

**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 April 13, 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 7:05 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
Bob Smith, Director District C
Dorinda Van Lone, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Mike Schiers, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Greg Fieth, Budget Director
Don Haddad, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Rick Ring, Chief Operations 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)

No non-agenda item participation. Visitors were present to support Agenda Item 9.2.

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

Board Recognitions

Niki Brady, CTE Coordinator for the Career Development Center and Chair of the School-Business Partnership Committee, and Lora Lawrence, Business Development Director for the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, were recognized by Dr. Haddad for the work they have done on the Job & Career Fair and were each awarded with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award for their efforts.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Central Elementary PTO meeting.
- Attended track meet at Longmont High School.
- Attended Odyssey of the Mind state tournament in Loveland. Out of 45 statewide awards, St. Vrain schools won a third of the awards.
- Attended Boulder County Health Awards program. Reverend Rick King, of the Safe Schools Coalition, recognized St. Vrain Valley School District and Dr. Don Haddad for their track record of safe schools.

Rick Hammans –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Spoke at the Retired St. Vrain Employee Group meeting.
- Attended Colorado Legacy Foundation meeting.
- Attended City of Longmont "Doing Democracy Day".

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Annual Conference in San Francisco.
- Attended City of Longmont "Doing Democracy Day".
- Attended Longmont Multicultural Action Plan Committee meeting.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended EagleNet Board meeting-all transitions of grants have been executed.
- Attended Fall River Elementary and Mead Middle PTO meetings.
- Guest lecturer in two Government classes at Skyline High School.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Superintendent's Feeder System meeting at Longmont High School.

- Acknowledged David Burnison for his work on the District healthcare issues.
- Attended Northern Colorado Self-Insurance Pool meeting.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Northern Colorado Self-Insurance Pool meeting.
- Attended Erie Middle School PTO meeting.
- Attended Finance & Audit Committee meeting.
- Thanked Rick Ring and the Erie Public Works Department for getting the sewer system up and running for Erie Middle School so quickly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Recognized Altona Middle School for being selected as one of the top middle schools in Colorado, according to Colorado Department of Education (CDE). They were also selected by CDE as a "Colorado Trailblazer School to Watch".
- Shared letter from a parent thanking the District for its support of the Arts. The parent praised the St. Vrain music programs and expressed her gratitude.
- Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the Interior, visited with Skyline High School STEM students at the Ball Aerospace facility in Boulder.
- Shared that there were approximately 55,000 CSAP tests administered throughout schools. Thanked Tori Teague, building principals, teachers, children and the community for their hard work in making it such an efficient process.
- Tremendous amount of applicants of teachers, support staff and students wanting to go to Elementary 26 (named Red Hawk Elementary at this Board meeting).
- CDE approved St. Vrain's online school to open in the Fall of 2011, and would like to use it as a model for other districts that would like to start an online school. The online school will be named at the April 27 Board Televised Study Session.
- Letter from Joan Campbell of Longmont United Hospital thanked Rob Berry for the countless wonderful things he does for students and appreciates the student Art at LUH.
- Hygiene Elementary Art Show on April 19 (K-2nd) and April 20 (3-5th).
- Governor's Distinguished Improvement Awards to Carbon Valley Academy, Erie Middle, Lyons Elementary and Middle/Senior, Mead Middle and Niwot Elementary.
- 26 students/District staff in Longmont Daily-Times Call **100 Magazine-Get to Know Your Neighbors**.
- Dr. Galen Darrough, UNC Director of Choral Activities emailed recognition of Longmont High St. Vrain Honor Choir organizer and Instructor, Jacqueline Laughlin.
- Thanked Greg Winger, Principal of Lyons Middle/Senior High, for his editorial in the Longmont Daily Times-Call "Partnering with Parents to Build Outstanding Schools".
- Congratulations to two CDC students winning a trip to national competition-Alex Steinmetz top gold in Leadership and Amanda Hobaugh second gold in Food Innovations in Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competition.
- Altona Middle School students visit the White House and speak to President Obama.

- Legacy Elementary students are filmed on the PBS morning news for the Super School News Program.
- Shared outstanding improvement in CELA test scores-increased 5% from last year. Congratulations to Tori Teague and her team.
- Reported that a survey to District employees garnered 191 responses for ways to save money.
- Thanked Jackie Bilan, Longmont High School instructor, and a former Longmont High student, Carissa Pilling, for letting Dr. Haddad interview them on Channel 8, **Education Today** series.
- Loma Linda and Alpine Elementary, Altona Middle, and Erie High School Odyssey of the Mind teams are heading to World competition.
- Camp Innovation is wildly popular and will open its first program this summer in partnership with IBM. The District hopes to expand the program every year.
- Congressman Jared Polis will soon be touring the Niwot and Erie feeder schools.
- State's budget reduction means a loss of \$14 million in revenue to SVVSD and worse than that in the 12/13 school year. Plan for a rise in class size by one student in middle and high schools. It is the District's hope not to have any program cuts.

REPORTS (6.0)

Third Quarter 2010-11 Gifts to Schools (6.1)

Greg Fieth, Budget Director, provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the third quarter of the 2010-2011 school year totaling \$97,969.52 with a total so far for the year of \$350,000. \$170,000 of that is from parent groups with the remainder coming from community support.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rick Hammans moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.8 and 7.11 through 7.16. Dori Van Lone seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2011 Regular Meeting; March 16, 2011 Study Session; and the March 23, 2011 Televised Study Session
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation DIE-R – Finance and Audit Committee Charter
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy/Regulation KHB – Advertising and Sponsorships; and KHB-R – Advertising and Sponsorships
6. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation LBD-R – Relations with District Charter Schools (Procedures for Establishment, Renewal and Revocation)

- 7. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Longmont High Asbestos Abatement Project
- 8. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Erie Elementary Asbestos Abatement Project
- 11. Approval: Approval of Amendment Five to CMGC Contract-Skyline High School West Bus Road Project
- 12. Approval: Approval of Amendment Six to CMGC Contract-Hygiene Elementary Parking Improvements Project
- 13. Approval: Approval of CMGC Contract and Amendment One-Longmont High School Auditorium Renovation Project
- 14. Approval: Approval of School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Contract for 2011-2012
- 15. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Apple Software Maintenance
- 16. Approval: Approval of Vendor Award for Classroom Furniture for Elementary #26

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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Consent Items 7.9 and 7.10 were pulled for further discussion. Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, was present to answer questions from the Board for both items.

- 9. Approval: Approval of Water Purchase for Erie Middle School

Dori Van Lone moved to approve Consent agenda item 7.9. Bob Smith 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

- 10. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-Mead High School Field Lighting Project

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent agenda item 7.10. Rick Hammans 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of New Accountability/Accreditation Committee Member (8.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve Andrew Reed as a new member of the District Accountability/Accreditation Committee as per Policy BDF, Advisory Committees. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, recommended Andrew Reed. Mr. Reed represents District A and is a teacher in the Mapleton School District who resides in Longmont. Andrew's son, a preschool student, attends Longmont Estates Elementary School.

John Creighton asked Connie Syferd to send the Board information on what positions still need to be filled on the Committee so that they can assist in filling those positions.

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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Name Selection for Elementary #26 (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education select Red Hawk Elementary as the new name for Elementary School #26. Rick Hammans seconded.

Cyrus Weinberger, Principal, and Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent, discussed the process to choose a name for the school. Pursuant to the Board of Education Policy FF and FF-R, an advisory committee was formed to assist in the selection of a name for Elementary #26. The Naming Committee was comprised of community members, parents/students, and staff members.

The Naming Committee is in agreement that the five recommended names were representative of the Erie community and would happily accept any one of the five. The five name choices were Red Hawk, Eagle, Mountain Peak, Fox Meadow, and Wise Elementary.

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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Adoption of Algebra I Textbooks (8.3)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the adoption and purchase of **Prentice Hall Algebra 1**, Pearson Prentice Hall 2011, for middle school and high school Algebra 1 and that the Board of Education approves a purchase contract to Pearson Prentice Hall for these textbooks and materials not to exceed \$190,000 in FY11, based on the estimated student enrollment for 2011-2012. \$9,500 was additionally budgeted for initial professional development to cover the estimated cost of teacher extra duty pay. Rod Schmidt seconded.

Greg George, District Math Coordinator, was present to introduce members of the textbook adoption committee, some of the teachers that piloted the book, and 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Resolution Proclaiming Tribute to Teachers Day, May 6, 2011 (8.4)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the provided resolution proclaiming support for the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley's celebratory production entitled "You're the Top!" – The Tribute to Teachers and declaring May 6, 2011 as Tribute to Teachers Day. Dori Van Lone seconded.

This spring the EFSSV will present a special event to honor St. Vrain Valley teachers. This celebration includes an Encore Award Program, entertainment and dinner. This event, the 4th annual "You're the Top – A Broadway Tribute to Teachers", will not only provide an opportunity to celebrate excellence in teaching but will help build funds available to enhance teaching and interactive learning technology in the classrooms. Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools, was available for questions.

Rod Schmidt read the resolution. Dr. Haddad recognized Trip Merklein, SVVEA President, for his leadership of the teachers.

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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Teacher-Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week (8.5)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt the provided resolution in honor of Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-7, 2011. Debbie Lammers seconded. Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt the provided resolution in honor of Teacher Appreciation week May 1-7, 2011. Rod Schmidt seconded.

Each year, proclaiming these dates as Teacher Appreciation Week and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week helps to promote public awareness of the importance of the role of teachers in public schools.

As much as any group of employees, the teaching staff is a valued and integral part of providing quality instruction for the students of the St. Vrain Valley School District. David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, was available for questions.

Trip Merklein, SVVEA President, was recognized for the ongoing work he does for all substitute and full-time teachers.

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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Health Benefits Trust Agreement (8.6)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the Health Benefits Trust Agreement between ColoTrust and the St. Vrain Valley School District as required by the Colorado Board of Insurance, and further authorize the Board President to sign the Agreement, and appoint Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; Therese Schueler, Chief Financial Officer; Gregory Fieth, District Budget Director; and Donna West, District Cash Manager, as trustees of this Agreement. Rick Hammans seconded.

Administration has been working with Mercer Health and Benefits, LLC, on this trust to provide the mechanism for the District to comply with the requirement of maintaining, in trust, adequate funding for uninsured employee health benefits pursuant to State of Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI) Bulletin B-2.8. The trust should be treated as an integral part of the District's operations and will not result in any new taxable entity, nor will it change the taxation of employees under the benefit plans. Dr. Don Haddad was present to provide details of the Agreement and to answer questions.

The terms and conditions of this Agreement were reviewed by legal counsel.

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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Physical Education Waiver Process Change (9.1)

In 2004, the Board of Education approved a .5 Physical Education Waiver Process. Reassessing the current waiver and acknowledging students' rigorous academic programming, there are times when a student may need to request an additional .5 Physical Education waiver to achieve their academic program. The Board was asked to approve the opportunity for a student to waive 1.0 credits of his/her Physical Education graduation requirement. This new waiver process would go into effect in the fall of the 2011-2012 school year.

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health was present to provide a verbal report and answer questions. This discussion is a follow-up conversation from the March 9, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

It was recommended by the Board that additional written information provided by the Board would be added to the current sample brought before the Board, that it would be turned into a formal Board policy, and return in the May 11, 2011 Agenda as a Consent item.

Colorado ASSET Legislation and Resolution (9.2) MOVED TO ACTION ITEM

Bob Norris, 532 Rider Ridge Drive, Longmont, and Ray Rodriquez, 1227 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont. Visited the Board meeting to support Agenda Item 9.2 Colorado ASSET legislation.

Under current Colorado law, undocumented but otherwise qualified Colorado high school students face prohibitively high out-of-state tuition rates at state community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities which often prevent them from affording a postsecondary education.

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District will discuss legislation that allows students who have attended Colorado schools for several years and have graduated from a Colorado High School to obtain in-state tuition rates for postsecondary education.

Board members all supported this legislation. Rod Schmidt read the resolution.

This item was agreed upon by the Board to move to an Action item at this meeting. Rod Schmidt moved that the Board approve the resolution. Debbie Lammers 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Lobato Case-CASB Request to Contribute (9.3)

The Board recently received a joint letter from CASB and CASE asking to contribute to the legal fund for the *Lobato vs. State of Colorado*. The court is determining if the State is complying with the Constitution that calls for the State to provide a uniform and adequate K-12 education to students.

The case is set to go to trial in August, and there is a request for contributions from Colorado school districts from \$.50 - \$1.00 per student or whatever the Board feels they can handle. If this case is successful, it is considered a game changer in how K-12 education will be funded.

Board member Rick Hammans was present to explain the issues and answer questions. He recommends that the Board support this legal fund as much as possible.

John Creighton suggested that the Board contribute \$11,000 from the Board of Education budget to the legal defense. A resolution to formally approve the contribution of \$11,000 will be presented at the May 11, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy DBK – Fiscal Emergencies (9.4)

These revisions are necessary for alignment with CASB sample policy, current practice and procedure, and have been reviewed by District administration. In addition, the Board may elect to adopt policy as an action or consent item, rather than at a second/third reading, when prior discussions during first and/or second reading have resolved all questions regarding the policy/regulation revisions.

It was recommended that this policy be moved to Consent for the May 11, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy FEG – Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards (9.5)

These revisions are necessary for alignment with CASB sample policy, current practice and procedure, and have been reviewed by District administration. In addition, the Board may elect to adopt policy as an action or consent item, rather than at a second/third reading, when prior discussions during first and/or second reading have resolved all questions regarding the policy/regulation revisions.

It was recommended that this policy be moved to Consent for the May 11, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses

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

It was recommended that this policy be moved to Consent for the May 11, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dori Van Lone moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Smith 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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 May 11, 2011.