

**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 February 9, 2011 at the Educational Services Center Board Room, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, Director District E
Rick Hammans, Director District A
Debbie Lammers, Director District B
Rod Schmidt, Director District F
Dorinda Van Lone, Director District D (arrived 8:00 pm)

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Mike Schiers, Director District G
Bob Smith, Director District C

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Don Haddad, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The agenda was adopted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Bob Norris, 532 Rider Ridge Drive, Longmont-Attended the meeting to announce El Comite's Annual Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, February 26, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00

pm at the First Lutheran Church at 803 3rd Avenue, Longmont. Tickets are \$45. Board President John Creighton thanked Bob Norris and El Comite for their support of the District.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (4.0)

Board Recognitions

An Excellence in Education award was presented to Laura McDonald for her dedication to the District. Joe McBreen and Mike Keppler nominated Ms. McDonald for being a dedicated parent volunteer of Niwot Elementary School. She worked tirelessly in support of the passing of the 2008 Bond and Mill Levy Override ballot measures as the volunteer chair of the Grassroots St. Vrain campaign group. She has served two years on the Leadership St. Vrain Committee. Superintendent Don Haddad and Board members thanked her for her dedication and contributions to the District.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended student advisory committee at Silver Creek High School.
- Attended healthcare advisory committee meeting.
- Spoke to the Leadership Longmont class.
- Spoke to the Longmont Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee.
- Attended Westview Parent Update meeting as a parent.
- Attended Longmont High School Girls' and Boys' basketball games.

Rick Hammans –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended National School Boards Association (NSBA) Federal Relations Network in Washington, D.C. Visited with senators and representatives of Colorado about education issues.
- Attended Sanborn and Westview Parent Update meetings.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended City of Longmont Multicultural Action Plan Education Task Force that is planning activities in our schools.
- Attended Niwot Elementary Parent Update meeting.
- Attended Indian Peaks Elementary PTO meeting.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Fall River Elementary Parent Update meeting.

- Attended Colorado Charter School Standards Subcommittee meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Took a bus tour with the Longmont Area Economic Council encouraging NASA to locate their next project in Longmont.
- Continue to get exciting reports on Camp Innovation, a summer school for elementary students in collaboration with IBM working on five solutions for a better planet.
- Attended Colorado Music Education Association awards in Colorado Springs. Very impressive to see more St. Vrain schools represented than any other school district in the state.
- Partnering with the company Advantage 3 for corporate support and to promote public relations. St. Vrain will be the first school district in the State of Colorado to partner with this organization.
- Amber Tank, teacher at Sanborn Elementary, was selected as the winner of the Stand for Children Colorado's *Our Heroes* teacher award. She will receive \$1,000 for classroom supplies and professional development.
- Attended Longmont High School basketball game against Holy Family. Was impressed with all the high school athletes signing letters of intent to attend colleges and universities.
- Partnering with the City of Longmont's Digital Divide Program that provides computer access for students that do not have computers at home.
- National Merit Finalist-Erie High School and Silver Creek High School confirmed winners.
- Parent Update meetings-principals and teachers stepping up as leaders. Hundreds of parents showing up to each of those meetings.
- Last Channel 8 update with Mitch Carson, President and CEO of Longmont United Hospital. Appreciated the support from Mr. Carson, who has children in this District.
- Altona Middle is a finalist for prestigious Schools to Watch program, representing the finest schools in the nation.
- Niwot High School selected as one of the top 150 schools in the nation. Lyons Middle/High School ranks in the top 300 to 500 in the nation.
- Silver Creek and Niwot High School each have a candidate to be Colorado's selection for the prestigious U. S. Presidential Scholar Recognition Program from the U.S. Department of Education.
- CSAPs will be given to third graders soon. Thanks to Tori Teague for prepping and training teachers for the test. Encouraged parents to communicate with their children of the importance of these tests.
- Discussed education reform issues with the Board and audience.

REPORTS (6.0)

Aspen Ridge Site Location Report (6.1)

As part of the Board approval of the Aspen Ridge Preparatory School application, the school was required to provide the Board of Education with information about their site location by February 1, 2011. This report complies with that requirement.

Allison Schnell, President of the Aspen Ridge Board, was present to provide an explanation of the site and answer questions.

- Groundbreaking for the K-5 school will be late September of 2011.
- The school will be located at 705 Austin Avenue in Erie.
- Awarded the Federal start-up grant.
- Thanks to Developer Phil Irwin of School House, LLC, and Bill Prout, Vice President and General Manager of Sun Construction, for all of their help on the construction of their new two-story brick facility with 12 classrooms.
- Enrollment has exceeded their expectations.
- Blueprint of the school will be turned in to the Board with the budget.
- Superintendent Haddad advised them to work with Scott Toillion on student numbers.
- Board member Rod Schmidt reminded them to share the results of their CSSI audit with the Board.

Report on Communicating Assessment Data to Parents (6.2)

Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement; Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent; Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent; and Tori Teague, Executive Director of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction, gave a verbal report.

St. Vrain Valley School District makes data available to parents in a variety of ways. This report highlighted the different types of data and how it is made available to parents.

- Infinite Campus
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Alpine Achievement Reports-Accesses all student information in one place from the time the student started school through high school.
- Galileo Formative Assessment Program
- Individual Career and Academic Planning (ICAP)
 - College in Colorado is primary ICAP holder-will be in Infinite Campus
- Schoolview.org (from CDE)

Elementary Report Cards

Parents were concerned with standards-based report cards. Information will be clearer in the fall and show more of what the child has mastered.

Balanced Score Cards (6.3)

Tori Teague, Executive Director of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction, with the assistance of Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, and Ron Noriyuki, Business Analyst/Quality Assurance Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint report of District goals on balanced scorecards.

District & Superintendent Goals (6.4)

Board President John Creighton reported that the Board discussed District and Superintendent financial goals at its Study Session on January 19, 2011, and that the Board will continue to discuss the academic, community partnership and overall District goals throughout the remainder of the year.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.12. Rick Hammans seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for January 5, 2011 Study Session; January 12, 2011 Regular Meeting; January 19, 2011 Study Session; January 26, 2011 Televised Study Session; and February 1, 2011 Study Session
4. Approval: Approval of School Closure-February 1 and 2, 2011
5. Approval: Second Reading, Approval, Board Policies DBI – Budget Implementation/Monitoring; and DEA – Funds from Local Tax Sources
6. Approval: Second Reading, Approval, Board Policy ECAB – Access to District Facilities
7. Approval: Approval of the Purchase of Network Switching Equipment
8. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection-Erie Middle School Addition & Renovation Project
9. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-Erie Middle School Addition & Renovation
10. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Silver Creek High School Site Improvements
11. Approval: Approval of Amendment One-Owner/Architect Agreement for Longmont High School Renovation Project
12. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-Westview Middle School Renovation Project

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Rick Hammans, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, absent; Dori Van Lone, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Resolution for Read Across America Proclamation (8.1)

This Item was moved to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate a student that was presenting to the Board.

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution proclaiming March 2, 2011 as "Read Across America" Day within St. Vrain Valley School District in support of the National Education Association's campaign. Rick Hammans seconded.

Holli Buchter, DMS Coordinator, introduced Tiffany Schluckebier, a 4th grade student from Fall River Elementary School. Tiffany read "Oh the Places You Will Go" by Dr. Seuss. Kim Bennett, Media Tech at Fall River Elementary, read the resolution.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Rick Hammans, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, absent; Dori Van Lone, absent-arrived 8:00 pm].

Approval of National School Breakfast Week Proclamation (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution proclaiming March 7-11, 2011 as National School Breakfast Program Week. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Board member Dori Van Lone read the resolution.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Rick Hammans, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, absent; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Changes to 2011/2012 School Calendar (8.3)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve a revision to the 2011-2012 School District Calendar. Dori Van Lone seconded.

As part of the teacher contract negotiations process, an agreement was approved to add one additional non-student contact day to the 2011-2012 calendar, increasing the total non-student contact days from eight to nine. There is no change to the number of student contact days – they remain at 174 days. Per Board policy, the need is to get information to parents as soon as possible.

Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, was present to answer questions.

Staggering graduation times and/or dates was discussed and the subject will be revisited in a June study session for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Rick Hammans, no; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, absent; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Superintendent Contract (8.4)

Rick Hammans moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's contract extension. Dori Van Lone seconded.

A second addendum to Superintendent Don Haddad's employment contract was approved to show that he will not receive a mileage stipend and that there will not be a salary adjustment, bonus or any other additional or increased compensation paid for the fiscal year 2011-2012. Dr. Haddad's contract was extended to 2015.

The Board appreciates and thanked Dr. Haddad for the work he has done. St. Vrain continues its academic expansion and the Board feels this is a testament to his leadership. The Board also appreciates the leadership Dr. Haddad provides as he communicates with education professionals around the state. The business community appreciates his leadership also, and the District is seeing very positive reverberations as a result of this work.

Dr. Haddad thanked the Board for their dedication to the students.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Rick Hammans, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, absent; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Resolution to Appropriate Funds for Superintendent Contract (8.5)

Rick Hammans moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to appropriate funds for the Superintendent Contract. Dori Van Lone seconded.

This Resolution was needed for the Board to legally designate the source of funds to meet the financial obligations of the District in the event that the District terminates Dr. Haddad's contract pursuant to section 6.4 of the Employment Agreement. Under TABOR, a multi-year financial obligation requires either voter approval or Board-approved designated funds to meet the future obligation.

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, was present to answer questions.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Rick Hammans, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, absent; Dori Van Lone, yes]

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Colorado Charter School Standards Subcommittee Update (9.1)

Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools, and Rod Schmidt, St. Vrain Board of Education member, attended Charter School Standards Subcommittee meetings, sponsored by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), on December 13, 2010, January 5, 2011, and February 2, 2011. Dr. Haddad and Mr. Schmidt updated the Board on the results of those meetings.

First Reading, Discussion, Board Regulation LBD-R – Relations with Charter Schools (9.2)

Revisions to this regulation are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by District administration.

A special meeting with the charter schools was held and, from those discussions, came these changes to LBD-R. It was recommended that this regulation return to the Board for a second reading and further discussion at the March 9, 2011 Board meeting.

Legislative Update (9.3)

Rick Hammans, Vice President of the Board of Education, provided the Board and viewing audience with a review of legislative issues that were discussed at his recent trip to the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Federal Relations Network in Washington, D.C.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Dori Van Lone seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Rick Hammans, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, absent; Dori Van Lone, yes].

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lammers, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Secretary to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on March 9, 2011.