

**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 January 11, 2012 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 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E
Rick Hammans, Vice President, Director District A
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Rod Schmidt, Director District F
Bob Smith, Director District C
Dori Van Lone, Treasurer, 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
Dr. Don Haddad, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bob Smith moved to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e). 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

The following were present in Executive Session: John Creighton; Rick Hammans; Debbie Lammers; Rod Schmidt; Bob Smith; Dori Van Lone; Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; and Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer.

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

9.3 Discussion Item, Hydraulic Fracturing, was added to the Agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

George F. Chandler, 2632 Elmhurst Circle, Longmont, 80503-Concerned about the decreased funding of Adult Education.

Chris Porzuczek, 12624 Weld County Road 1, Longmont, 80504-Hydraulic Fracturing.
Shelley and Joseph Bassman, Longmont, 80503-Hydraulic Fracturing.

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

Board Recognition

Dr. Don Haddad honored Silver Creek High School student, Ryan Carson, for achieving a perfect ACT score. Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School, was present to share the many extracurricular activities that Ryan is involved in.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanks to the Career Development Center students for the dinner that they served to the Board on January 10, 2012.
- Attended the Longmont Community Foundation and a Boulder County Meeting, both regarding support for early childhood education.
- Thanks to District staff on all the work they did over the holiday break.

Rick Hammans –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the opening of the 2012 Colorado Legislative Session-Silver Creek High School choir sang at the opening.

Debbie Lammers –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Education Task Force of the City of Longmont Multicultural Action Committee (LMAC) meeting and the LMAC Meeting.
- Attended Niwot High Boosters meeting.
- Plans to do feeder school visits in the next two weeks.
- Attended Niwot High School Education Foundation meeting.
- Reminded everyone of the Eleanor Venture Presentation at the Erie High School Commons on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley.

Rod Schmidt –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Education Task Force of the City of Longmont Multicultural Action Committee meeting.

Bob Smith –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended meetings with Longmont City Council members to establish a relationship with newly elected officials.
- Attended meetings with area employers to collaborate on healthcare issues.

Dori Van Lone –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanks to the staff that presented the facility reviews at the January 4, 2012 Regular Study Session.
- Thanks to the Career Development Center students on a wonderful catered meal to the Board on January 10, 2012.
- Urged the Board to go online to see the Erie Town Board meeting that highlighted the hydraulic fracturing concerns of the community.
- Plans to attend Erie High School Education Foundation meeting later this month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Recognized the Board and their leadership as January is Board of Education Appreciation Month and read a Resolution honoring the Board.
- Attended the opening of the 2012 Colorado Legislative Session where Silver Creek High School Choir performed.
- Thanked Rick Ring for his diligence and research on hydraulic fracturing.
- Expressed appreciation for the views expressed by visitors at the meeting regarding decreased funding for Adult Education and agreed with the speaker's concerns about funding.
- Reminded everyone that major spring tests (TSAP, CELA, ACT, IB, etc.) are coming up soon.

- Met with the parent community at Hygiene Elementary regarding the hiring process for the Principal position.
- Excited about the upcoming construction projects-existing Frederick High into a K-8; Erie Middle School addition, and the possible consolidation of some schools.
- Reported on a possible collaboration with IBM on the creation of an early childhood-STEM daycare program.
- Implementing Options Home School Program-200 students in program. This would replace the current home school program from an out-of-District provider.
- Implementing the Universal Middle School program at Sunset Middle School.
- "District Administration" (national publication) highlighted 65 Superintendents across the nation. Dr. Haddad (one of those selected) is invited to go to Florida over spring break to confer with this esteemed group from across the country.

REPORTS (6.0)

Lyons Middle/High School Feeder Report by High School Advisory Council (6.1)

Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent, introduced High School Advisory students, Madeline Doering and Izzy Solman. They presented a report on the Lyons Middle/High School feeder schools.

Second Quarter 2011-12 Gifts to Schools (6.2)

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts to the District for the second quarter of the 2011-2012 school year totaling \$241,900.17.

Update on Focus Schools (6.3)

Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, presented an update on Focus Schools in the District.

Elementary Report Cards Update (6.4)

Kahle Charles, Director of Curriculum, was present to provide a verbal report on Elementary Report Cards and to answer questions.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.7 and 7.10. Dori Van Lone seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the December 14, 2011 Regular Meeting and January 4, 2012 Regular Study Session

4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies/ Regulations DJB – Purchasing Procedures; DJB-R – Purchasing Procedures; DJC – Petty Cash; DJE – Bidding Procedures; DJG – Vendor Relations; DJG-R – Vendor Relations; DJGA – Sales Calls and Demonstrations; DN – School Properties Disposition
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies/Regulations EBBA – Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling Body Fluids); EBBA-R – Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling Body Fluids and Substances); JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases
6. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy GBEB – Staff Code of Conduct (And Responsibilities)
7. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies ADF – Student Wellness; JF – Admissions and Denial of Admissions; and JLJ – Physical Activity (new)
10. Approval: Approval of Annual Official Posting Location Notice

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 agenda items 7.8 and 7.9 were pulled to discuss separately.

Dori Van Lone moved to approve Consent agenda item 7.8. Bob Smith seconded.

8. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Partial Re-Roofing of Frederick High School (\$414,334).

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].

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent agenda item 7.9. Dori Van Lone seconded.

9. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Network Access Control (NAC) Solution (\$250,000).

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 Resolution Proclaiming Career and Technical Education Month-February 2012 (8.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution proclaiming February 2012 as Career and Technical Education Month. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Deniece Cook, Principal of the Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High/Adult Education presented a slideshow on Career and Technical Education.

Debbie Lammers read the Resolution. Niki Brady, CTE Coordinator at the Career Development Center, invited the Board and the public to the CDC Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2012, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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 St. Vrain Community Montessori School Contract Renewal (8.2)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the charter renewal application of St. Vrain Community Montessori School. Bob Smith seconded.

Sherri Stephens-Carter, District Charter Liaison; and Katie Torres, Head Master; Jennifer Kemp, President of the Board; and Amy Wade, Secretary, of Montessori were available for 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]

Adoption of District Unified Improvement Plan, School Priority Improvement, and Turnaround Unified Improvement Plan (UIPs) (8.3)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt the District Unified Improvement Plan, as well as School Priority Improvement and Turnaround UIPs. Rod Schmidt seconded.

Per the Education Accountability Act of 2009, the School Board must adopt the District UIP as well as UIPs for any school(s) identified for a Priority Improvement or Turnaround UIP. Those schools are Adult Education – Priority Improvement; Frederick Elementary School – Turnaround; and Heritage Middle School – Priority Improvement. The deadline for adoption is January 17, 2012.

Tori Teague, Executive Director of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction; and Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, were 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Superintendent Contract (8.4)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's contract extension through 2016. Rod Schmidt 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]

Adoption of Resolution for Refinancing of Series 2003/2004 General Obligation Bonds (8.5)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve and adopt the Bond Refinancing Parameters Resolution as presented by Sherman & Howard, District Bond Counsel. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Passage of the Resolution allows Terry Schueler or Don Haddad to authorize a bond refinancing issuance that falls within the parameters set by the Resolution any time during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2012. Todd Snidow, Senior Vice President of George K. Baum & Company, 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policies ADD – Violence Free Schools; ECAB – Access to District Facilities; EEAC – Bus Scheduling and Routing; EEAEA – Bus Driver Requirements, Training and Responsibilities; EEAEG – Use of Wireless Communication Devices by Bus Drivers; JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses; and KDE – Emergency Management (new) (9.1)

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

It was recommended by the Board that these policies be moved to Consent at the February 8, 2012 Board meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policies JRA/JRC – Student Records/Release of Information on Students; JRA/JRC-E – Student Records/Release of Information

on Students (recoded); JRCA – Sharing of Student Records/Information Between School District and State Agencies (new); and KI – Visitors to Schools (9.2)

The revisions to these policies are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure and applicable statutes. They are in alignment with CASB samples where applicable and have been reviewed by District legal counsel.

It was recommended by the Board that these policies be moved to Consent at the February 8, 2012 Board meeting.

Hydraulic Fracturing (9.3) ADDED TO THE AGENDA THE EVENING OF 1/11/2012

Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, had this item added to the Agenda due to the recent interest in oil and gas drilling activities near District schools. The consensus of the Board and District administration was that the District should work with surrounding municipalities to develop common standards, transparency and accountability in oil and gas drilling and to make certain that monitoring systems are in place for the safety of students, staff and the community. It was also recommended that District staff establish a continuing relationship with the oil and gas companies that are currently drilling near District facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Smith 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, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

The meeting was adjourned at 9.47 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 February 8, 2012.