

**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 September 12, 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 7:02 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:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Stacy Davis, Security Manager
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
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Ginny Buczek, United Power Board of Directors-reported that she is grateful for the beautiful schools in her community. Thanked Dr. Haddad for responding when years ago Frederick High School requested more Advanced Placement courses. That very next year, they received many more choices for advanced classes.

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

United Power representatives Bill Meier and Ginny Buczek presented the Board with a capital credit refund check for \$11,180.26 for energy credits earned in the 2011-2012 school year.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Central PTO meeting.
- Attended Parents in Education meeting.
- Reported that the community is starting to recognize increasing class sizes due to the impact of state budget cuts.
- Thanked all the groups that he has talked to that are supporting the mill levy override.
- Talked with the charter schools about the impact of the mill levy override.
- Thanked everyone that he has had a chance to visit with about the District budget situation.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB Fall Regional meeting in Loveland-heard from many schools about how they are dealing with budget cuts, and encouraged everyone to contact their legislators about budget cuts.
- Attended Educational Task Force meeting at Trail Ridge Middle School.
- Attended Niwot High School Education Foundation meeting.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley-annual report to the community.
- Attended education roundtable with Senator Brandon Shaffer.
- Attended Longmont Festival on Main at the District and Grassroots St. Vrain booths.
- Attended City of Longmont Multicultural Action Plan of the Education Task Force-reported that there are available funds to be allocated for educational purposes to be applied for before December. Noted that there is an urgent need for volunteers for Adult Education.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Frederick High School Boosters Club meeting.

- Visited all schools in the Tri-Towns.
- Attended Grand Opening for the new Frederick High School.
- Reminded everyone about the Frederick Miner's Day celebration this weekend.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Loma Linda Elementary, Heritage Middle, Fall River Elementary and Mead Elementary PTO meetings.
- Attended Education Task Force meeting.
- Thanked Grassroots St. Vrain for all of their tremendous support in delivering the message of the mill levy override.
- Attended Longmont Festival on Main at the District and Grassroots St. Vrain booths-overwhelming support from retired members in the community and their feeling that this mill levy is an investment in the future.
- Noted that parents are clearly seeing class size increases due to budget cuts at their children's schools.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Lyons Town Board meeting.
- Attended Back-to-School Night at Lyons Elementary School.
- Attended Lyons Middle/Senior Back-to-School Barbeque.
- Toured the Career Development Center and Olde Columbine High School-was amazed at the wonderful programs at CDC.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Alpine Elementary PTO meeting.
- Attended Superintendent's Update meeting at Longmont High School.
- Congratulated Olde Columbine and Skyline each for raising their ACT scores in all four areas this year.
- Attended Longmont City Council meeting-great presentation by John Creighton, Don Haddad, Chris Lammers, and Ken Schuetz regarding the mill levy override.
- Attended education roundtable with Senator Brandon Shaffer-more than half the participants were teachers that were very supportive of St. Vrain Valley.
- Visited Mountain View-he was energized by Principal Nancy Pitz and her staff, and was impressed with their Longmont High School student mentoring program.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting-excellent presentation by Rick Ring and Brian Lamer.
- Attended Erie Town Board meeting.
- Attended Erie Middle School PTO meeting-great presentation by Grassroots St. Vrain. Parents were amazed at the progress on the building.
- Attended Erie Elementary PTO meeting.

- Attended Erie High School Back-to-School Night.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Amy Weed was excited to report about the first community meeting for the Frederick K-8. There will be a committee meeting with parents to name the school and create a mascot.
- Congratulations to Longmont High instructor Jackie Bilan for being awarded the Best Should Teach Gold Award from University of Colorado-Boulder.
- Reported on the Comprehensive Framework- more detailed report to come.
- Congratulations to Jane Schein and the Finance Department on their Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the 8th consecutive year they have won this award.
- Congratulations to Mead High School Art students, who were chosen by the Colorado Artists Guild, to have their artwork displayed in Senator Michael Bennet's office in Washington D.C.
- Congratulations to Red Hawk Elementary School-awarded Project of the Year by the Colorado Association of Libraries which voted RHES the top library.
- Congratulations to Red Hawk Elementary School for their Merit Award for their schools' energy sustainable architecture, and receiving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification.
- Reported that the District's total assessed property valuation may see an increase-report to come later.
- Reported teacher/principal evaluation training on September 25 and 26 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the LSC/ESC. The group will be interviewed about Senate Bill 191 issues by the *New York Times*. The Board was invited to attend.
- Reported that the District estimates about 700 students more than last year. Continuing to slowly release FTE as building needs indicate.
- Will discuss Adult Education at September 19 Board Study Session-will be visiting with Adult Education staff September 13. The Board will make final decision at Study Session on September 26.
- Dr. Haddad met with Micron Technology who presented the District MESA program with a check for \$600. They are a new company in Longmont-already discussed possible partnerships with the District.
- Attending Frederick Miner's Day this weekend.
- Met with Longmont, Lyons, Erie, and Mead Town Boards; YMCA; the local Rotary Clubs; Longmont Chamber; and local business owners-very positive support for the District.
- Will attend Hispanic Education Golf Tournament this weekend.
- Announced new partnership between Career Development Center and Front Range Community College. Connie Syferd will report on that proposal to the Board at the October 17 Study Session.
- Dr. Haddad will be interviewing Grassroots St. Vrain parents on Channel 8. This will be streamed live on the District website.

- Dr. Haddad has had the opportunity to be in every single school-thanked the amazing teachers and staff that are working very hard and displaying a positive attitude.

REPORTS (6.0)

Safety and Security Report (6.1)

Stacy Davis informed the Board of Education of the School Safety Committees' progress, and updated the Board of Education on related District-level safety and security topics. Stacy also reported the results of the Safe 2 Tell program and the progress it has made.

Dr. Haddad added that area emergency response personnel are very excited about the work that Stacy is doing with the new District safety programs, and he thanked Stacy for her leadership.

2011-2012 Scholarship Recipients (6.2)

Dr. Don Haddad provided the Board of Education with information relative to high school scholarships awarded to 2011-2012 District graduates. Students were awarded a total of \$357,928 in local scholarships and awards. Students were also offered a total of \$15,910,528 in scholarships and awards from colleges and universities across the country.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Dori Van Lone moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.9. Bob Smith seconded. Consent Agenda Item 7.5 was pulled for further discussion.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the August 1, 2012 Special Meeting; the August 8, 2012 Regular Meeting; and the August 22, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy DB – Annual Budget
6. Approval: Approval of Change Order One and Two to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Longmont P-8 (Heritage/Loma Linda K-8) Project
7. Approval: Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for the Longmont High School Education Foundation
8. Approval: Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for the Silver Creek High School Education Foundation
9. Approval: Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for the Skyline High School Education Foundation

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].

Consent Agenda Item 7.5 Approval of Payment to District Auditing Firm was pulled and discussed further. Terry Schueler provided the board with information regarding the payment amount.

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.5. 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].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Firestone Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement (8.1)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Firestone Urban Renewal Authority (FURA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure future District revenue will be protected from the tax increment financing (TIF) of the URA. Bob Smith seconded.

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, reported that District staff has worked with the Firestone Town Administrator to develop the attached Intergovernmental Agreement to protect the District from some of the negative impacts of Urban Renewal Authorities on school funding.

Dr. Haddad and the Board recognized the leadership of Terry Schueler and Rick Ring for their work with the Town of Firestone on the Urban Renewal Authority and the Intergovernmental Agreement.

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 IDEA Eligibility Certification (8.2)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the amended narratives that guide how Student Services and the District can access and encumber IDEA Special Education Funds. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Jackie Whittington reported that the District would like to expand the use of IDEA dollars to be able to access funding to support current programs.

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 Policy JICI – Weapons in School (9.1)

Revisions to this policy are necessary due to recent changes in legislation and have been reviewed by administration.

The Board recommended that this policy be placed in Consent for the October 10, 2012 Regular Board meeting.

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 8:28 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 October 10, 2012.