

**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 December 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 7:01 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 7:09 pm)
Joie Siegrist, Director District A
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C
Dori Van Lone, Treasurer, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Rod Schmidt, Director District F

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Josh Barnett, Principal of Mead Middle School
David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Stacy Davis, Security Manager
Michelle Faye, Sunset Middle School Gifted and Talented Instructor
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Ryan Kragerud, Planning/GIS Specialist
Keith Liddle, Principal of Centennial Elementary School
Dr. Dawn Macy, Principal of Sunset Middle School
Joe McBreen, Chief Information Officer
Randy McKie, Director of Transportation
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Marsha Peterson, Purchasing Director
Betsy Porter, Principal of Mead Elementary School
Patty Quinones, Principal of Skyline High School
Regina Renaldi, Executive Director of Priority Schools
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Troy Snyder, Principal of Mead High School
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Tony Whiteley, District Accountant
Brian Young, Principal of Coal Ridge Middle School

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Olivia Storz and siblings/friends, 8061 Yellowstone Road, 80503-Present to represent a group of students that urged the Board to pass a Resolution at the January Board meeting marking 2013 as the “Year of the Student” pursuant to state-wide efforts by public education support groups to promote this initiative.

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

Board Recognitions

Dr. Don Haddad and the Board presented Dan Bernard’s widow, Dale, with a posthumous award in memory of Mr. Bernard’s life-long devotion to the St. Vrain District and its students as well as recognizing his vital professional contributions to school districts throughout Colorado. Dick Lyons, current attorney for the District, and his staff were in attendance.

Dr. Don Haddad announced that the St. Vrain Valley School District was awarded a Race To The Top Grant totaling \$16.5 million to be disbursed over four years. Regina Renaldi and Patty Quinones reported to the Board and the community how the dollars will be allocated and what this award means for the District’s students and programs.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Columbine Elementary and Rocky Mountain Elementary Parent Update meetings.
- Attended CASB 2012 Annual Convention.
- Attended Silver Creek High School Open House.
- Attended Charter Principal/Board President meeting.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting.
- Attended a basketball tournament at Skyline High School.

- Attended Hackathon at Altona Middle School.
- Recognized Board Secretary Debbie Lammers on her election to the CASB Board of Directors Region 4 seat.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley meeting.
- Attended CASB 2012 Annual Convention.
- Attended CASB Board of Directors meeting.
- Attended Niwot High School Open House.
- Attended Olde Columbine Open House.
- Attended District Jazz Band Festival at Niwot High School.
- Attended City of Longmont's Education Taskforce and Multicultural Action Committee meetings.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Coal Ridge Parent Update meeting.
- Attended Frederick High School Open House.
- Attended the community meeting for the Frederick STEM Preschool.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Westview Middle and Hygiene Elementary Parent Update meetings.
- Attended CASB 2012 Annual Convention.
- Attended Charter Principal/Board President meeting.
- Announced that LiveWell Colorado will visit SVVSD for a site visit.
- Attended Lyons Middle/Senior Open House.
- Thanks to Shelly Allen for her drive to serve healthy meals in the District.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB 2012 Annual Convention.
- Attended Longmont High School Open House.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB 2012 Annual Convention.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting-thanks to staff for mentoring new members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Announced that graduation rates have increased to 89.09% from 88.86%. Skyline High School improved from 83% to 88%.

- Announced that the MyOn Reader program tracked 60,000 books read, mostly from home, in just over a month by elementary students. There will be a winter break reading challenge. The top three schools with the highest percentage of books read will win a cash prize and winning schools will hold a celebration.

REPORTS (6.0)

Mead High School Feeder Report by High School Student Advisory Council Students (6.1)

Amy Weed introduced Mead High School Student Advisory Council students Jessica Calzolari, Mikayla Roberts, and Kristina Lu. The students reported on each of the Mead feeder schools. Feeder principals from Mead Elementary, Mead Middle, Centennial Elementary, and Coal Ridge Middle School were in attendance.

Fall Athletics Report (6.2)

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health, provided a summary of the substantial accomplishments of District 2012 fall athletics and music student accomplishments. Many achieved regional and state recognitions at music and sports competition events. Dr. Haddad honored Mr. Berry for his leadership of the Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health activities. An overwhelming percentage of SVVSD high school students participate in sports and/or music activities.

Annual School Enrollment Report (6.3)

Scott Toillion, Director of Planning, provided the Board of Education with a report regarding student enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year and for Open Enrollment for 2013-14 school year.

The St. Vrain Valley School District experienced significant growth in enrollment for 2012. Enrollment now stands at 28,441, up from 27,193 in 2011. This is a growth rate of approximately 4.6% and a gain of 1,248 students from the 2011 October Count. The largest gains were in the Alternative Schools with the inclusion of the new APEX home school program (+286), Frederick Feeder with new student growth brought in by the new Frederick High School (+238), Erie Feeder schools (+227 students), Charter Schools (+225 students), and Mead Feeder schools (+136). Moderate gains also occurred in the Silver Creek, Longmont, and Skyline feeders. No feeder areas declined in enrollment.

The District enrollment for all schools came in at 1.18% over projections.

For the open enrollment period that extends through January 15, 2013, all schools are considered open. During this window, schools will receive applications and, by February 7, 2013, will notify applicants of their approval status.

Universal Middle School Update (6.4)

Dr. Dawn Macy and Michelle Faye provided an update on the District's Universal Middle School located at Sunset Middle School.

Report of District-Wide Savings on Procurement Activities for Fiscal Year 2012 (6.5)

Marsha Peterson provided the Board of Education with an update on major cost savings through the collaboration of various District departments and Purchasing. During the course of Fiscal Year 2012, Purchasing and various District departments, including Operations and Maintenance, and Technology and Transportation, issued numerous solicitations for the District. This report highlighted the results of this collaborative effort to maximize cost savings for the District through the competitive bid process.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Dori Van Lone moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.8. Debbie Lammers seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the November 9, 2012 Special Meeting (Board Retreat) and the November 14, 2012 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy BC-R – School Board Member Disclosure; and Board Policy BE/BEA/BEB – School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy EEAA – Walkers and Riders
6. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Sound Enhancement & Video Delivery Systems for Thunder Valley K-8
7. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Sound Enhancement & Video Delivery Systems for Timberline PK-8
8. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Owner/Architect Agreement-Erie Middle School Addition and Renovation Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Director District Reapportionment (8.1)

Mike Schiers moved that the Board of Education approve the proposed revision in the Director District boundaries to equalize the population in compliance with the Colorado State Law – C.R.S. 22-31-109 and 110. Bob Smith seconded.

Director Districts were originally presented at the November 14, 2012 Board meeting. During that meeting, the Board requested staff review Director Districts B & G and make two revisions following the 2008 guidance allowing up to +3% deviations from the average director district population of 22,484. Staff consulted with the District's attorney who advised + 3% is within tolerance given the Board's directive in 2008, but that state statute requires equalization in population as close to zero as possible.

Ryan Kragerud was present to present the revisions to the boundaries and the Board accepted his revisions.

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

Approval of 2012 Mill Levy Certification (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education certify the 2012 mill levies to the Counties of Boulder, Weld, Larimer and the City and County of Broomfield, and further authorize the appropriate Board member to sign the Certification documents. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Colorado Statute requires school districts to annually certify mill levies to the respective county commissioners by December 15 of each year.

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

Approval of 2012 Fiscal Year Financial Accreditation Resolution and Report (8.3)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution and Report for Compliance with Colorado State Statute regarding School Finance for Educational Accreditation for the year ended June 30, 2012, as presented. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 22-11-104, the District must be in compliance with the budgeting, accounting, and reporting requirements set forth in Articles 44 and 45 of the C.R.S. The District is required to complete a checklist stating compliance with the referenced statutes. The checklist must be reviewed and approved by the Chief Financial Officer, Superintendent, and the Board of Education.

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

Approval of Budget Development Calendar, Board Policy DBG-E (8.4)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Exhibit DBG-E, Budget Development Calendar that has been updated to reflect appropriate dates for the 2013-2014 budget process. Debbie Lammers seconded.

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

Approval of Official November 6, 2012 Coordinated Election Results and Updated Abstract of Votes (8.5)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the official results of the November 6, 2012 Coordinated Election for the following question:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 3A:

“Shall St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J taxes be increased \$14,800,000 in tax year 2012 for collection in year 2013 (and by whatever amounts may be collected annually thereafter) from a mill levy increase not to exceed 6.27 mills, as determined annually by the district’s governing board, the revenues from which shall be used for educational purposes (which includes the District’s existing six charter schools), such purposes to include but are not limited to:

- maintaining teacher positions and reasonable class sizes,
- attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff,
- upgrading technology to enhance student learning, and
- expanding and enhancing early childhood education (preschool and kindergarten);

Such tax increase to be an additional property tax mill levy in excess of the levy authorized for the District’s general fund pursuant to, and in accordance with section 22-54-108, C.R.S., and to constitute a voter approved revenue change and an exception to the limits which would otherwise apply?”

Yes: 46,040 No: 34,888

Bob Smith seconded.

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

Approval to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy (8.6)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve an exception to the current Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA-1. This exception would enable the Community School Program to allow Caryn Fannon, a Group Leader within Community Schools, to provide decorating services to District schools. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Caryn Fannon is employed by the District as a Group Leader for the Community School Program at Fall River Elementary School. She also has her own craft business, Krafty Lady. Krafty Lady is a painting and decorating business unrelated to her school position. Her services include jewelry making, gift baskets, decorating storage items such as pencil holders, and creating canvasses and other paintings. This exception would allow her to continue to provide decorating services within the St. Vrain Valley School District.

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

Meeting Break

At 9:42 p.m., Board President John Creighton called for a five-minute break. The meeting reconvened at 9:47 p.m.

Approval of the Purchase of Student Tracking/GPS AVL System (8.7)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve a contract for a GPS Student Tracking/AVL System that will enhance student safety. Through a collaborative process with District Transportation and District Technology, the District recommended Zonar Systems, pending the successful contract negotiation with the Purchasing Department and legal counsel approval, and further authorizes Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, to sign all necessary contract documents. With the implementation of this technology, the District will be able to easily identify who got on or off a bus as well as where and when. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Total cost of hardware and activation of required cellular service and software licenses for 126 buses is \$131,540.28. The funds for this purchase are included in the 2013 Capital Reserve Project List approved by the Board of Education in the spring of fiscal year 2012, along with partial funding from the general fund and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC).

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: [John Creighton, no; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, yes; Rod Schmidt, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Adequate School Capacity Between the City of Longmont and SVVSD (8.8)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Concerning Adequate School Capacity between the City of Longmont and the St. Vrain Valley School District. Joie Siegrist seconded.

This is a renewal of the original IGA between the City of Longmont and St. Vrain Valley School District. This IGA was originally implemented on March 20, 2006 to analyze the best course of action regarding the City's implementation of a school benchmark program. The two entities formed a task force committee made up of two Board members, two City Council members, and staff to explore options on modifying the existing benchmark ordinance or creating a new system through an IGA. Based on this study, the task force agreed to an IGA approach for evaluating the impacts of development on school capacity.

The IGA will go into effect once approved by the Board of Education and the City Council of Longmont.

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

Approval of Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement (8.9)

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

District staff has worked with the Erie Town Administrator and legal counsel to develop the Intergovernmental Agreement to protect the District from some of the negative impacts of Urban Renewal Authorities on school funding. This was discussed at the November 14, 2012 Board Meeting.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Managed Print Services (9.1)

Joe McBreen reported the advantages of moving the District to a managed print services model. Historically, St. Vrain Valley Schools have purchased copiers for use

throughout the District. Copiers will be leased and supported under a managed print service model. Moving to a managed print services model will decrease print costs, improve support, meet compliance requirements and reduce energy costs.

The Purchasing Department and DTS are leveraging an existing Request for Proposals (RFP) process recently completed by Douglas County School District. Funding for this effort will be provided by the recently passed mill levy override.

Carol Mitschke, 414 Pratt Street, 80501-Present to discuss Managed Print Services. Owner of Frontier Business Products-Felt like they have had limited time to prove they could compete for the District's business after doing business with the District for 20 years. They respectfully asked that their proposal be considered.

Robert Moore, 2030 Falcon Drive, Longmont 80503-Present to discuss Managed Print Services-Representative of Frontier Business Products, and would like the chance to prove that Frontier Business Products can handle the District's proposed printing services business plan.

Rob Kreps, 3123 Captains Lane, Longmont, CO 80503-Managed Print Services-deferred speaking in the interest of time.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy EHC – Technology, Access and Digital Communication (9.2)

Joe McBreen reported to the Board the details of the changes to this policy per state statute. Prior to the current school year, Federal law required that Internet safety policies provide for student education regarding appropriate online behavior, including cyber bullying awareness and response, interacting on social networking sites, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Colorado HB 12-1240 now requires additional revisions by December 31, 2012 to comply with State law.

Specifically, a local policy that complies with both Federal and State law must: (1) apply to all District-provided "technology devices," as defined in State law; and (2) require schools to install a technology filter for devices that access the Internet from any location for minors. The proposed changes to EHC address this requirement.

The Board recommended that this policy go to Consent at the January 9, 2013 Regular Meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policies/Regulations/Exhibits JICDE – Bullying Prevention and Education; JK – Student Discipline; JK-R – Student Discipline (Remedial Discipline Plans); JKD/JKE – Suspension/Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-R – Suspension/Expulsion of Students; JKD/JKE-E – Grounds for Suspension/Expulsion; and JLDAC – Screening/Testing of Students (9.3)

Revisions to these policies are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by District administration.

Stacy Davis enumerated some specific examples of “facsimile” in the description of firearms.

The Board recommended that these policies go to Consent at the January 9, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Charter School Administration Meeting Follow-Up (9.4)

Board President John Creighton and Board member Joie Siegrist met with District charter school Principals and Board Presidents on Tuesday, December 4, 2012. All of the charter school principals were there except for Carbon Valley Academy. The Board discussed the outcome of this meeting.

- The Board would like to see better communication between charter schools and the District. They felt it would be in the best interest of the District to reinstate a charter school liaison position to improve communications.
- Meeting on December 14, 2012 with the charter schools regarding IFAS. Propose that each charter school will have a choice of financial systems, but all six of them need to participate in IFAS if that is the system that they choose. Those that choose IFAS must also transfer to Infinite Visions with the District.
- Possibility of multi-year contracts. For charters schools that have a reliable track record regarding documentation and filings, a multi-year contract might be appropriate. Different timeframes were discussed; for example, five, four or three-year contracts. Board members have four-year terms, so it was felt that three years would be a likely proposed timeframe. New charters should continue to have an annual contract.

Meeting Extended

At 10:30 p.m., Board President John Creighton took a motion by Dori Van Lone to extend the Board meeting for 20 minutes. Bob Smith seconded.

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

Review of 2008 and 2012 Mill Levy Override (9.5)

The Board reviewed how the 2008 and 2012 mill levy override monies will be allocated to all current District charter schools.

- Charter schools’ annual funding is based on their combined percentage of the District’s total enrollment which currently is at 11.2%.
- Possible Action Item to the January 9, 2013 Regular Board meeting-proposed resolution for the six charter schools to consider that would have them determine how they would allocate their 11.2% funding among themselves.

- Action Item to the January 9, 2013 Regular Board meeting-proposed resolution that includes the St. Vrain Community Montessori School in the 2008 mill levy override monies, based on their 2009 FTE numbers, for future years. (Bond Program mills would not be included-2008 bond mills are not retroactive.)

Colorado Association of School Boards Annual Convention Follow-Up (9.6)

This item was tabled until the January 9, 2013 Regular meeting, due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Joie Siegrist seconded.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 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 January 9, 2013.