

**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 March 13, 2013 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 6:05 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

**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, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) and pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) for purposes of discussing the sale of District property. Rod Schmidt 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 following were present in Executive Session: John Creighton; Debbie Lammers; Mike Schiers; Rod Schmidt; Joie Siegrist; Bob Smith; Dori Van Lone; Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; Greg Fieth, Budget Director; David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources (left at 6:40 p.m.); and Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer (arrived at 6:10 p.m.).

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health  
Matt Buchler, Principal of Longs Peak Middle School  
David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School/  
Adult Education  
Stacy Davis, Security Manager  
Greg Fieth, Budget Director  
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Lamer, Director of Construction  
Joe McBreen, Chief Information Officer  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Marsha Peterson, Purchasing Manager  
Regina Renaldi, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools  
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer  
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement  
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning  
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent  
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

Action Item 8.8 Approval of Expelled and At Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant was added to the Agenda.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

None

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

**Board Presentations**

Silver Creek High School Leadership Academy student Anthony Emberley presented to the Board his Soles4Souls project in which he collects shoes for disadvantaged youth in 127 countries and five continents. Silver Creek High School Principal Erick Finnestead was also in attendance. This year's goal is to collect 2,013 gently used/new pairs of shoes. Please visit their website at [tinyurl.com/s4s-scla](http://tinyurl.com/s4s-scla) to learn of details of the program and to see a map of schools that are drop-off sites.

Dr. Martin Carcasson, Colorado State University, Center for Public Deliberation, was present to give the Board an update on the results of the three community safety meetings that have been conducted for the District. The Board thanked Dr. Carcasson, District staff, District SROs and the Longmont Police Department for their work to hold these forums to provide information about school safety and hear from community members.

### **Board Communications**

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting-appreciated all the contributions on the salary issues.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community-thanks to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Attended Central Elementary PTO meeting-fundraiser to benefit their sister school in Uganda.
- Attended Central Elementary Fine Arts Night.
- Attended Coal Ridge Safety Forum.
- Attended Early Childhood Summit whose goals are to engage the business community county-wide.
- Attended a teacher recognition ceremony held by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
- Attended Westview Middle School Band Concert.
- Attended tour of Timberline PK-8-thanks to Brian Lamer for setting that up.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB Winter Legislative Conference.
- Attended Rachel's Challenge at Silver Creek High School.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley meeting.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community.
- Attended CASB Regional Day at the Capitol.
- Attended Safety Forum at Coal Ridge Middle School.
- Attended El Comitè dinner.
- Attended Chinese New Year community celebration at Silver Creek High School.
- Attended City of Longmont Multicultural Action Committee meeting.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community.
- Attended Frederick High School Boosters meeting.
- Attended Frederick Boys' Basketball State Tournament-congratulations to them for a great season.
- Attended Frederick High School jazz band concert.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended *From Our Lands to Our Hands* exhibit at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley meeting.
- Attended Mead Middle PTO meeting.
- Attended Trail Ridge Safety Forum-thank you to Stacy Davis for her leadership.
- Attended final Education Task Force meeting-encouraged everyone on the Board to continue to find committees where they can serve the community.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Living Well meeting.
- Attended Live Well meeting.
- Attended Longmont Cable Trust meeting.
- Attended Longmont Estates PTO meeting-thank you to them for all their hard work.
- Attended play at Lyons High *The Murderous Mystery of Mr. Uno*.
- Attended various band and orchestra concerts.
- Attended the Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community.
- Attended CASB Regional Day at the State Capitol.
- Attended a field trip to Young AmeriTowne that Longmont Estates and Hygiene Elementary participated in.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended School-to-Business Partnership meeting-Reminded everyone that March 28<sup>th</sup> is the Job and Career Fair at the Boulder County Fairgrounds from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.-encouraged everyone to consider being a volunteer for the Fair.
- Attended Alpine PTO meeting.
- Attended Safety Forum at Trail Ridge Middle School.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Erie High School Education Foundation meeting.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meetings.
- Attended Black Rock PTO meeting- announced June 1 golf tournament fundraiser.
- Attended Safety Forum at Erie High School.
- Attended three full days of the state wrestling tournament.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)**

- Thanked the Board members for all the extra work that they do with and for the students of St. Vrain Valley.
- Thanked 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers and staff that administered the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading TCAP-especially Tori Teague and her team. Grades 3 through 10 will be finished by March 29.

- SB191-Trip Merklein working closely with committees looking at drafts that they put together to implement next year. Thanks to Trip Merklein for the extra time he has spent on the significant changes that SB191 has made to this process. Thanks to David Burnison and the Human Resources team, Amy Weed, and Mark Mills.
- Hiring process-staffing allocations/plans for 2013-2014 school year will be distributed, tentatively, to schools by March 22.

### **Federal Sequestration Discussion**

Regina Renaldi and Jackie Whittington reported to the Board how federal sequestration will be affecting Priority Schools:

- i3 Grant will not be impacted.
- Title I and Title III preparing for an 8 to 10% reduction next year. Have met with CDE representatives regarding this reduction.
- Title II feeling the impact for reduction to Professional Development-looking at how to reorganize Professional Development Program.
- SVVSD in a beneficial position because schools made AYP which means no 15% set aside.
- Concerned about the late date for allocation information-possibly in June rather than April.
- Concerned that if budget cuts exceed 10% that staff would have to be cut.

### **REPORTS (6.0)**

#### **Olde Columbine High School Feeder Report by High School Advisory Council Students (6.1)**

Mark Mills introduced Olde Columbine High School (OCHS)/CDC/Adult Ed Principal Deniece Cook and OCHS Student Advisory Council members Joy Author, Samantha Shaffer, and Brenna Cassidy. The students reported on Olde Columbine High School highlights.

#### **Athletics/Fine Arts Update (6.2)**

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health, was present to provide an update on winter season Athletics and Fine Arts accomplishments in the St. Vrain Valley School District.

#### **2008 Bond Activity Update (6.3)**

Brian Lamer was present to provide the Board of Education with a report on the current progress of the voter-approved 2008 Building Bond activities.

Bond projects are totally complete at Alpine Elementary, Black Rock Elementary, Eagle Crest Elementary, Erie Elementary, Frederick High School, Hygiene Elementary, Loma Linda Elementary, Longmont Estates Elementary, Longmont High School, Longs Peak Middle School, Lyons Elementary, Niwot Elementary, Niwot High, Northridge

Elementary, Red Hawk Elementary, Skyline High, Sunset Middle, Trail Ridge Middle, and Westview Middle Schools. Phase 2 and 3 bond projects will be completed between this summer and 2015.

Board members thanked Rick Ring and his whole construction team for all the work they do on all of the school projects.

#### **District Enrollment Projections 2013-2017 (6.4)**

Scott Toillion was present to provide a report on enrollment projections for 2013-2017 to the Board.

Tables were provided to identify the many factors reviewed by the Planning Department and LRFPC which impact enrollment in the St. Vrain Valley School District for next fall and the following years. Based on this review, the Long Range Facility Planning Committee concurred that a gain between 750-850 additional students was likely. Based on a proposed gain of 758, this would put enrollment for 2013 at 29,199 with potential for an enrollment of over 32,000 students by 2017 at the mid-level estimate.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.5 and 7.7 through 7.8. Consent Agenda Item 7.6 was pulled for further discussion. Rod Schmidt seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the February 13, 2013 Regular Meeting; February 20, 2013 Regular Study Session; and the February 27, 2013 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy GBEB – Staff Code of Conduct (And Responsibilities)
5. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Mountain View Elementary Re-Roofing Project
7. Approval: Approval of Change Order and Increase of Guaranteed Maximum Price Within the Construction Manager/General Contractor Contract-Erie Middle School Addition and Renovation Project
8. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Vance Brand Auditorium Reinforcement System Project Bid 2013-029

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 7.6 was pulled for further discussion:

6. Approval: Approval of Change Orders Two and Three to Construction Manager/General Contractor Contract-Thunder Valley K-8 Project

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order Two for \$53,226 and Change Order Three for \$98,661 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with FCI Constructors, Inc., for the Thunder Valley K-8 Project for a total contract value of \$10,256,887, and further authorize Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, to sign appropriate documents. 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)**

#### **Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming National Library Week (8.1)**

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education proclaim April 14-20, 2013 as National Library Week. Dori Van Lone seconded.

School Library Media Month is a follow-up to this program and encourages the District to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries – school, public, academic, and special – participate.

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 Principal for Erie High School (8.2)**

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Matthew Buchler as Principal of Erie High School, effective August 1, 2013. Bob Smith seconded.

Mr. Buchler graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Colorado in Boulder and Master of Arts in Public School Administration from the University of Colorado in Denver. Mr. Buchler has certification as a National Trainer from the College Board, which qualifies him to train administrators in the College Board curriculum. He has been employed with the St. Vrain Valley School District since August of 2005. He is currently serving the District as the Principal at Longs Peak Middle School. He served as the Assistant Principal at Lyons Middle/Senior High

School prior to his current assignment. He has previous teaching experience at Monarch High School in Louisville, Casey Middle School in Boulder, and West Ottawa High School in Holland, Michigan. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

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 to Support In-State Tuition for Undocumented Colorado Students (8.3)**

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution as a show of support for undocumented Colorado high school students to receive in-state tuition in their postsecondary education endeavors. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The St. Vrain Valley School District is committed to increasing its graduation rate and having the highest possible percentage of its graduates attend postsecondary schools. Under current Colorado law, undocumented but otherwise qualified Colorado high school students face prohibitively high out-of-state tuition rates at state community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities which often prevent them from affording a postsecondary education.

The St. Vrain Valley Board of Education strongly supports legislation to provide in-state postsecondary tuition to all Colorado high school graduates.

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 to Appropriate Funds for Superintendent's Contract (8.4)**

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to appropriate funds for the Superintendent's Contract. Rod Schmidt seconded.

This Resolution is needed for the Board to legally comply with Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution. It commits the source of funds to meet the financial obligations of the District in the event that the District terminates Dr. Haddad's contract pursuant to Section 6.4 of the Employment Agreement. Under TABOR, multi-year financial obligations require either voter approval or Board-approved committed funds to meet the future obligation.

Dr. Haddad's 2013 Employment Agreement allows the Board to buy out his remaining term of employment up to a maximum of two years' salary/benefits. The amount of the committed funds would remain in the District's reserves, but would be moved from the unassigned column to the committed reserves classification. Once adopted, under TABOR, the commitment remains non-revocable until the obligation is eliminated. If the



contract is not bought out, the committed reserves then automatically shift back into the unassigned reserves.

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 Contract Award for Managed Print Services (8.5)**

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve a Lease Purchase Agreement with Toshiba USA for Managed Print Services, pending successful validation of the solution proposed (proof of concept) and completion of contract negotiation and legal review. Further authorization is requested for the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to sign all necessary documents once the above steps have been completed. Bob Smith seconded.

Marsha Peterson reported that the Purchasing Department and DTS issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Managed Print Services on January 17, 2013. Seven (7) responses were received and finalists were selected for oral interviews. Toshiba USA provided the most advantageous solution for the District. The cost to the District for the five-year agreement period will be approximately \$1,155,405, based on an estimated annual copy volume of 46,723,270 copies. The District will make a significant down payment to reduce finance costs to the District.

Historically, St. Vrain Valley School District has purchased and physically maintained copiers for use throughout the District. The current fleet of copiers is aged and in need of replacement. New copiers will be leased/purchased and supported under a managed print service model. Moving to a managed print service model will decrease print costs, improve support, meet HIPAA reporting compliance requirements, and reduce energy costs.

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 Epson Projectors (8.6)**

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Epson projectors in the amount of \$105,750.00. Bob Smith seconded.

Joe McBreen reported that Epson projectors are used throughout the St. Vrain Valley School District. Board approval is required to provide the District standard presentation system to schools through the 2008 bond projects.

The Purchasing Department issued Bid No. 2013-030 on January 22, 2013. Six (6) responses were received on Thursday, February 7, 2013. The award is recommended to the low responsive and responsible vendor, CCS Presentation Systems.

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 Vendors Providing Purchased Services (8.7)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the following vendors who are anticipated to provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2013: Laradon Hall; All Source (Ardor Health); Alta Vista (Firefly); Joshua School; and MyTherapyCompany. Rod Schmidt seconded.

At the August 8, 2012 Board Meeting, information was presented to the Board in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ—Purchasing Authorization. This was to specifically address vendors who provide services that are not competitively bid or competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year.

Connie Syferd and Jackie Whittington reported that it is anticipated that the vendors listed above will exceed \$100,000, and they were not included in the original list on August 8, 2012.

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 Expelled and At Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant (8.8)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve Student Services application of a CDE Grant, not to exceed \$1,000,000. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Jackie Whittington reported that the EARSS Grant is a four-year grant to support students who are suspended, expelled, or at risk for suspension and expulsion. The focus of the grant is truancy prevention activities and direct intervention to reduce expulsions and suspensions. The funds will be used for additional attendance advocates to expand services in identified high schools and middle schools, to provide mental health support for Digital Learning Academy (DLA Expulsion) students, and professional development training for staff and intervention programs to support at risk student reengagement in school. Some funds may also be used for supplies and curriculum materials.

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)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Schmidt 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 9:38 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 April 10, 2013.