

**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 June 13, 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 7:05 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 (arrived at 8:12 pm)  
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  
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  
Sherri Stephens-Carter, Charter Liaison  
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement  
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

**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)**

**Board Communications**

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Mayors' Meeting.
- Attended Longmont Rotary luncheon-heard positive comments from Rotary members regarding possible mill levy override fall ballot measure.
- Attended Adult Education graduation.
- Attended Silver Creek High School graduation.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Education Task Force of the City of Longmont Multicultural Action Committee (LMAC) meeting.
- Attended Olde Columbine High School graduation.
- Attended Niwot High graduation.
- Attended Niwot High Education Foundation meeting and SMS PAC meetings: thanks to Sunset Middle School Parent Advisory Council member for applying to Whole Foods program that will bring proceeds to Sunset Middle.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Frederick High graduation.
- Visited new Frederick High School summer athletics programs.
- Talked to a lot of teachers in the last few weeks-very positive feedback on the teachers' contract that was approved by the District.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended first St. Vrain Online Global Academy graduation.
- Attended Lyons Middle/High School graduation.
- Met with Julie Webster to learn more about the IB diploma program.
- Reported that there will be a LiveWell Longmont Weigh & Win kiosk at the Longmont Library in support of healthy living and eating.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Longmont High School graduation.

- Attended Mayors' Meeting regarding mill levy question-terrific feedback and strong support reflected.
- Attended Joint Board meeting with Aspen Ridge Preparatory School on June 6.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Universal High School graduation.
- Attended Erie High School graduation.
- Visited Erie Middle School to see the progress of the construction.
- Attended award ceremony at Red Hawk Elementary for being national winners of the ChildObesity180 program. Red Hawk was awarded a \$100,000 grant for their "Red Hawk Movement" program.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)**

- Congratulations to Red Hawk Elementary School for winning a \$100,000 grant as national winners of the Active Schools Accelerated Project (ASAP) as well as being awarded \$25,000 for their Red Hawk Movement Program. (<http://www.activeschoolsasap.org/innovation-competition/>) This national childhood obesity prevention program is funded by a consortium of organizations through Tufts University.
- Thank you to David Burnison and his hiring team for selecting the new Silver Creek High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, Marty Tonjes, who joins us from Horizon High School.
- Announced that the District administrative team will be meeting in Estes Park July 23-24, 2012. Attendees will pay all their own expenses while using personal vacation time. The Board of Education was invited to attend.
- Attended many community meetings which reminded Dr. Haddad that our District belongs to the community. Realtors stated that the value of our homes rise and fall significantly with the quality of our schools-positive feedback and comments about the District from all local organizations and their members that he met with.

### **REPORTS (6.0)**

#### **Public Hearing on Superintendent's Proposed FY2013 Budget (6.1)**

The Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget was introduced to the Board of Education on May 23, 2012. Greg Fieth, Budget Director, presented a brief overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and answered questions from Board members. A Public Hearing was then conducted. No one came forward with questions or concerns and no written comments have been received to date. The final budget adoption is scheduled for June 27, 2012. This timing complies with all Colorado statutes and CDE rules and regulations.

#### **Athletics/Fine Arts Report (6.2)**

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health, provided the Board of Education with an extensive report of the results of spring sports and fine arts events.

### **Attendance and Truancy Data Update (6.3)**

Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, provided the Board of Education with an update on attendance and truancy data in the St. Vrain Valley School District. Connie Syferd introduced and thanked Jackie Whittington and Heidi Weekly who are instrumental to the success of the attendance and truancy program.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.8 and 7.10 through 7.13. Consent agenda item 7.9 was pulled for further discussion. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the May 9, 2012 Regular Meeting; the May 23, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session; and the June 6, 2012 Joint Meeting with Aspen Ridge Preparatory School
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy DBJ – Contingency Reserve/Budget Transfers and Borrowing
5. Approval: Approval of Designated Election Official
6. Approval: Approval of Fuel Purchases for the 2012/2013 School Year
7. Approval: Approval of Change Order One-Construction Manager/General Contractor-Trail Ridge Middle School Renovation Project
8. Approval: Approval of Change Order One-Construction Manager/General Contractor-Frederick K-8 Project
10. Approval: Approval of Waiver to Board Policy KH, Public Gifts to Schools
11. Approval: Approval of Contract Agreement with Front Range Orthopedic Center
12. Approval: Approval of Change Order One-Construction Manager/General Contractor-Alpine Elementary IT and Electrical Improvement Project
13. Approval: Approval of Change Order 29-New Frederick High School #8 Project

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].

Board member Mike Schiers pulled Consent Item 7.9 to inform us that he is an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Carbon Valley Recreation District, and wanted

to advise the public and the Board that there is no personal benefit to him by virtue of this board membership and therefore no conflict of interest in voting on this item.

9. Approval: Approval of Joint Use Agreement with the Carbon Valley Recreation District

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent agenda item 7.9. 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].

**ACTION ITEMS (8.0)**

**Approval of Appointment of Principal for Columbine Elementary School (8.1)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Stephanie Anderson as Principal of Columbine Elementary School, effective August 1, 2012. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Ms. Anderson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish (with a focus on bilingual, bicultural elementary education) from the University of Northern Colorado and graduated with a Masters of Education and Educational Leadership from Colorado State University. In addition, she studied Spanish and Cultural Studies at the Fenix Language Institute in Cuernavaca, Morelos in Mexico.

Ms. Anderson has 12 years of experience in education. Her educational experience includes roles as a lead bilingual teacher, education program assistant, literacy teacher (bilingual), literacy coach/academic support and assistant principal.

Ms. Anderson will be joining the St. Vrain Valley School District from Weld RE-8 School District, where she currently serves as the assistant principal for Butler Elementary School.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent (arrived at 8:12 pm); Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

**Approval of 2012/2013 Teachers' Negotiated Agreement (8.2)**

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the changes to the Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (SVVEA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J, as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), effective July 1, 2012. Mike Schiers seconded.

The negotiation teams for the District and SVVEA met several times over a number of months in the winter and spring for discussions regarding proposed language changes in the existing Agreement, including compensation matters. The discussions resulted in a number of tentative agreements and the MOA.

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)**

#### **Charter School Contract Renewals-Aspen Ridge, Carbon Valley Academy, Flagstaff Academy, Imagine Charter, St. Vrain Community Montessori, and Twin Peaks Charter Academy (9.1)**

Sherri Stephens-Carter provided the Board of Education with information related to the 2012-2013 contracts with Aspen Ridge Preparatory, Carbon Valley Academy, Flagstaff Academy, Imagine Charter, St. Vrain Community Montessori, and Twin Peaks Charter Academy.

The District negotiates yearly contracts with its charter schools. This year, the District made minor revisions to last year's contracts, both to reflect issues raised by the Board of Education and changes suggested by staff. The revisions were reviewed and approved by District legal counsel. These charter school contracts will be presented for approval at the June 27, 2012 Board meeting.

Aspen Ridge and Carbon Valley's Boards of Directors meet in July, and will then have the opportunity to revise their contracts to include the changes suggested by the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education. All other charters will have the opportunity to have an addendum of changes approved by the Board of Education at the August 1, 2012 Board Meeting.

Board President John Creighton thanked Aspen Ridge for attending the joint meeting on June 6, and supplying their budget revisions in a timely fashion.

#### **Potential Sale of District Properties (9.2)**

The Board of Education discussed the potential sale of District properties, including the stand-alone gym building and ball fields at the old Frederick High School, the Lincoln Street facility, and Spangler Elementary.

Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, reported on current events surrounding the facilities that are considered excess:

- City of Longmont may be interested in the Spangler Elementary School site. They are having it appraised and will let the Board know of the value.

- Town of Frederick and the Carbon Valley Recreation District is interested in the ball fields at the old Frederick High School. An appraiser has been hired.
- Town of Frederick is slightly interested in the old Frederick High School gym (that stands alone), if the price is low enough.
- Possibility of moving Lincoln Street program to Main Street School. City of Longmont may be interested in creating a park where the Lincoln Street facility is located.

**First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy BCAA – Gifting, Awards, Honorariums and Sponsorships; and Board Exhibit BCAA-E – Giftings, Awards, Honorariums, and Sponsorships Guidelines (9.3)**

Revisions to this policy and accompanying exhibit are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by administration.

The Board recommended that these policies be placed in Consent for the August 1, 2012 Regular Meeting.

**First Reading, Introduction, New Board Policy DI – Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54 Compliance (9.4)**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) believed there was significant variation in how accounting standards were being applied by governmental entities, leading to a significant divergence in practice and widespread confusion about terminology. There was a mismatch between what governments are reporting about fund balance and what users of financial statements actually need. To address this issue, GASB issued GASB No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. Under GASB 54, fund balance should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

In an attempt to comply with GASB 54, and enable the Board's budget priorities to be reflected in the District's financial reporting, Financial Services is bringing forward this new policy.

The Board recommended that this policy be placed in Consent for the August 1, 2012 Regular Meeting.

**First Reading, Introduction Board Regulation JLIF-R – Use of Electronic Recording Equipment to Monitor Student Behavior (9.5)**

The Use of Safety and Security Technologies Board policy (JLIF) was adopted on February 27, 2002 for the use of electronic recording and video equipment to be utilized on school premises, property and vehicles for promoting safety. The District staff has

solicited feedback from parents, community members, administrators and stakeholders and has determined that it is reasonable to extend the policy to cover the use of interior recording equipment inside our schools. This equipment will be placed in hallways and common areas of the school, but will not be permitted in locker rooms, restrooms and any area where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.

The Board recommended that this policy be placed in Consent for the August 1, 2012 Regular Meeting.

### **Waiver of Board Policy DB-Annual Budget (9.6)**

The administration will be bringing forward an Action item on June 27, 2012 requesting a one-year waiver from Board Policy-DB, Annual Budget, specifically the following two paragraphs:

“The budget shall annually include a per pupil dollar amount to be allocated, in the discretion of the Board of Education, to the instructional supplies and materials account. The initial dollar amount shall be \$193 per pupil for 2009-2010, shall not fall below that amount, and shall at least be increased each year by the rate of inflation or the same percentage that the statewide base per pupil funding is increased, whichever is less.

The budget shall annually include a per pupil dollar amount to be allocated, in the discretion of the Board of Education, to the Capital Reserve Fund. The initial dollar amount shall be \$313 per pupil for 2009-2010, shall not fall below that amount, and shall at least be increased each year by the rate of inflation or the same percentage that the statewide base per pupil funding is increased, whichever is less.”

This waiver shall apply to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget as prepared and presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Rod Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. 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 meeting was adjourned at 8:54 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 August 1, 2012.