

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

**OPENING OF MEETING**

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met November 9, 2012 at the Learning Services Center, Evergreen Room, 401 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 8:05 a.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:**

Greg Fieth, Budget Director  
Janet Gutman, Director of Early Childhood Education  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Kristi Malowick, Benefits Coordinator  
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  
Tori Teague, Executive Director of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction  
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

**Topics Discussed:**

- Budget Implications from Mill Levy Override Pass/Fail

- General Budget Issues-Terry Schueler/Greg Fieth
- Health Care Self-Insurance Coverage-Kristi Malowick
- Technology-Joe McBreen
- Early Childhood-Connie Syferd/Janet Gutman
- Salary Schedule-Terry Schueler
- Board Meeting Planning/Agenda Planning/Calendar Planning-John Creighton

No action was taken on the above topics.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Chris Barge, Director of the School Readiness Initiative for the Community Foundation of Boulder County-Present to discuss early childhood education.

Trip Merklein, President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association-Present to discuss the licensed salary schedule.

Ken Schuetz, Yes On 3A Mill Levy Override Campaign Chairman, Former IT Director at University of Colorado-Boulder, and current Niwot High School Education Foundation President-Present to discuss the District's technology plans and mill levy override funding. He also thanked the Board of Education, District and SVVEA leadership, Grassroots St. Vrain, SVVSD employees, Community Foundation of Boulder County, the campaign committee members and voters throughout the District for their support of the override.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Smith moved that the meeting adjourn. 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 adjourned at 11:35 a.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 December 12, 2012.