

**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 9, 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 (arrived 7:25 p.m.)  
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:**

Damon Brown, Executive Director of Human Resources/Risk Management  
Dr. Sean Corey, Principal of Legacy Elementary School  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Jill Fuller, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary School  
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Kristie Jonason, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support  
Joe McBreen, Chief Technology Officer  
Kerri McDermid, Director of Communications  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Andrew Moore, Principal of Lyons Elementary School  
Michael O'Toole, Science Coordinator

Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent  
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir Legal/Govt Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH  
Wendi Stewart, District RN  
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction  
Donna Weaver, Legacy Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Sophia Yeager, RN, Health Services Coordinator

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

Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

Tim Krug, Candidate for State Board of Education District 4 – present to introduce himself and his candidacy for District 4 which includes St. Vrain Valley School District.

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

Michael O'Toole introduced Brad Smith from the Boulder County Sustainability Department. Brad presented an award to Andrew Moore and Lyons Elementary for being a leader in Environmental Education. He congratulated Andrew and his staff for their commitment to educate students on the environment. The Lyons Elementary students then shared their favorite projects.

Dr. Diane Lauer introduced Legacy Elementary Principal Dr. Sean Corey. Sean introduced Legacy 4<sup>th</sup> grade students Byn Anderson, Payton Haymore, Trista Juber, Avery Morton and Rachel Noyes who are all involved in the Legacy Elementary's publication "Lions' Tales". The students worked with author Betty Heath for 21 sessions and the result was published in the *Carbon Valley Consumer Report* and through Legacy Elementary. Betty Heath felt privileged to work with the students, and is planning on continuing the project next year. Board member Amory Siscoe thanked Betty for her involvement with this project and Dr. Corey for supporting it. The students introduced their family members. Dr. Haddad recognized a Niwot High Math Teacher in the audience that he formerly worked with, and thanked Betty and George Heath for contributing so much to the District and its students.

Ella Padilla introduced James Garcia to the Board as the new Principal for Rocky Mountain Elementary School, effective July 1, 2018. James thanked Board members and Dr. Haddad for this opportunity, and is very excited to begin working. He introduced his family.

Jim Berthold, Retired District Bus Dispatcher – did not address the Board.  
Scott Converse, *Longmont Observer* – did not address the Board.  
George Heath, Firestone Board of Trustee – did not address the Board.

Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board.

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

**Board Reports**

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Teacher excellence – Recognized Silver Creek High School Social Studies teacher Justelle Grandsaert for her 16<sup>th</sup> Annual World Affairs program. Her sophomore students gave presentations on current national and global issues of importance to our country.
- Leadership excellence – Recognized Brandon Shaffer for advancing public education via the legislative process – has helped to pass eight bills in the state in two years that address critical educational needs.
- Partnerships – Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Board of Directors – Initiative 93 that puts \$1.6 billion of increased educational funding on the November 2018 ballot – need 98,000 validated signatures by the July 10, 2018 deadline.

Paula Peairs –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Attended the Mead High School Energy Academy Ribbon Cutting – incredible asset to the community and great example of teamwork to create it in just a year and a half.
- Met with counselors at Mead High and Niwot High to discuss the American School Counselors Association (ASCA) standards that both schools follow. They have both put together advisory committees, and do amazing work. Paula read the mission of the ASCA.

Karen Ragland –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Attended the Niwot High School Awards Ceremony that was very well attended. Impressed by the list of colleges NHS seniors will be attending. Felt Eric Rauschkolb did a fantastic job recognizing community supporters, the Booster Club, and the Education Foundation. She enjoyed the beautiful voices of the NHS Choir, and was very impressed by the things that colleagues of NHS instructor David Ross had to say about him to nominate him for the Outstanding Educator Award.
- Had lunch with Niwot Elementary School Principal Nancy Pitz and Kindergarten student Maya Rebich, as part of “A Day in the Life of Niwot Elementary.” Maya’s favorite subjects in school were Recess and Art, and she wondered why principals get gray hair.

John Ahrens –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Announced that LiveWell Longmont will be ending their mission after 10 years of working with the District to teach healthy lifestyles.
- Attended 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day – really enjoyed the students and the bright colors the teams were wearing. Happy birthday to his son, Jack!

Joie Siegrist –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Attended Longmont Estates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that was very well attended – fantastic event and a perfect example of the community coming together to support their neighborhood schools.
- Attended the Northern Colorado Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Pool Board Meeting that was hosted by our District. Beecher-Carlson continues to do a great job managing the funds and there were no concerns with the budget/investments. Thanked Heather Keith for her representation of the District and all that she did to facilitate the meeting.

Amory Siscoe –

Recognitions/Comments:

- As an employee of the Rocky Mountain Christian Church, she wore two hats when her RMCC colleagues and she served breakfast to the Niwot High teachers as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. Principal Eric Rauschkolb was welcoming to everyone, and it was great fun visiting with the staff.

Bob Smith –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Thanked Dr. Martyr for recognizing Brandon Shaffer for all that he does for the District and for his leadership.
- Announced the SVVSD Retirement Dinner on May 10, 2018 and the Education Foundation of the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers Dinner on May 11, 2018.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. Haddad announced that the District will use \$3 million from the Medicaid Fund to strengthen counseling support for the District's middle and elementary students, including six new full-time elementary school counselors.

## **REPORTS (6.0)**

None

## **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Paula Peairs moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.12. Karen Ragland seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves

2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the April 11, 2018 Regular Meeting, the April 18, 2018 Study Session, and the April 25, 2018 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Rocky Mountain Elementary School
5. Approval: Approval of Administrator Contracts for 2018/2019
6. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Cisco Switch Products
7. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Dell Servers
8. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Belkin Keyboards
9. Approval: Approval of Contract for Cloud Based Access Security Broker Solution
10. Approval: Approval of Amendment to CMGC Contract for Mead Elementary Modular Classroom Project
11. Approval: Approval of Amendment to CMGC Contract for Mead Middle Modular Classroom Project
12. Approval: Approval of Amendment to CMGC Contract for Main Street School Auditorium Project

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 of Selection and Contract Award for Educational Furniture Supplier for Innovation Center Bond Project (8.1)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract award of \$172,203.13 to OfficeScapes, and to allow the Purchasing staff to move forward to develop an FF&E agreement to finalize the purchase of Phase 3 educational furniture for the Innovation Center bond construction project. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Purchasing Department staff issued 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 furniture, fixtures and equipment (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 result of this extensive effort is that the District determined a limited number of suppliers considered 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.

The District determined OfficeScapes to be the top finalist to negotiate a contract to provide, deliver and install the required furnishings in a cost-effective, competitive and timely manner. OfficeScapes is recommended for award for these projects based on their

experience, proposed team, having resources available internally to provide the required products/solutions, delivery and installation within mandated time frames, and most advantageous pricing proposal.

Greg reported that the District Professional Development Department will be moving to the new Innovation Center this Fall.

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 Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for the Career Development Center Renovation Project (8.2)**

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with Golden Triangle Construction, Inc., for \$1,100,000 including contingency, for the Career Development Center Renovation Project. 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. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the CMGC review committee reviewed responses to RFQ 2017-027 for Construction Manager/General Contractor services. Golden Triangle Construction, Inc., was selected as the most qualified for the project based on their experience and performance in the Sunset Café renovation at the Career Development Center.

The project includes renovations to the space vacated by Innovation Center, renovations to the Horticulture building to support St. Vrain Online Global Academy program needs, and improvements to support other program needs. The project also includes scope for various building preservation items, and they are beginning the design process for a Welding classroom. The project is funded under the 2016 Bond program.

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 Contract for Teacher/Non-Renewal Notice for 2018/2019 Academic Year (8.3)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve that the contract for probationary teacher Todd Nistler of Olde Columbine High School be non-renewed for the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

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 Resolution Proclaiming May 9, 2018 as National School Nurses Day (8.4)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution proclaiming May 9, 2018 as National School Nurses Day. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Board member Joie Siegrist read the resolution.

Wendi Stewart and Sophia Yeager, both District Registered Nurses, reported that they oversee 52 Health Clerks in the District. There are ten nurses throughout the District, and the District has just added one more for the new school year. Sophia described the role of District Health Clerks and the care coordination it takes to serve our students. Board members asked Wendi and Sophia to convey the Board's appreciation to the Health Clerks and Nurses for their extremely important work.

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)**

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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 June 13, 2018.