2019 Fall Delegate Assembly of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). Bob Smith seconded.

Brandon Shaffer reported that the Fall Delegate Assembly of CASB will meet on October 18-19, 2019 to adopt CASB's legislative priorities for the 2020 session of Colorado State General Assembly. The CASB resolutions passed by the Delegate Assembly become the foundation of CASB's advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels.

District staff have drafted five resolutions aligned with the District's work on Safe2Tell; Grow-Your-Own-Teacher Program; High-Cost Special Education Trust Fund; Funding for

the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH); and the School Finance Act. The adoption of some or all of these resolutions by the CASB Delegate Assembly would mobilize CASB on these issues and provide better support for students in our District and throughout Colorado. The deadline for resolutions to be submitted is August 30, 2019.

Board members appreciated Brandon Shaffer's creation of these resolutions, on behalf of our District, for CASB.

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

Election of Board Vice President (7.2)

Bob Smith announced that he would step down from the officer position of Vice President. He was honored to have served the District for the last 12 years, and recommended Paula Peairs to succeed him. Board members thanked him for his service to the District.

Dr. Richard Martyr nominated Paula Peairs for Vice President and Karen Ragland seconded. A vote by secret ballot was taken by the Board members, and Paula Peairs was elected Vice President of the Board. She accepted the responsibilities of this position.

Appointment of Treasurer of the Board (7.3)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education nominate Karen Ragland as Treasurer of the Board. The Treasurer position was vacated when Paula became Vice President. Bob Smith seconded.

Karen accepted the responsibilities of the Treasurer position.

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

Appointment of Assistant Secretary of the Board (7.3)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education nominate Karen Ragland as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. The Assistant Secretary position would have been vacated when she became Treasurer. Paula Peairs seconded.

Karen accepted the responsibilities of both the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer positions.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (8.0)

Board Reports (8.1)

Chico Garcia –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked and congratulated all staff for kicking off another successful school year.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Appreciated the tremendous amount of work it took staff to ensure the entire District was unified, equipped, and inspired by SVVSD's mission.
- Appreciated Dr. Haddad's inspirational staff meetings at the beginning of the school year, reminding staff of the impact they have on students, and for modeling the standard of excellence Dr. Haddad expects for himself and from the staff.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked everyone for contributing to the successful new school year.
- Attended the Stvrainnovation Future-Ready Innovation Lab Launch – it was great to see the community gather and to feature the Lab as another example of excellence in the District.
- Attended Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community event in downtown Longmont.
- Attended the Hand to Heart/A Woman's Work Dinner – another example of the comprehensive partnerships in the District.
- Thanked Brian Lamer and Dr. Haddad for coming to Mead to update the community on the construction of Mead Elementary School.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Congratulated all staff on the successful start to the new school year.
- Announced that the first of eight Superintendent's Community Meetings will be held on September 10, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., at Silver Creek High School.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- August Study Session – good discussion and appreciated staff involvement.
- Appreciated Dr. Haddad's leadership.
- Shared his views on the future of healthcare.

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Bob Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., and Chico Garcia seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ragland, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on September 11, 2019.