

**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 August 10, 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 7:01 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)

“Transportation” was added to the Discussion items.
The Boulder County Intergovernmental Agreement (Action item 8.8.1) had a revision by Boulder County on Page 6, first paragraph.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Susan Rona attended to speak on behalf of the Grassroots St. Vrain organization to Action Item 8.1, Approval of Resolution in Support of Initiative 25.

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

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended classified staff, librarian and new teachers' orientations.
- Experienced taking his kids to register for new schools.

Rick Hammans –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Rick Ring and his team for all the work on the schools.
- Congratulations to all staff for the great summer programs.
- Attended Camp Innovation festivities.
- Testified at the State Board of Education hearing on Senate Bill 10-191.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended opening and closing of Camp Innovation.
- Volunteered at Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley filling backpacks for Crayons to Calculators.
- Attended St. Vrain Global Online Academy open house.
- Attended Longmont Multicultural Action Plan Steering Committee and its Education Task Force meetings.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Rick Ring and his team for the great looking schools.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Noted great feedback from community on the summer programs.
- Attended Red Hawk Elementary grand opening.
- Thanks to Rick Ring and his team for the new lights on the football field at Mead High School.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Expressed respect and admiration to the administrative staff.
- Thanks to the SVVEA for their leadership.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Red Hawk Elementary Open House.
- Attended closing ceremonies of Camp Innovation.
- Thanks to Rick Ring and his team for all their hard work on the schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Camp Innovation-thanks to Connie Syferd, Regina Renaldi, and Paige Gordon who did an amazing job and for their leadership. Thank you to IBM for their commitment to an ongoing partnership. See District website homepage that shows Camp Innovation happenings-IBM is streaming that all over the world.
- Shared a letter from a bus driver trainee complimenting the Transportation Department on their bus driver training teachers and the quality of the training. Thank you to Rick Ring and Randy McKie and their team.
- Invited Board members to the Longmont Chamber of Commerce Professional Pursuit Luncheon on August 31.
- Thanked Rick Ring for obtaining the 700+ BEST grant. Frederick High School will be the beneficiary of that grant.
- Congratulated Blue Mountain 1st Grade teacher, Kathy Bergren, for being awarded "The Best Should Teach Award" from the University of Colorado.
- Congratulated Terry Schueler and her Finance team for their Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association. They also received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials International.
- Congratulated Jane Schein and Anthony Whiteley for being selected as alternates for a one-year term on the Financial Policies and Procedures Advisory Committee for the Colorado Department of Education.
- Red Hawk Elementary grand opening-Thank you to Cyrus Weinberger.
- Thanks to LifeBridge Christian Church and the tremendous support from Senior Minister Rick Rusaw.
- CASE Conference had 50 administrators from St. Vrain-very proud of every St. Vrain speaker.
- New teacher and classified staff orientations were wonderful. Thank you to everyone that made those successful.
- Congratulations to everyone involved in the successful CSAP season.
- Thanks to Stacy Davis for her leadership and her safety inservice-taking the District to the next level.
- Recognized the interest from the community for the St. Vrain Global Online Academy.
- Thanks to David Burnison and his Human Resources team for their work this summer hiring teachers-had over 8,000 applications.
- Thanked Rick Ring and his team for all the construction projects over the summer.

- St. Vrain tentative to be chosen for the Principal pilot for the Senate Bill 10-191 evaluation process.
- Thanks to Tori Teague and her team and Lori Courtney for the tremendous response to professional development this summer.
- Thanks to the Board for their leadership.

REPORTS (6.0)

4th Quarter 2010-2011 Gifts to Schools (6.1)

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, reported that fourth quarter gifts to schools totaled \$151,762.57 in the last quarter of FY 2010-2011. Total gifts for the entire year amounted to \$504,787.09.

CSAP Achievement Data/Colorado Growth Model (6.2)

Tori Teague, Executive Director of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction, gave an extensive report on the results of the 53,035 completed CSAP tests given to St. Vrain Valley students.

Summary of Summer 2011 Construction Activities Over \$100,000 (6.3)

Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, informed the Board of a project brought to his attention by Red Hawk Elementary Principal, Cyrus Weinberger. The project they are investigating is the installation of a 2,200 panel solar garden on two acres of land near Red Hawk. The District would donate two acres for the project, which could potentially offset 75% of the utility bills in addition to providing learning opportunities for the students. There is a possibility that a wind generator could be installed on the site as well. Xcel Energy would provide energy credit that would eventually pay for the two acres of land for the solar garden. The Erie Town Board and community are supportive of the project.

Rick Ring gave a report of the summer construction activities over \$100,000.

The Board thanked Rick and his construction team for all their hard work.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rick Hammans moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.7. Bob Smith seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for June 1, 2011 Executive Session; June 8, 2011 Regular Meeting; June 15, 2011 Study Session; and the June 22, 2011 Televised Study Session

4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption – Board Policies ADF – School Wellness; new Board Policy EID – Compliance with HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act); IC/ICA – School Year/School Calendar; and JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection
5. Approval: Approval of Renewal of Front Range Orthopedic Contract
6. Approval: Approval of Renewal of Infinite Campus Software Licensing
7. Approval: Approval of Renewal of SMARTnet Maintenance Agreement

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)

Adoption of Resolution In Support of Initiative 25 (8.1)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve a Resolution in support of Initiative 25. Rick Hammans seconded.

Susan Rona, 8338 Pawnee Lane, Niwot, Colorado. Attended as a representative of Grassroots St. Vrain. Urged the Board of Education to come out in strong support of Initiative 25 (Proposition 103 should it make it to the ballot).

Initiative 25 is a proposed ballot initiative to amend the Colorado Statutes that will appear on the general election ballot in November, which will provide additional funds to the General Assembly that may be appropriated only for public education. It will increase state income tax rates from 4.63% to 5% and state sales tax from 2.9% to 3%, returning these two taxes to the rates in effect in 1999. This will be a temporary fix which will remain in effect from 2012-2017.

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District supports Initiative 25 because it will benefit all students in Colorado. They collectively thanked the Grassroots St. Vrain group for their tireless support of the District.

Board President John Creighton urged the Board to get out in the community in the next two months to talk about the initiative to students, parents and the business community. Thanks to Senator Rollie Heath for creating Initiative 25.

Board member Debbie Lammers read the resolution.

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 New Finance & Audit Committee Representatives (8.2)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education appoint two new representatives for the Finance and Audit Committee. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, offered Ramona Farineau, manager of the Boulder County Finance Department; and Brian Schultz, Director of Account Management for Intrado, as the two new members of the Finance and Audit Committee. Ramona Farineau was able to attend the Board meeting and introduced herself to the Board.

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 2011-2012 Alternatives for Youth Contract Renewal (8.3)

Rick Hammans moved that the Board of Education approve the annual Agreement between Alternatives for Youth (AFY) and the St. Vrain Valley School District regarding educational services provided to suspended and expelled students by Clearview Education Center, a program administered by AFY, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Agreement. Rod Schmidt seconded.

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

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 Bus Purchase (8.4)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of two (2) 2010-11 (77) passenger Type C School Buses from McCandless International Trucks of Colorado. The total cost of these buses with two-way radios is \$189,550.00. The funds for this purchase are included on the 2012 Capital Reserve Project List approved by the Board of Education in the spring of fiscal year 2011. Bob Smith seconded.

Rick Ring was available for questions.

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 Waiver to Board Policy KH – Public Gifts to Schools (8.5)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve a waiver to Board Policy KH, Public Gifts to Schools, for the 2011-12 school year only specific to Blue Mountain Elementary School for the purpose of staffing support to the Gifted and Talented program. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Blue Mountain Elementary School is requesting a waiver to Board of Education Policy KH, Public Gifts to Schools. The request is to waive this policy for one year only during the 2011-12 school year. During the 2010-11 school year, Blue Mountain's Gifted and Talented (GT) teacher worked an assignment at 0.40 FTE. As a result of the staffing allocation process based on projected enrollment and assignment of teachers at the building level, the GT teacher's FTE was to be reduced for the 2011-12 school year to 0.31 FTE.

Parents who had children served by Blue Mountain's GT teacher initiated and facilitated the raising of additional funds through a summer read-a-thon with the GT students. The parents' goal was to raise enough money to at least keep the GT teacher at the same FTE (0.40) as the 2010-11 school year, with the additional goal of raising enough funds to increase the teacher's FTE to 0.50 FTE for the 2011-12 school year. To date, over \$6,500 has been raised and receipted. An additional 13 promised donations are expected to arrive at Blue Mountain by Friday, August 5, 2011.

Don Haddad and David Burnison were available for questions.

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 Vendors Providing Purchased Services (8.6)

Rick Hammans moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors, provided by Terry Schueler, who will provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2012. Bob Smith seconded.

Terry Schueler was available for questions. The Board approved of the format of how these vendors were presented, but they would like to see more detail on what the project was for and what school will benefit from those services.

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 Vendors Providing Purchased Goods (8.7)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors, provided by Terry Schueler, who will provide purchased goods over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2012. Rod Schmidt 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]

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements with Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties and the City and County of Broomfield (8.8)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Intergovernmental Agreement for Conduct of Coordinated Elections with Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, and the City and County of Broomfield, and further authorize Terry Schueler to sign the agreement documents. Dori Van Lone seconded.

The Uniform Election Code requires that these intergovernmental agreements, which set forth the terms and conditions under which the respective counties will conduct coordinated elections, be approved by the participating parties. Approval of these agreements will fulfill this requirement.

The four agreements have been reviewed and approved by the District's legal counsel.

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)

Review Board Working Calendar (9.1)

John Creighton asked that the Board and administration look through the calendar all the way to June to see if there were items of importance that needed to be added. Topics for the August 26, 2011 Board Retreat were discussed.

Transportation (9.2) (This item was added the evening of the Board meeting.)

Board members suggested to Rick Ring that Operations do a case-by-case study around transportation for students after the changing boundaries for Frederick High School when Mead High School was built. Rick Ring will get together with the principals of the affected high schools to accomplish this request.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Hammans 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 8:44 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 September 14, 2011.