

**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 14, 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 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary, Director District D  
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:**

None

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

Kelly Addington, Longs Peak Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Megan Adler, Alpine Elementary Literacy Teacher  
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts  
Casey Books, Black Rock Elementary First Grade Teacher  
Kasey Choksey, Silver Creek High School Paraprofessional  
Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School  
Cindi Crowder, Secretary for New Erie PK-8  
Dennis Daly, Interim Principal of Lyons  
Matt Engelking, Longmont High PE Teacher/Wrestling Coach  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management  
Greg George, K-12 Math Coordinator  
David Glover, Olde Columbine High School Teacher  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Kylie Holmgren, Sanborn Elementary First Grade Teacher

Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement  
Jeff Kloster, Longmont High PE Teacher/Basketball Coach  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support  
Melissa Lettis, Black Rock Elementary Leadership Team/Academic Support  
Brandon Lohr, Lyons M/S Wrestling Coach  
Jason Maguire, Lyons M/S Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Amber Mault, Blue Mountain Elementary Second Grade Teacher  
Chase McBride, Niwot High Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Kerri McDermid, Director of Communications  
Kirsten McNeill, Principal of New Elementary 27  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Rick Olsen, Longmont High School Principal  
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent  
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation  
Dan Rilling, Central/Sanborn Elementary ESL  
Amber Salaz, Elementary 27 Music Teacher  
Pete Scheck, Longmont High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Kelley Shipley, Longmont High Swimming Coach  
Andrea Smith, Niwot High Assistant Principal  
Kari Sturn, Secretary for New Elementary 27  
Cyrus Weinberger, Principal of New Erie PK-8  
Kristie Venrick, Interim Principal for New Elementary 27

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

Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Mead High School Student Advisory Council student KJ Jacobs. Board members encouraged him to ask questions and participate in conversations. KJ thanked the Board for inviting him to participate in the Board Meeting.

Rocky Figurilli, Frederick Colorado 80530 – Present to speak on 8.1 Action Item Approval to Name New Elementary 27. Mr. Figurilli shared a picture of the old Puritan Camp coal mine from the early 1900's. This coal mine was located where the new Elementary 27 is being built, and he encouraged Board members to consider somehow incorporating the name/history of the coal miners' camp with the school. Mr. Figurilli gave the Board a brief history of the mine and the surrounding area.

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

Robert Sullenberger, Division Chief of Operations of the Boulder County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Sullenberger was present to garner support from the Board members for a Pilot

Program to equip our School Resource Officers (SRO) at Lyons M/S and Niwot High with AR-15 rifles that might be stored in secure, locked cabinets at these schools, accessible only to law enforcement, to be available in case an event occurs where they are needed. There would be no cost to the District. Dr. Haddad noted that he had not taken a position or discussed this matter with the full with the Board. These two schools are in unincorporated Boulder County, and the Sheriff's Department is concerned that it could take upwards of 15 minutes to get to those schools should an event occur. Board members appreciated Mr. Sullenberger's role of keeping our students safe, and agreed to discuss this matter with Dr. Haddad. Dr. Haddad expressed his appreciation to Mr. Sullenberger for his colleagues' tremendous support of our schools and their continued partnership. Mr. Sullenberger thanked the Board members and Dr. Haddad for their consideration of the Pilot Program.

Ella Padilla introduced Andrea Smith to the Board as the new Principal of Lyons M/S, effective June 30, 2018. Andrea thanked Board members and Dr. Haddad for this opportunity, and Jackie Kapushion, Bryan Krause, and Mary Miner for the interview process. She thanked her Niwot High co-workers for the opportunity to grow and learn with them at Niwot High, and is very excited to begin to build relationships in the Lyons community.

KJ Jacobs, Mead High School Student Advisory Council – present as the Board Liaison to represent the High School Student Advisory Council.  
Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board.

#### **BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (5.0)**

None

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

None

#### **REPORTS (6.0)**

##### **Olde Columbine High School Student Advisory Council Report (6.1)**

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Olde Columbine High School (OCHS) Principal Deniece Cook and Deniece introduced OCHS students Edwin Mendez-Padilla, Venasa Lamorie, Rachel Sisk who each told the Board their personal stories of their experience at OCHS. The students also thanked OCHS teacher David Glover for helping them with the video that they presented of other OCHS students' personal stories. The students described their plans for after high school. Board members appreciated that the students shared their personal stories.

### **Winter Athletics/Activities Report (6.2)**

Rob Berry introduced Niwot High Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Chase McBride, and Chase introduced the District's first ever State Champion Skier, Emily Creek, who skied for Nederland High School. Emily described her future plans, when she started skiing, and introduced her mother.

Rob introduced Lyons Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jason Maguire, and Jason introduced Lyons' Wrestling Coach Brandon Lohr and Lyons' 3A State Champion Wrestler Keegan Bean. Keegan described his future plans, and thanked his coaches and the staff and students who supported him. He introduced his family in attendance, and thanked his parents.

Rob introduced Longmont High Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Pete Scheck. Pete introduced Longmont High Wrestling Coach Matt Engelking, and Matt introduced his son Drake who is the 4A State Wrestling Champion. Drake described his plans for the future, and thanked his coaches and parents for all they've done for him.

Pete introduced Longmont High Girls' Swim Coach, Kelley Shipley, and she introduced the LHS 3A State Champion Girls' Swim Team. Kelley introduced each of the girls, and thanked her assistant coaches Leigh Levesque and Carli Daelli. Lucy Matheson, State Champion in the 200 IM, was unable to attend the meeting, but Coach Shipley announced that Matheson had just been announced Swimmer of the Year.

Pete introduced Longmont High Basketball Coach, Jeff Kloster, and Jeff introduced the members of the State Champion Basketball team that could attend the meeting. Jeff announced that this is the first time since 1942 that the LHS Basketball team has won the state championship. He expressed his pride in his students, and was thankful to achieve the state championship win with his son and Assistant Coach, Cade Kloster. Board member, and former Longmont High teacher Dr. Richard Martyr, expressed his appreciation to Jeff for the exemplary model he set for his students and for Longmont High. Longmont High Principal Rick Olsen thanked Jeff for the tremendous spirit that he brought to his students and the school that transcends basketball.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.7. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the February 14, 2018 Regular Meeting, the February 21, 2018 Study Session, and the February 28, 2018 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal of Lyons Middle/Senior High School

5. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JFABB-E – Admission of Non-Immigrant Foreign Exchange Students
6. Approval: Approval of Lease Agreement with the Carbon Valley Park & Recreation District
7. Approval: Approval of Raw Water Fee Payment to City of Longmont

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

### **ACTION ITEMS (8.0)**

#### **Approval to Name New Elementary 27 and Choose School Colors and Mascot (8.1)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education select the name Grand View Elementary for the new Elementary 27, the school colors of maroon and silver, and Bison for the mascot. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Jackie Kapushion described the process that culminated in the choices of school name, color and mascot that were presented to the Board. The other name finalists presented by the Planning Team Committee were Range View Elementary and Grand Vista Elementary. Other school color finalists presented were Sky Blue/Silver, Teal/Silver, and Navy Blue/Silver. Other school mascot finalists presented were Moose and Ram.

Board members hoped that administrators of the new school have the opportunity to honor and recognize the history of the Puritan Camp coal mine that once flourished on the property where the school is built.

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

#### **Approval to Name New Erie PK-8 and Choose School Colors and Mascot (8.2)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education select Soaring Heights PK-8 for the name of the new Erie PK-8, Blue and Silver for the school colors, and Eagle for the school mascot. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Mark Mills described the process that culminated in the choices of school name, color and mascot that were presented to the Board. The other name finalist presented by the Planning Team Committee was Fox Hill PK-8. The other school color finalists presented were Black/Turquoise and Black/Silver. The other school mascot finalists presented were Fox and Wolf.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr,

yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **Adoption of Elementary Math (8.3)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the adoption and purchase of **enVisionmath2.0**, Pearson, © 2016, for elementary mathematics; a purchase contract to Pearson, not to exceed \$1,660,000, for these textbooks and materials in FY18, based on the estimated student enrollment for 2018-2019; and \$165,000 for staff training and initial professional development. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Tori Teague introduced Greg George and Greg reported that, during the fall of 2016, an adoption committee made up of elementary teachers, Learning Services personnel, and administrators from across the District was formed to evaluate elementary mathematics materials, pilot the selected materials, and recommend materials for adoption by the Board. The committee reviewed the Colorado Academic Standards, current District curriculum, and current effective teaching practices in mathematics. Utilizing these resources, the committee developed an evaluation form for elementary mathematics materials.

Materials were solicited from four publishers for initial review and consideration, representing a diversity in approaches and philosophy. Publisher presentations were conducted for three candidate programs, and a final selection was made for the pilot. Forty teachers volunteered to pilot for the 2017-2018 school year, representing every District elementary school and a balance of grade levels.

Input was gathered from pilot teachers, students, parents, non-pilot teachers, and the community. After piloting the program for a school year, and gathering input about the selection, the committee recommends **enVisionmath2.0**.

Board members asked if the enVisionmath2.0 resource might reasonably be expected to narrow or close the current achievement gap in Math among students of poverty, Hispanics and Whites within a reasonable timeframe, perhaps 3 to 5 years. Greg replied that the pilot did not specifically address closing the achievement gap, but that he was optimistic that these resources would have a positive effect on the Math achievement of all District demographic groups.

Board members thanked Greg for the extensive piloting process, and appreciated hearing from the grade-level teachers on the positive response from teachers, students and parents of **enVisionmath2.0**.

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

**Approval of Selection and Contract Award-Educational Furniture Supplier-Bond Project for Soaring Heights PK-8 (8.4)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract award to OfficeScapes and for the Purchasing Department staff to develop a furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) agreement to finalize the purchase of educational furniture for the Soaring Heights PK-8 bond construction project. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Purchasing Department staff issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2018-019 on October 5, 2017 to establish a pre-qualified list of skilled, professional and dedicated educational furniture suppliers to provide FF&E who, through a direct contracting arrangement, can meet a majority of furniture requirements for the District's bond construction projects.

Ten responses were received for consideration. All suppliers participated in a product demonstration and interview session with the evaluation team. The District then selected a limited number of suppliers as pre-qualified to receive an invitation to provide a pricing proposal according to all terms and conditions and evaluation criteria indicated in the RFQ process.

Board members questioned why OfficeScapes was chosen only for the new Soaring Heights PK-8, and Greg explained that OfficeScapes' offer was a better fit for what the administration at the school was looking for in furniture.

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

**Approval of Selection and Contract Award-Educational Furniture Supplier-Bond Project for Grand View Elementary, Erie, Mead and Silver Creek High Schools (8.5)**

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract awards to Hertz Furniture and for the Purchasing Department staff to develop a furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) agreement to finalize the purchase of educational furniture for Grand View Elementary, Erie High School Addition, Mead High School Addition and Silver Creek High School Addition bond construction projects. John Ahrens seconded.

Greg Fieth reviewed the reasons that Hertz Furniture was the best choice for Grand View Elementary, Erie High, Mead High and Silver Creek High School additions.

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

**Approval of Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Skyline High School Renovation Project (8.6)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 1 for a contract amount of \$1.3 million to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with McCarthy Building Company, Inc., for the Skyline High Renovation Project for a \$1,528,342 contract value including contingency. Further, that the Board authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents and change orders up to the above referenced amount, in accordance with Board of Education policy. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that Change Order 1 includes Skyline athletic locker room renovations to address accessible ADA issues, finish upgrades, a new football scoreboard and bleachers, and is funded by the 2016 Bond program and Capital Reserve.

Board members confirmed with Brian that Longmont High is also slated to receive upgrades to their locker room in the near future.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT (10.0)**

Mead High School Student Advisory Council liaison KJ Jacobs was surprised at all the activity around the school district that he wasn't aware of. He was impressed with the new elementary Math materials and resources that were chosen, and relayed his own Math-learning experiences. Board members encouraged him to bring any questions back to the Board from his fellow Student Advisory Council members across the District.

Board President Robert J. Smith reminded the Board and the audience of the final Bond Update/School Safety Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 15, at 6:00 pm at Silver Creek High School. He expressed his deep appreciation for the time and effort administrators gave to all the evening Bond Update/School Safety Town Hall Meetings.

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m., and Karen Ragland seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; 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 April 11, 2018.