

**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 March 14, 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 6:02 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
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:

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health
Holli Buchter, District Media Services Coordinator
David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Greg Fieth, Budget Director
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Lamer, Director of Construction
Joe McBreen, Chief Information Officer
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
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; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

The following were present in Executive Session: John Creighton; Debbie Lammers; Mike Schiers; Rod Schmidt; Joie Siegrist; Bob Smith; Dori Van Lone; Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; and David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

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

Brian Hardy, a Silver Creek High School student, created “100 Squared” which is an online volunteer project that matches willing District high school students with volunteer opportunities in organizations within the St. Vrain Valley School District. Email 100squaredlongmont@gmail.com or their website is www.100squared.org. Prospective volunteers or organizations needing volunteers can contact Brian at 303-440-4585.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked the Longmont Chamber of Commerce for hosting Unity in the Community.
- Attended Senate Bill 191 Summit (evaluation system) sponsored by Colorado Education Association, Colorado Association of School Boards, and Colorado Association of School Executives.
- Attended Central PTO meeting-becoming an IB World school.
- Attended a Colorado Parenting Coalition meeting.
- Attended awards ceremony at Altona Middle School where Joe Mehsling received Colorado Principal of the Year.

- Visited Longs Peak Middle School-Latina Leadership team.
- Recognized Russell Smoot who recently passed away for being a decades-long volunteer at Columbine Elementary School. Thanks to him and his wife for their years of volunteering.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Education Task Force meeting and the Longmont Multicultural Action Committee meeting.
- Attended High School Student Advisory Council meeting.
- Attended Niwot High School Education Foundation fundraising event featuring NHS Performing Arts students.
- Attended Unity in the Community.
- Attended Chinese Harbin University Troupe performance at Erie High School.
- Attended awards ceremony at Altona Middle School where Joe Mehsling received Colorado Principal of the Year.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended new Frederick High School Open House.
- Attended Safety Meeting at Coal Ridge Middle School.
- Attended Frederick High School Spring Band Concert.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Interviewed students at the Youth Job & Career Fair. Thanked Bob Smith for participating in the organization of the Fair.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Benefit at LifeBridge Christian Church where Frederick High School graduate of 2000, Rory Vaden, was a speaker.
- Attended Education Task Force meeting.
- Attended Mead Elementary PTO meeting.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Frederick High School Open House.
- Interviewed students at the Youth Job & Career Fair.
- Attended Westview Orchestra and Band Pops Concert.
- Attended Lyons M/S Booster Club meeting.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Alpine Elementary PTO meeting.
- Attended Spangler PTO meeting.
- Attended Mercer healthcare meetings.

- Thanks to Niki Brady and Lisa Hoxie for putting together the Youth Job & Career Fair. 615 students attended and 25 companies were present for the event. Thanks for Dr. Haddad's support, and the City of Longmont and Workforce Boulder County who were partners in hosting the event.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Erie Elementary and Black Rock PTO meetings.
- Attended Unity in the Community.
- Attended Frederick High School Open House.
- Attended several Finance and Audit Committee meetings.
- Attended Chinese Harbin University Troupe performance at Erie High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Thanks to Longs Peak Middle School Principal Matt Buchler, Assistant Principal Kim Watry, and their wonderful staff as an AP demonstration school.
- Highlighted Denver Post article "Cashing in on School Stimulus" showcasing the disturbing fact that \$25 of every \$100 of grant money went to consultants rather than the turnaround plan for schools that are struggling.
- Reported recognition by Lt. Governor Joe Garcia who highlighted the Boulder and Longmont communities' strength of their preschool programs.
- Visited Skyline High School when they hosted a statewide girls' STEM project. Thanks to Principal Patty Quinones and Assistant Principal Heidi Ringer who have created one of the finest STEM programs in the state.
- Thanks to Mark Mills for being a judge at the Blue Mountain Elementary Science Fair.
- Congratulations to Joe Mehsling and Altona Middle School as Joe was awarded Colorado Middle School Principal of the Year.
- Thanks to Regina Renaldi on her Comcast "People Making a Difference Program" work with Innovation Academy.
- Reported that the Tech Talks luncheon went very well. Dr. Haddad will continue meeting with various corporations around the community.
- Congratulations to Altona Middle School for winning the state Math Counts! competition in Golden at the Colorado School of Mines on March 10. National competition will be in Orlando, Florida on May 11, 2012.

REPORTS (6.0)

Olde Columbine High School Report by High School Advisory Council (6.1)

Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent, introduced Olde Columbine High School Principal Deniece Cook and Dean of Students Belinda Backous. They introduced Sam Zilli, Tanner Current, and Trish Rowley who then presented a report on the successes of Olde Columbine High School.

District Enrollment Projections for 2012-2016 (6.2)

Scott Toillion, Director of Planning, gave an extensive report on District enrollment projections for 2012 through 2016.

The Board would like the Planning Department to revisit boundaries of the new Frederick High School.

Athletics/Fine Arts Report (6.3)

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health, gave an extensive report on District school sports and Fine Art performance activities during the fall season.

2008 Bond Activity Update (6.4)

Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, gave an extensive report regarding the 2008 Building Bond activities. He recognized Brian Lamer and his team for the work they've done on District renovation and construction projects.

Health Insurance Transitions-Partnerships (6.5)

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided a report on the partnerships and strategies being used to transition to a partially self-funded health insurance program for the employees of the St. Vrain Valley School District, to be implemented January 30, 2013. This report is a result of collaborations with the Mercer Company, insurance consultants to the District, and the Insurance Advisory Committee.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Dori Van Lone moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.7; 7.9; 7.11; and 7.13-7.16. Rod Schmidt seconded. Consent agenda item 7.8 was pulled by Bob Smith, and 7.10 and 7.12 were pulled by Rod Schmidt for questions.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the February 8, 2012 Regular Meeting; February 15, 2012 Regular Study Session; the February 22, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session; and the March 7, 2012 Special Study Session
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation AE-R-1 – District Accountability/Accreditation Committee (By-Laws)
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy DJE – Bidding Procedures
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Extension for Waste Removal and Recycle Services for 2012/2013 School Year

- 7. Approval: Approval of Intent to Apply for Grants-21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant and School Counselor Corps Grant Program
- 9. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Mead Elementary/Middle School Parking Lot Paving Project
- 11. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Owner/Architect Agreement-Frederick K-8 Project
- 13. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Owner/Architect Agreement-Northridge Elementary Renovation Project
- 14. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-Alpine Elementary IT and Electrical Improvements and Trail Ridge Middle Renovation Projects
- 15. Approval: Approval of Scope Changes and Change Order to CMGC-Mead Press Box Relocation Project
- 16. Approval: Approval to Purchase Classroom Furniture for HS #8

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; Dori Van Lone, yes].

7.8 Approval of Application for State of Colorado Race to the Top Funds.

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the State of Colorado Race to the Top Fund application for St. Vrain Valley School District's \$146,000 allocation/portion of the State grant. Dori Van Lone 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; Dori Van Lone, yes].

7.10 Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) for Heritage/Loma Linda K-8 Project.

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into contract negotiations with Saunders Construction, Inc., for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) services for the Heritage/Loma Linda K-8 Project for a contract amount not-to-exceed \$11,400,000 which includes a 10% contingency. Further, that the Board authorize Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, to sign contract documents and initiate scope changes in accordance with Board of Education policy. Debbie Lammers 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; Dori Van Lone, yes].

7.12 Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) for Frederick K-8 Project.

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into contract negotiations with FCI Constructors, Inc., for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) services for the Frederick K-8 Project for a contract amount not-to-exceed \$9,705,000 which includes a 10% contingency. Further, that the Board authorize Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, to sign contract documents and initiate scope changes in accordance with Board of Education policy. Bob Smith 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; Dori Van Lone, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Appointment of Principal to Hygiene Elementary (8.1)

Mike Schiers moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Renee Collier as Principal of Hygiene Elementary, effective August 1, 2012. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Ms. Collier graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education and Master of Science in Educational Administration both from Illinois State University. Ms. Collier has additional graduate coursework in Literacy as related to methods, researched-based practices, assessments and integrating visual arts. She has 19 years of experience in education. Her education experience has included teaching in the areas of Special Education, Language Arts, Science, Math and Instructional Literacy. Ms. Collier has been employed with the St. Vrain Valley School District since August of 2000. She is currently serving the District as a K-12 Social Studies Standards Alignment Facilitator; Secondary Literacy Coordinator and RTI Coordinator.

Approval of Resolution Proclaiming National Library Week, April 8-14, 2012 (8.2)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution proclaiming April 8-14, 2012 as National Library Week. Rod Schmidt seconded.

Board President John Creighton read the Resolution.

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; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of St. Vrain Online Global Academy Graduation Dates (8.3)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve graduation dates of Friday, May 25, 2012; Friday, May 24, 2013; and Friday, May 23, 2014, all at 2:00 p.m., for the St. Vrain Online Global Academy. Bob Smith seconded.

St. Vrain Online Global Academy is the newest and only virtual high school in the St. Vrain Valley School District that opened in August 2011. Because this is the first year that the school has been open, graduation dates were not previously considered.

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; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Joint Use Agreement with Town of Mead (8.4)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) of Facilities between the Town of Mead and the St. Vrain Valley School District, and further authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign contract documents. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The JUA with the Town of Mead will be renewed every three (3) years.

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; Dori Van Lone, yes]

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Regulation EHC-R – St. Vrain Valley School District Terms, Conditions and Responsible Use Guidelines (9.1)

The proposed changes to EHC-R address providing for the education of minors about appropriate online behavior, including social networking, as well as cyber bullying awareness and response.

It was recommended by the Board that this policy be moved to Consent at the April 11, 2012 meeting.

Third Grade Literacy (9.2)

Due to the length of the meeting, this topic was tabled for another meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Lammers 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; Dori Van Lone, yes]

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 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 April 11, 2012.