

**MINUTES
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR TELEVISED STUDY SESSION**

OPENING OF MEETING

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met February 22, 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 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Rod Schmidt, Director District F
Joie Siegrist, Director District A (sworn in this evening)
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C
Dori Van Lone, Treasurer, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Greg Fieth, Budget Director
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

Oath of Office to New Director District A Board Member

Board President John Creighton administered the oath of office to the new Director District A Board member, Ms. Joie Siegrist, who was appointed by the Board on February 15, 2012 to replace Rick Hammans who resigned his Board position on January 25, 2012. Joie Siegrist will hold this position until the November 2013

Coordinated Election. The position of Director District A will then appear on the official ballot for a two-year term, at which time the public will elect a candidate for this position.

As stated in Board Policy BBBB, Board Member Oath of Office, and C.R.S. 22-31-125, each school board member is required to take an oath of office, swearing to faithfully perform the duties of the office as required by law.

Topics Discussed:

- January Financials-Greg Fieth, Budget Director
- Erie High School Feeder Report by Student Advisory Students-Matt Moore, Hannah Goodard, Katie Kucera, and Sarah Mirabassi.
- Board member Code of Ethics

No action was taken for any of the above discussion topics.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- House Bill 12-1201 was unanimously approved and legislation was recently passed on the October count that saves the District \$500,000.
- Longmont High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students were very successful at their District Conference.
- Reminder that the School-to-Business Partnership/Workforce Summer Job & Career Fair will be held on Thursday, March 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Twin Peaks Mall-old JC Penney building.
- Discussed No Child Left Behind waiver for the benefit of the public-saves the District \$300,000. Information will be posted on the District website.
- Highlighted an email from a Prairie Ridge Elementary teacher whose daughter participated in the 2012 Honor Band Concert in Greeley. The teacher thanked the District and the Board for promoting the Arts in the District.
- Thanks to Kathy Hall and the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley for their successful "Tech Talks" luncheon that brought approximately 40 area companies/organizations and Longmont Mayor Dennis Coombs together to talk about how to better support technology in the District.
- Met with the Latino Parenting Coalition regarding the Spangler/Loma Linda/Heritage recommendation and bilingual education.
- Attended Math Equations Contest at Rocky Mountain Christian Church in Frederick-close to 500 students attended. Hope to run a summer camp for these students.
- Attended the State Wrestling Tournament.

- Met with community stakeholders to share resources and gather feedback on recommendations for the budget shortfall.
- Thanks to Bob Smith, David Burnison and Kristi Malowick for their work on the healthcare insurance timeline on the self-funded insurance plan.
- Thanks to Connie Syferd for her collaboration on the Homeschool Program-hope to expand that Program.
- Thanks to David Burnison for his work on the hiring of Principals for Hygiene Elementary, Mead Elementary, and soon for Trail Ridge Middle School.
- Reported that Lyons Middle/Senior was used as an evacuation site for displaced homeowners in the Lyons area from the wildfire that happened this week.
- Dr. Haddad encouraged the public that he always appreciates feedback and helpful suggestions and resources on difficult decisions that he has to make.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Recommendation for Scenario C-Heritage/Loma Linda Project

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to pursue Scenario "C" that combines the Heritage Middle School and Loma Linda Elementary School facilities into a functional pre-kindergarten through 8th grade facility. Dori Van Lone seconded.

In September and October of 2011, staff met with community members from Heritage Middle School, Loma Linda Elementary School and Spangler Elementary School to gather input associated with the improvement of educational opportunities within these three facilities. Eight questions were asked during those discussions. Gathered information from those meetings was compiled and posted on the District's web site.

With the community input from those discussions, staff prepared five scenarios that depicted restructuring the facilities to best address the community input. Two of the five scenarios were deemed invalid by staff due to the size of the facility under those scenarios.

Staff returned to the community in late January for additional input. Three of the five scenarios, Options A, B and C, were presented during those community meetings. Three questions were asked on each scenario that included what you liked most about the specific scenario, what you liked least, and finally additional input or comments concerning the three scenarios. Community input gravitated to Scenario C with reference to greater educational opportunities and improved safety. This data, once compiled, will also be available on the District's home page.

Scenario C combines Loma Linda Elementary with Heritage Middle via an addition to connect the two structures. Estimated capacity will be under 1,200 students in the new pre-K through 8th grade facility. Major portions of the construction will be complete by fall of 2013 with remodel efforts continuing into the school year of 2013-14.

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

Approval of Architect for Scenario C Project

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into contract negotiations with SLATERPAULL Architects for the design of the Heritage/Loma Linda K-8 project, and further authorize Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, to sign contract documents for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000. Rod Schmidt seconded.

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

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Sale of Lands and Waiving the Requirements of a Sealed Bid Sale Process

Doris Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve a resolution proclaiming authorization of the sale of District lands known as “Spangler Elementary” and waive the requirements of a sealed bid sale process, and allow the President of the Board of Education to sign the resolution. Rod Schmidt seconded.

The District owns approximately 8.17 acres of land located in Longmont, Colorado known as “Spangler Elementary” and listed as Blk 1 Holiday Park 4, Section 34-3N-69, Subdivision Holiday Park 4 –LG, City of Longmont and County of Boulder, State of Colorado, Parcel No 120534123001, that is no longer necessary to the functions and operations of the District and will not be needed within the foreseeable future for any educational purposes. The District shall obtain an appraisal on such lands. This resolution will waive the provisions of Regulation DN-R, implementing Policy DN to allow for the commercial listing of the Lands for sale.

The District will post a sign on the property together with a legal notice in the newspapers of general circulation within the District and the Longmont area listing the Lands for sale. This can be done with or without the assistance of a real estate agent, at the discretion of the District’s administration. Any contract for sale and purchase shall be presented to the Board of Education for approval and execution upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Schmidt seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous acclamation at 8:14 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 14, 2012.