

**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 11, 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
Mike Schiers, Director District G
Rod Schmidt, Director District F
Bob Smith, Director District C
Dorinda Van Lone, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

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)

Board President John Creighton introduced Dale Carr and Herold Schultz, Race Director, from the Lion's Club who were visiting the Board to remind everyone that Sunrise Stampede is June 11 at Longmont High School and starts at 8:30 a.m. They invited the Board and viewing audience to participate or volunteer at the 2 mile/10K run/walk and handed out t-shirts. For 26 years, over \$166,000 has been raised by the Sunrise Stampede race for the District's drug and alcohol programs. Details can be found at www.sunrisestampede.com.

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

Board Recognitions

Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent, recognized the students and staff members involved in the Longmont High School Restorative Justice program. The Longmont High Student Restorative Justice (RJ) Student Team is currently 12 active students that range from freshman to seniors who have been trained to facilitate, co-facilitate, mediate and serve as community members in restorative justice processes. By deferring suspension for successful completion of RJ processes, the pilot project alone has saved 79 days of suspension, increasing kids' time in school by 553 hours. The students were presented with certificates.

Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent, and Amy Weed introduced the Student Advisory Council seniors, Meng Koh and Rick Schmidt from Skyline High School. Students shared the value of being part of the student advisory council, what scholarships they received, and what college they were headed to in the fall. The students were presented with certificates.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended SVVSD Recognition Ceremony.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers Banquet.
- Attended District Art Show. Thanked all Fine Arts Departments in the District.
- Attended Westview orchestra concert.
- Attended Recognition Ceremony for Longmont High School student council.
- Visited District schools with Congressman Jared Polis. Had the opportunity to have his son with him on this trip for "Take Your Child to Work Day".
- Attended Education Task Force meeting of the Longmont Multicultural Action Plan.
- Attended meeting with Grassroots St. Vrain regarding the state budget.

Rick Hammans –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended SVVSD Recognition Ceremony.

- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers Banquet.
- Attended Hispanic Education Foundation Awards Banquet.
- Visited District schools with Congressman Jared Polis.
- Attended Lyons PTO meeting.
- Attended Lyons Elementary Music Festival.
- Attended District Art Show.
- Updated the Board on the Legislature decisions for the year.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Superintendents Feeder meeting at Niwot High School.
- Attended several Niwot High functions.
- Attended Hispanic Education Foundation Awards Banquet.
- Attended SVSSD Recognition Ceremony.
- Attended Education Task Force meeting of the Longmont Multicultural Action Plan. Thanked Carla O'Boyle for her long and continued work as Chairperson of the Task Force.
- Visited Niwot High and Niwot Elementary with Congressman Jared Polis.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited schools in Tri-Towns.
- Attended SVVSD Recognition Ceremony.
- Attended Legacy Elementary concert.
- Attended Frederick High Band Night.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers Banquet.
- Attended Hispanic Education Foundation Awards Banquet.
- Attended EagleNet Board meeting. Targeting September 2013 for completed infrastructure.
- Attended Skyline Choral Concert. Congratulated the Visual & Performing Arts Program at Skyline High School.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Boulder Valley Care Network meeting regarding health care costs.
- Attended SVVSD Recognition Ceremony.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers Banquet.
- Recognized John Creighton's efforts in putting together his slideshow for the Grassroots St. Vrain presentation on the state budget, and thanked John for his leadership.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended SVVSD Recognition Ceremony.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers Banquet.
- Attended Hispanic Education Foundation Awards Banquet.
- Visited District schools with Congressman Jared Polis.
- Attended Erie High School Prom.
- Toured new Red Hawk Elementary.
- Attended Erie Elementary PTO meeting.
- Attended Finance & Audit Committee meeting.
- Attended the SVVSD Art Show.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Recognized two students from Erie High School that placed second and third in the high school division of the Colorado Chinese Speech Contest.
- Recognized Matt Buchler, Principal of Longs Peak Middle School, for receiving Outstanding Educator Award from Centennial BOCES.
- Recognized Centennial Elementary for being selected as the Outstanding Elementary MESA Program for 2011 from the Colorado MESA Organization.
- Recognized two Career Development Center students whose achievements were highlighted in the **CTE Trends Newsletter** from the Colorado Community College System.
- Congratulated third grade students for their performance on CSAP reading tests, and their teachers and administrators for a job well done in administering the tests. There was a significant increase in performance and significant decline in unsatisfactory levels.
- Announced a meeting on June 18, 2011 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Xilinx Retreat Center that will consist of business leaders, elected officials, parents, teachers, students, etc. It will be billed as "SWOT" (an analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) and will analyze what St. Vrain will strive to be by 2015 and 2020.
- Conducted meetings with staffs at Heritage, Loma Linda and Spangler in the process of looking at a comprehensive facilities audit for each of those schools.
- Noted that the St. Vrain Global Online Academy and the summer school programs have become very popular.
- Announced that the ACT make-up day was today and 11th graders and the high schools did an excellent job. AP and IB tests will follow shortly.
- Thanked all District personnel that were involved in the Recognition and Retirement Ceremonies, and thanked the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley and the Hispanic Education Foundation for their awards ceremonies.
- Thanked the Communications Department and the Longmont Daily Times-Call for the graduating seniors' section in the Sunday paper.

REPORTS (6.0)

None

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rick Hammans moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.15 and 7.18 through 7.21. Bob Smith seconded.

Consent Items 7.16 and 7.17 were pulled for further discussion.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for April 13, 2011 Regular Meeting; April 20, 2011 Joint Meeting with Frederick Town Board/Study Session; and the April 27, 2011 Televised Study Session
4. Approval: Certification of Bond Payment Dates
5. Approval: Approval of 2011/12 Teacher Contracts/Non-Renewal Notices
6. Approval: Approval of 2011/12 Contracts for Administration
7. Approval: Approval of Non-Renewal Substitute Teachers Taught >500 Hours
8. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy DBK – Fiscal Emergencies
9. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy FEG – Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards
10. Approval: Third Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation IKF-R – Graduation Requirements-PE Waiver
11. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses
12. Approval: Approval of Contract Extension for Waste Removal and Recycle Services for 2011-12
13. Approval: Approval of Assessment Technology Incorporated Subscription 2010-2011 and Partial Pre-Payment for 2011-12
14. Approval: Approval of CMGC-Longs Peak Middle School Summer 2011 Project
15. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Erie Middle Asbestos Abatement
18. Approval: Approval of Change Order to CMGC-Erie Elementary Renovation
19. Approval: Approval of Change Order to CMGC-Skyline High Addition & Renovation Project
20. Approval: Approval of Waiver of Liability Insurance Requirement for the Longmont High School Education Foundation
21. Approval: Approval of Waiver of Liability Insurance Requirement for the Skyline High School Education Foundation

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

Consent Items 7.16 and 7.17 were pulled for further discussion. Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, was present to answer questions from the Board for both items. Rick Ring will compile a list of ongoing construction projects to keep the Board up-to-date on those projects and what funds were used to pay for them.

16. Approval: Approval of Fund Allocation-Erie Middle Addition & Renovation Project

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent agenda item 7.16. Dori Van Lone seconded.

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

17. Approval: Approval of Change Order to CMGC-Longmont High Auditorium Renovation Project

Debbie Lammers moved to approve Consent agenda item 7.17. Bob Smith seconded.

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Purchase of Apple Computer Equipment (8.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of equipment from Apple Computer, Incorporated, from the amount of \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for the 2010-11 school year. Debbie Lammers seconded.

The Board of Education previously approved Apple Computer purchases for the 2011 fiscal year up to \$1,000,000 during the June 9, 2010 regular meeting. The amount approved at that time only took into consideration District-level computer refresh purchases, but not school-level purchases including mobile devices (e.g., iPods and iPads). Summer computer replacement orders are also forthcoming. Some of these purchases may carry over into the 2011-12 school year.

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

Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve an exception to the current Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA-1. This exception would enable the Community School

Program to allow Gina Patterson, a substitute teacher in the District and the owner of Face to Face, to provide enrichment classes to our students. Bob Smith seconded.

Board Policy and Procedure GBEA-1, Staff Conflict of Interest, states, "No school district employee or firm owned by a school district employee shall be allowed to sell to the school district or to school districts served by the school district, goods or services of any kind without express prior written consent of the Board of Education."

Gina Patterson has been a licensed substitute teacher in the District since the fall of 2010. Gina is also the owner of Face to Face, the only face painting business in the area. Face to Face offers face painting and balloon animals, in addition to teaching these skills to students. The Community School Program contracted with her before she became an employee, and wishes to continue offering these classes to students.

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

Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Reserve Projects (8.3)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the provided list of Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Reserve projects as presented. Bob Smith seconded.

The Capital Reserve Committee, consisting of representation from school principals, along with the department heads of Technology, Transportation, Custodial, and Operations & Maintenance, has reviewed, prioritized, and finalized the list of Capital Reserve requests and requirements of the District for Fiscal Year 2012.

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

Approval of SVVSD General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2011 (8.4)

Rick Hammans moved that the Board of Education authorize the issuance of St. Vrain Valley School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2011 in the amount of \$34,355,000. The closing for these bonds is scheduled for May 12, 2011. Dori Van Lone seconded.

The District will save \$1,336,702 between 2011 and 2019 as a result of the refunding. On a present value basis, this equates to \$1,191,852, or 3.44% of the amount of refunded par amount of the Series 2003 Bonds.

Todd Snidow, Senior Vice President with George K. Baum & Company, was present to answer questions before the Board certifies the 2011 issuance. Todd was thanked for his support of our District.

Board President John Creighton thanked Terry Schueler and Don Haddad for their leadership in keeping the value of the District bonds high.

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

Approval of Donation to Lobato Case (8.5)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve a donation, in the amount of \$6,000, in support of the Lobato vs. State of Colorado case. Mike Schiers seconded.

The Colorado Supreme Court has ruled to overturn a lower court decision in the case of Lobato vs. State of Colorado, opening the way for lengthy judicial deliberations on whether the state's school finance system is adequately funded.

The Lobato case started in 2005 when a large group of parents from eight school districts across the state and 14 school districts in the San Luis Valley sued the state, claiming that Colorado's school finance system violates the state constitution's requirement for a "thorough and uniform" public education system.

The Board of Education felt it was in the educational and financial best interests of the St. Vrain Valley School District to endorse and support the Colorado school finance litigation, known as Lobato vs. State of Colorado.

Board President John Creighton recommended donating \$6,000. The Board discussed the amount and approved Mr. Creighton's recommendation.

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

Approval of Frederick Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) (8.6)

Mike Schiers moved that the Board of Education approve the IGA with the Town of Frederick and further authorize the appropriate Board officers to sign the Agreement. Rod Schmidt seconded.

The resulting new IGA was adopted and approved by the Town of Frederick on May 10, 2011. The Town of Frederick, in partnership with the School District, adopted the original IGA to assist the District in the acquisition and development of future school sites as part of the development process. This is a ten-year Agreement. District legal staff has reviewed the document and has approved its language.

Rick Ring was available to answer questions. He recognized Scott Toillion for his work in getting this Agreement to fruition.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy JIH – Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests (9.1)

These revisions are necessary for alignment with current practices and have been reviewed by District administration and legal counsel. In order to ensure schools are safe and drug-free, it is necessary and appropriate to implement a policy for the use of specially-trained dogs to assist in the detecting of the presence of contraband drugs, alcohol and gun powder on school premises.

Stacy Davis, Security Manager, was available to answer questions.

It was recommended that this policy be moved to Consent for the June 8, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection (9.2)

These revisions are necessary for alignment with new clarifications in Colorado Law (C.R.S. 19-3-304), and have been reviewed by District administration and legal counsel. The new law takes effect immediately. This statutory change in no way requires mandatory reporters to investigate or make further inquiry regarding the status of alleged perpetrators. These revisions mean that any disclosure by an adult that does not include information indicating that a child is currently in danger, that the perpetrator is currently in a position of trust, or that otherwise gives reasonable cause to know or suspect a child is currently at risk, must remain confidential pursuant to C.R.S. 13-90-107, which protects communication with certain victim advocates.

Stacy Davis, Security Manager, was available to answer questions.

It was recommended that this policy be moved to a second reading at the June 8, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

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, yes; Rod Schmidt, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 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 June 8, 2011.