

**MINUTES
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

OPENING OF MEETING

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met August 1, 2012 at the Educational Services Center Board Room, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The special meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, Director District A
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C
Dori Van Lone, Treasurer, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Rod Schmidt, Director District F

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for 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

Dori Van Lone 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 regarding Urban Renewal Authorities and Intergovernmental Agreements with the Towns of Firestone and Erie, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e). Joie Siegrist seconded.

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

The following were present in Executive Session: John Creighton; Debbie Lammers; Joie Siegrist; Bob Smith; Dori Van Lone; Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer; Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer and Scott Toillion, Director of Planning.

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Erie Middle School Explosion

Dr. Don Haddad gave an update on the explosion at Erie Middle School and of the injured parties as well as the damage to the building. Dr. Haddad wanted everyone to know that our hearts and prayers are with the three individuals that were hurt.

Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, gave an update of the explosion as well. He is hopeful that fire investigators complete their investigation quickly so that school staff will be allowed back in the building to assess the damage.

The Board wanted Rick Ring to let his team know that everyone is thinking about the injured workers.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

George Heath, resident of Firestone, attended in support of Yes on 3A Committee.

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

Board Recognition

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent; introduced Troy Snyder, the new Mead High School Principal. Mr. Snyder introduced his family who also attended. Mr. Snyder's appointment to Principal of Mead High School was officially approved by the Board at its May 23, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session, but he was unable to attend at that time.

Board Communications

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Attended the Administrative Retreat on July 23 and 24 in Estes Park. Thanks to all administrators for taking time out of their summer to meet with the administrative group. Thank you to Amy Weed and Mark Mills for bringing the principals together.
- Thanks to Rick Ring and Brian Lamer for their leadership in the building of the new Frederick High School as well as the extensive renovations taking place throughout the District.
- Thank you to Regina Renaldi and Connie Syferd for their work with IBM and Innovation Academy for a Smarter Planet. They were thrilled to have Senator Brandon Shaffer visit.
- Westview and Flagstaff Academy logged in the most reading this summer. Congratulations to those students.
- Visit from Cecilia Muñoz, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, to Skyline High School to discuss their STEM program and Career and Technical Education in the District. Thanks to Patty Quinones, Amy Weed, and Connie Syferd for all their efforts in this event.
- Thank you to David Burnison and Trip Merklein for their work on Senate Bill 191.
- Participated in town hall meeting with State Representatives Matt Jones and Jonathan Singer; and Andy Dorsey, President of Front Range Community College.
- Announced the Classified Staff Welcome Back at Erie High School Friday, August 3. Board members are welcome to attend.
- Announced New Teacher Orientation at Silver Creek High School. Thank you to Human Resources and Lory Courtney. Board members are welcome to attend.
- Updates to come from Terry Schueler on the IFAS transition.
- Communications-Academic Excellence by Design--More advertising with buses in the next few months. There will be pictures of working students on the buses.
- Updated 2012 report from Communications forthcoming.
- Thank you to John Poynton who will head up Leadership St. Vrain for the fourth year with 50 participants.
- Will attend Boettcher Scholarship dinner honoring Ryan Carson from Silver Creek High School and Maddie Doering from Lyons Middle/Senior.
- Ballot language for the mill levy override in discussion phase.

REPORTS (6.0)

4th Quarter 2011-2012 Gifts to Schools (6.1)

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board of Education with a report of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fourth quarter of the 2011-2012 school year totaling \$243,590.90. Donations for the 2011-2012 school year totaled \$849,470.25. Ms. Schueler thanked the parent groups for their support.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.8. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 13, 2012 Regular Meeting; the June 20, 2012 Regular Study Session; and the June 27, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy BCAA – Gifting, Awards, Honorariums and Sponsorships; BCAA-E – Giftings, Awards, Honorariums and Sponsorships Guidelines
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, New Board Policy DI – Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54 Compliance
6. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation JLIF-R – Use of Electronic Recording Equipment to Monitor Student Behavior
7. Approval: Approval of Investing in Innovation Grant Application
8. Approval: Approval of Consolidated Federal Grant Funds

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Firestone Urban Renewal Authorities (9.1)

An Executive Session was held at 5:30 pm before tonight's Special Board meeting to discuss negotiations regarding Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) concerning the proposed Urban Renewal Authorities in the Town of Firestone.

Wes LaVanchy, Firestone Town Manager, and Bruce Nickerson, Firestone Town Planner, presented the Town of Firestone proposal using an IGA model that the Loveland Urban Renewal Authority and the Thompson School District used.

Erie Urban Renewal Authorities (9.2)

An Executive Session was held at 5:30 pm before tonight's Special Board meeting to discuss negotiations regarding Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) concerning the proposed Urban Renewal Authorities in the Town of Erie.

AJ Krieger, Town Administrator, presented the Town of Erie proposal. On the advice of the Board, the Town of Erie will draft a proposed agreement outline for consideration as soon as possible.

Review Mill Levy Override Ballot Question (9.3)

The Board of Education and the administrative team discussed language that could be used in the ballot if the District should decide to ask for a mill levy override for the November 6, 2012 Coordinated Election.

The Board collectively agreed that administration should ask voters to approve a \$14.8 million mill levy override. Board members that were present indicated they would prefer to provide tonight's absent members, Rod Schmidt and Mike Schiers, an opportunity to indicate their thoughts about the dollar amount to ask voters at the August 8th Board meeting.

A vote on the final ballot language will take place at the August 8, 2012 Board Regular meeting.

Senior Tax Work-Off Program (9.4)

The Board expressed concerns about the impact of a potential mill levy increase on senior citizens and disabled homeowners on a fixed income. Staff has done research and provided information about the possibility of allowing seniors and disabled citizens to work in the schools and earn money towards their property taxes.

The Board was collectively in favor of the Senior Tax Work-Off Program. The Board will vote on implementing the program at its August 8, 2012 Regular Meeting.

It was recommended by Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, that this program be implemented if a mill levy override passes this November.

Review 2012-2013 Board of Education Working Calendar (9.5)

Board members were encouraged to review the 2012-2013 Board Working Calendar and make any additions and deletions necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Lammers moved to adjourn the meeting. Joie Siegrist seconded.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 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 12, 2012.