

**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 October 10, 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 (arrived at 7:29 p.m.)
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
Greg Fieth, Budget Director
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Ella Padilla, Executive Director of Human Resources Area 1
Regina Renaldi, Executive Director of Priority Schools
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Tori Teague, Executive Director of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Action Item 8.10 had an additional sentence added to its Resolution (Line 22).

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Ken Schuetz attended the meeting as the Committee Chair of the campaign for Yes on 3A mill levy override committee. He gave a report on the committee events in support of the mill levy override. Board members thanked Mr. Schuetz for the efforts of the Yes on 3A Committee and the Grassroots St. Vrain group.

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

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting.
- Attended Rocky Mountain and Blue Mountain PTO meetings.
- Attended track meets at Twin Peaks Charter Academy, Mead, and the St. Vrain RE-1J track meet.
- Thanked Sunrise Lions Club for their annual Sunrise Stampede contributions.
- Attended Community Foundation of Boulder County meeting.
- Thanked parents and businesses for all their contributions to District students.
- Concerning parents and political information dissemination at schools: groups are allowed to rent a table to voice their opinions. We just ask that they are mindful that they are on school grounds and remind them there are children present.
- Attended a meeting with the Charter School Institute-will be proposing Board representatives meet with charter school representatives about funding issues in November or December.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Niwot Community Association meeting.
- Attended City of Longmont's Education Task Force meeting.
- Attended Niwot High School Booster meeting.
- Attended Burlington Parent Advisory Council meeting.
- Attended Frederick High School warrior statue unveiling-was impressed to meet the artist that created it.
- Attended PK-8 Longmont Community Meeting-very well organized.
- Announced that the Niwot Elementary Choir (40 students) sang the National Anthem at a Colorado Rockies baseball game on August 14, 2012. Thanks to Jenna Olschlager, Music Instructor, for organizing this event.
- Attended Logic and Accuracy Test at the Boulder County Elections Office.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Frederick K-8 PTO meeting.
- Attended Mead Middle Parent Advisory Council meeting.
- Attended Skyline High Boosters meeting.
- Attended St. Vrain Band Night. Event was available on a live feed and on YouTube.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Mead High Boosters meeting.
- Complimented the Grassroots St. Vrain group-thank you for their tremendous job.
- Thanked the parents of the District-impressed with the amount of parental participation.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Twin Peaks Charter Academy PTO meeting-they passed a resolution in support of the mill levy override.
- Attended Parent Association for Sanborn Students meeting-thank you to parents and parent groups for their support and contributions.
- Attended Lyons Middle/Senior PTO meeting.
- Announced a food drive on October 15-24, 2012-District employees and nine other employers in Longmont have a goal to collect 50,000 pounds of food for the OUR Center. Food can be dropped off at Student Services, Clover Basin, or the ESC.
- Announced the Turkey Trot 2-mile walk/10k-run on Saturday, November 10-invited Board members. Groups can register through City of Longmont website.
- Attended Logic and Accuracy Test at the Boulder County Elections Office.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Northridge Elementary PTO meeting.
- Attended Silver Creek High School Performing Arts parents meeting.
- Attended Longmont High School Education Foundation meeting.
- Attended Longs Peak Middle School Induction-congratulations to Principal Buchler on building student leadership skills.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting.
- Attended Black Rock Elementary PTO meeting-feedback very positive on mill levy override.
- Noted that senior citizens from Erie are very much in support of the mill levy override.
- Attended self-insurance pool meeting.
- Attended PTO training workshop-DVD of the meeting is available for those PTO presidents that were unable to attend.
- Attended various Erie sporting events-Erie High School softball in regional playoffs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

None

REPORTS (6.0)

Skyline High School Feeder Report by High School Advisory Council Students (6.1)

Amy Weed introduced Skyline High School students Sarah Steed, Zenia Quintana, Tim Finnegan, and Braden Richards who are all on the High School Advisory Council. The students gave a report of the events and accomplishments that are happening in the schools in the Skyline High School feeder system.

First Quarter 2012-2013 Gifts to Schools (6.2)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education results of the first quarter 2012-2013 gifts to schools. The District was given gifts in the amount of \$118,325.13 for the first quarter.

Staffing Allocation Process (6.3)

David Burnison and Ella Padilla provided the Board of Education with a presentation on the staffing allocation process.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.8. Dori Van Lone seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the September 12, 2012 Regular Meeting; the September 19, 2012 Regular Study Session; and the September 26, 2012 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JFABB-E – Admission of Exchange and Foreign Students
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy JICI – Weapons in School
6. Approval: Approval of Free and Reduced Meal Application (Board Exhibit EFC-E)
7. Approval: Approval of Colorado High School Activities Association Certification for Twin Peaks Charter Academy High School
8. Approval: Approval of Race to the Top Grant Application

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)

Appointment of New Member to the Accountability/Accreditation Committee (8.1)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve Laurie Rayhill as a new member of the District Accountability/Accreditation Committee as per Policy BDF, Advisory Committees. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Laurie Rayhill, a parent and teacher residing in District F, has lived in Mead for 11 years. Laurie graduated from Muskingum College in Ohio with a B.A. in Elementary Education with special education endorsements. She received a Master's Degree in School Leadership and obtained her Colorado Principal's Certification in 2009. Laurie is currently working as the Building Team Leader at Altona Middle School where she was also the special education teacher since 2002. Laurie is married to Barry Rayhill, a test engineer at Ball Corporation, located in Boulder. Her daughter and son currently attend Mead High School.

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 Accreditation Recommendations for District Schools (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the accreditation recommendations for schools within the St. Vrain Valley School District. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Tori Teague reported the following accreditation recommendations for each school in the District:

Accredited with Distinction (Performance Plan):

Altona Middle, Aspen Ridge Preparatory, Black Rock Elementary, Blue Mountain Elementary, Eagle Crest Elementary, Erie Elementary, Lyons Elementary, Lyons Middle/Senior, Mead Middle, Niwot Elementary, Red Hawk Elementary, and Westview Middle School.

Accredited with Performance Plan:

Alpine Elementary, Burlington Elementary, Carbon Valley Academy, Columbine Elementary, Erie High, Erie Middle, Fall River Elementary, Flagstaff Academy, Hygiene Elementary, Imagine Charter, Legacy Elementary, Longmont Estates, Longmont High, Longs Peak Middle, Mead High, Mountain View Elementary, Niwot High, Prairie Ridge

Elementary, Sanborn Elementary, Silver Creek High, St. Vrain Community Montessori, Sunset Middle, and Twin Peaks Charter Academy.

Accredited with Improvement Plan:

Centennial Elementary, Central Elementary, Coal Ridge Middle, Frederick High, Heritage Middle, Indian Peaks Elementary, Loma Linda Elementary, Mead Elementary, Northridge Elementary, Rocky Mountain Elementary, Skyline High, and Trial Ridge Middle School.

Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan: Frederick Elementary and Spangler Elementary.

Non-Traditional Schools:

Accredited with Performance Plan-Apex Home School Enrichment Program (new school, no data)

Accredited with Turnaround Plan-St. Vrain Online Global Academy (31 students)

Alternative Schools:

Accredited (Plan Assignment TBD – data will be available at a later date)-Adult Education and Olde Columbine High School

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 Resolution Proclaiming Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2012 (8.3)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution proclaiming October 23-31, 2012, as Red Ribbon Week. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The District's goal in sponsoring Red Ribbon Week is to focus on positive ways to help free our community of the devastation caused by the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, and to foster resiliency in our children and youth.

Board member Debbie Lammers 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 Resolution Proclaiming Safe Schools Week, October 21-27, 2012 (8.4)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution proclaiming October 21-27, 2012 as National Safe Schools Week. Debbie Lammers seconded.

To make our schools safe, secure and peaceful school settings requires a commitment from all leaders, especially those in education, law enforcement, government and business. The goal of National Safe Schools is to promote efforts to provide schools with positive and safe learning environments.

Board member Dori Van Lone 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 Resolution Proclaiming Classified School Employees Week, October 7-13, 2012 (8.5)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution proclaiming October 7-13, 2012 as “Classified School Employees Week”. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Proclaiming this date as Classified School Employees Week will be helping to promote public awareness of the importance of classified employees in the public school system. As much as any other group of employees, classified school employees are a valued and integral part of the school system and their work is vital to the success of children.

Board member Rod Schmidt 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 Resolution Proclaiming National School Lunch Week, October 15-19, 2012 (8.6)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution proclaiming October 15 - 19, 2012 as National School Lunch Week. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Each year, there are more than 500 billion school lunches served nationwide via the National School Lunch Program. In recognition of the positive changes St. Vrain Valley Schools has made to its own school lunch program, St. Vrain Valley Schools will celebrate National School Lunch Week (NSLW) from October 15th-19th. The 2012 theme, “School Lunch – What’s Cooking?” will include menus that promote the benefits of healthy school lunches.

Board member Bob Smith 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 Addendum to Superintendent's Contract (8.7)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the fourth addendum to the Superintendent's contract. Bob Smith seconded.

The purpose of this addendum is to amend Superintendent Don Haddad's contract to be in compliance with the Federal Affordable Care Act provisions that go into effect January 1, 2013.

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 Purchase of the myON Reader Program (8.8)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the myON Reader Program for \$162,800 for a one-year contract as an opportunity to leverage technology and support reading at home for families in St. Vrain schools. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Regina Renaldi reported that the St. Vrain Valley Literacy Department had the opportunity to pilot the myON Reader this summer at all of its Title I schools and for the elementary summer literacy program. The students, teachers, and families were very enthusiastic regarding the program, and we received many requests to continue its use. The amount of additional reading at home skyrocketed this summer with some students reading more than 15 hours per week!

The District's goal with this program implementation is to increase learning time at home with the infusion of reading for all students daily. The cost for all 26 elementary schools is \$162,800 for a one-year contract with unlimited access available. Instructors will collect individual student reading at-home data through the myON data collection system and evaluate the impact of increased home reading opportunities for all students on reading performance overall. K-5 students right now only.

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 the Purchase of Four School Buses (8.9)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of one (1) 2013 66-passenger Blue Bird Type C Propane Powered Special Needs Wheelchair Bus, and three (3) 2013 77-passenger Blue Bird Type C Propane Powered Mountain Version School buses from Colorado West Equipment, Inc. The total cost of these four buses with the desired options and upgrades is \$409,880.00. The funds for this purchase are included on the 2013 Capital Reserve Project List approved by the Board of Education in the spring of fiscal year 2012. 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].

Adoption of Resolution in Support of the Twin Peaks Mall Redevelopment (8.10)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution in support of the City of Longmont Twin Peaks Mall redevelopment. Rod Schmidt seconded.

City and District staff have worked together to protect future voter increases in school revenues from being negatively impacted during this redevelopment process, including the proposed 2012 mill levy override, should it be successful. Brad Power, Director of Economic Development for the City of Longmont, gave a brief report on the plans for the redevelopment of the Twin Peaks Mall.

The Board thanked Terry Schueler for her work with the City of Longmont and for the work the Finance Department is doing to complete the audit before the election.

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, Discussion, Board Policy AE-R-2 – School Building Advisory Accountability Committees (School Improvement Teams); Board Exhibit AE-E – Accountability Process Timeline; and Board Policy AED – Accreditation (9.1)

These revisions are necessary due to the passing of the Education Accountability Act of 2009 and Colorado Department of Education's District Accountability Handbook which changed the composition and responsibilities of School Accountability Committees and the Accreditation Process. These revisions have been reviewed and approved by the District Accountability/Accreditation Committee and align with applicable statutes.

The Board recommended that these policies be placed in Consent for the November 14, 2012 Regular Board meeting.

First Reading, Discussion Board Policies LBD – Relations with Charter Schools; LBD-R – Relations with Charter Schools (Procedures for Establishment, Renewal and Revocation); and LBD-E – Charter School Intent to Apply Form (9.2)

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

Board member Rod Schmidt requested that Terry Schueler research whether the District could add more specific language in Board Regulation LBD-R regarding auditing and local control.

The Board recommended that, including Rod Schmidt's requested new information, these policies be placed in Consent for the November 14, 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 9:32 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 November 14, 2012.