

**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 September 25, 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:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Glenna Alexander, Gifted/Talented Curriculum Specialist
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. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Jennifer Mayer, Gifted/Talented Coordinator
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Ann Reed, Executive Director of Assessment
Miranda Reynolds, Gifted/Talented Coordinator

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist welcomed Longmont High School Student Advisory Council member Kayla Gumeson who attended the Board meeting as a liaison. Kayla shared the academic and athletic programs she is involved with at Longmont High. She was encouraged to ask questions and participate in the meeting whenever possible.

Dr. Diane Lauer introduced Glenna Alexander, Gifted and Talented Curriculum Specialist, and shared that Glenna received the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award in Gifted/Talented from the Colorado Association of Gifted/Talented and the Colorado Department of Education. Dr. Lauer described why Glenna was so deserving of this honor, and she presented a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award to Glenna. Glenna thanked her co-workers Jennifer Mayer and Miranda Reynolds who nominated her for this award, and for the support of the Board and administrators. Board members thanked her for her leadership and devotion to her students.

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)

2019 Achievement Data (5.1)

Dr. Ann Reed shared the 2019 achievement data that was also presented in extensive detail at the September 18, 2019 Board Study Session. Dr. Jackie Kapushion shared the process on the steps the District takes beyond receiving the achievement data. Board members thanked Dr. Reed for her thorough report.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 6.1. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit CC-E – St. Vrain Valley Organizational Chart

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

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of 2019-2020 District Calendar Adjustment (7.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve a change to the 2019-2020 District Calendar that moves Olde Columbine High School's graduation date from Thursday, May 21, 2019 to Friday, May 22, 2019. Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that, due to the increasing number of students anticipated to graduate from Olde Columbine High School this year, a larger venue was needed. Therefore, the graduation date will shift from May 21, 2019 to May 22, 2019. The venue changed from Altona Middle School to Longmont High School.

Board Policy IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time states "Any change in the calendar except for emergency closings or other unforeseen circumstances shall be preceded by adequate and timely notice of no less than 30 days." Having approval by the Board on September 25, 2019 more than satisfies that policy rule so that the District is able to communicate that change to parents and students.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; 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)

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Stacy Gahagen, Dr. Haddad, and Dr. Kapushion for their roles in the highly attended Superintendent Community Meeting at Erie High School on September 12.
- Visited a Special Education class at Soaring Heights K-8 – proud of the passion, joy and patience of the teachers.
- Attended Adams 12 Digital Transition Conference where District leaders showed up in force, showing their commitment not only to our District but the support of other Colorado districts to achieve a higher level of learning.
- Announced he will be attending Learning Counsel's Gathering and National Awards event November 15, 2019 in Dallas, Texas, where the District will be receiving the Best Digitally Transitioning School District in the U.S.
- Visited CU-Boulder's new Aerospace Engineering Sciences Building where 16 Northridge Elementary School fourth grade students had the ability to talk to NASA Astronaut Nick Hauge at the International Space Station via HAM radio.

Chico Garcia –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Congratulated and thanked all that were involved in the excellent 2019 achievement data – the parents, the students' performances in the classroom, and administration.
- Expressed his pride in Frederick High School – over 100 freshman taking AP tests this semester, the start of P-TECH, the athletic programs; and the Frederick/Firestone/Dacono community that supports their schools and students.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Leadership St. Vrain – extremely valuable, high quality program that helps the District stay connected to the community and for us, as a District, to learn better ways to serve public education.
- Appreciated that Colorado Governor Jared Polis came to Legacy Elementary School to read to the Kindergarten classes – appreciates Governor Polis' focus on early childhood literacy that aligns with our District's priority to narrow the achievement gap.
- Thanked the Innovation Center team for bringing the Mobile Innovation Lab to the Western Regional National School Boards Association meeting in Estes Park.
- Congratulations to Altona Middle School for being one of three finalists for the Colorado Succeeds Transformational Impact in a Middle School for the State of Colorado award.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the 2019 Colorado Succeeds Awards Night where the District won the Excellence in Technology Enabled Learning Award, sponsored by Arrow Electronics – congratulations to everyone that was nominated; it was an honor just to be included.
- Thanked the staff for their extremely comprehensive Study Session reports – shows that the District is on track for hitting strategic priorities.

Karen Ragland –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended first Finance & Audit Committee Meeting in her new role as Board Treasurer – appreciates everyone's patience as she learns more about the District's finances.
- Toured the APEX Homeschool Program's new building – thank you to Sherri Schumann and Kim Lancaster for their overview of the Program.
- Attended the Superintendent Community Meeting at Niwot High School – NHS parents had many questions and overall was great use of administrator's time.
- Met with Brandon Shaffer – District and the State of Colorado is fortunate to have him as a resource.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Enjoys participating in the Educational Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley fundraisers for the District – encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming events.

- Attended Miners Day in Frederick and thanked the community for their fun event.
- Encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Superintendent's Community Meetings and St. Vrain Band Night.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Recognized Dr. Jackie Kapushion for her leadership in the Superintendent's Community Meetings.

Kayla Gumeson, Board Liaison for the Longmont High School Student Advisory Council

- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Board Meeting.
- Thanked the Board and administration for everything they do to facilitate the extensive opportunities for students in this District.

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m., and Bob Smith seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

John Ahrens, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on October 9, 2019.