

**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 April 10, 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 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
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):

Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

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
Regina Renaldi, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement
Tori Teague, Executive Director of Instruction, Assessment and Curriculum
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rod Schmidt moved to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of District property, CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Bob Smith seconded.

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

The following were present in Executive Session: John Creighton; Debbie Lammers; Rod Schmidt; Joie Siegrist; Bob Smith; Dori Van Lone; Greg Fieth, Budget Director; Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; and Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer.

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting at 6:57 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Christine Gonzales, 609 Rider Ridge Drive, Longmont, 80504-present to discuss what she perceives as the marginalization of substitute teachers. Ms. Gonzales is a third-year substitute teacher, substituting mainly at Rocky Mountain Elementary School. She encouraged the Board to make sure that substitutes receive badges, be trained in lockdown procedures, and to have the ability to receive crisis counseling much like employed teachers.

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

Board Presentations

The Board honored the graduating seniors of the High School Advisory Council that could be present on this evening. Those students were: Brian Grubb from Lyons High School; Jessica Calzolari, Mikayla Roberts, and Kristina Lu (Boettcher Scholar) from Mead High School; Braden Richards from Skyline High School; Matt Moore and Hannah Goodard from Erie High School; Kaitlyn Wilkins and Drew Magee from Longmont High; and Samantha Cassidy from Olde Columbine High School. Most seniors on the High School Advisory Council could not attend due to other end-of-year school activities.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee meeting.
- Attended Skyline High School Arts Festival.
- Attended *I Have a Dream* Breakfast.
- Attended Altona and Westview Middle track meet.
- Attended a middle school wrestling meet.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended *I Have a Dream* Breakfast.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Meeting.
- Attended Niwot High School Education Foundation event that celebrated the 40th anniversary of Niwot High School-thanked Dr. Haddad for attending and speaking about the history of Niwot High School.
- Attended CASB Regional Board Meeting.
- Has been selected by CASB to serve on the CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee. Attended their meeting regarding proposed legislation around K-12 education.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- No visits-has been on vacation.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended *I Have a Dream* breakfast.
- Attended Longmont Cable Trust meeting.
- Thanked Westview Orchestra instructor Rebecca Jonas-this year her students will be playing at the Capitol for the Senate.
- Reported that a 7th grade Lyons Middle/Senior student and a 5th grade Sanborn student qualified for the Colorado Geography Bee.
- Reported that she will be working with Debbie Lammers on the CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Longs Peak Middle School event that celebrated Matt Buchler's award as Colorado Middle School Principal of the Year.
- Attended Education Foundation Teacher Recognition judging meeting-looking forward to the awards dinner.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.
- Attended Job & Career Fair-very well attended.
- Visited Erie Middle School-final phase of new office area is almost finished and looks great.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Dr. Haddad thanked Board members for all the time they spend with the students and in the schools, and invited them to the Leadership meeting being held on Thursday, May 2, from 8:30 to 11:00 am at Xilinx.
- Announced that Encana Oil & Gas Company has given a \$34,000 donation to Coal Ridge Middle School for a mobile computer lab.
- Reported that SB 191 is moving along nicely-appreciate the work of David Burnison, Trip Merklein, Tori Teague, Mark Mills and Amy Weed for their help on this project.
- The last late start day of the year will be used to make sure each staff member understands the changes that SB 191 will bring for the new year.
- Thanks to the Communications Department for the pictures of students that have been put up all over the ESC and soon to be in the LSC. Soon, there will also be a new digital marquee at 395 S. Pratt Parkway to broadcast school/District events.
- The Communications Department will also be sending out a mailing in May to every address within the District's boundaries, full of pictures and headlines to let the community know what we're doing in St. Vrain.
- Announced that Matt Buchler, Principal of Longs Peak Middle School, was awarded Colorado Middle School Principal of the Year.
- Announced that Ralph Bozella and local veterans recognized Longs Peak Middle School for their patriotic events.
- Announced that a 7th grade student from Altona Middle School achieved Colorado's top score in the American Mathematics Contest 8 (AMC8) test provided by the Mathematical Association of America -congratulations to him. Also, Hongyi Chen will represent Colorado at the MATHCOUNTS National Competition in Washington, D.C., on May 10th. He won third place in that March States competition. Altona student Hannah Zhang placed ninth in that same competition, but only the top four students go to Nationals. It will be broadcast on ESPN.
- Thanks to the Human Resources hiring team for the work they are doing to fill the open administrative positions throughout the District.
- Thanks to Rick Ring and his construction team for the projects they are working on.
- Reported that ACT tests will be administered April 11-23. AP and IB tests will be administered in May-2,000+ AP tests to be administered (an increase of several hundred from last year).
- Schools were closed on April 9, 2013-Dr. Haddad felt the need to err on the side of caution and close the schools. He reiterated that the decision to close schools is always made on the basis of safety with the best information that is available at the time closure decisions are made. Decisions are made in a timely manner so that families are able to make appropriate plans.

REPORTS (6.0)

Third Quarter Gifts to Schools (6.1)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the third quarter of the 2012-2013 school year totaling \$177,693.25 (public gifts: \$123,062.59; parent group gifts: \$54,630.66).

Board members thanked the community and local businesses for their tremendous support.

Policy Governance (6.2)

The Board reviewed the principles of Policy Governance at its March 20 Study Session, and reaffirmed this approach as its governance model. Board Vice President Bob Smith reviewed the principles of Policy Governance for the benefit of community members. He acknowledged the leadership of former Board President Sandi Searls for her forward vision of Policy Governance.

Board member Rod Schmidt commended his colleagues for taking ownership and responsibility and making decisions that prioritize student achievement as the overriding factor in its deliberations.

District Goals and Policy Governance Principles will be added to notebooks of new Board members, displayed in the Board Room, and added to the District website as indicative of Board priorities.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.10. Dori Van Lone seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the March 13, 2013 Regular Meeting, the March 20, 2013 Regular Study Session, and the March 27, 2013 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: Approval of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 SWAP Contract
5. Approval: Approval of Change Orders and Increase of Guaranteed Maximum Price within the CMGC-Timberline PK-8 Project
6. Approval: Approval of CMGC-Altona Middle School Entrance Security Enhancements Project
7. Approval: Approval of CMGC-Coal Ridge Middle School Entrance Security Enhancements Project
8. Approval: Approval of CMGC-Erie High School Entrance Security Enhancements Project
9. Approval: Approval of CMGC-Mead High School Entrance Security Enhancements Project
10. Approval: Approval of CMGC-Mead Elementary School Exterior Stucco Repairs and Remodeling Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of New Accountability/Accreditation Committee Member (8.1)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the new member of the District Accountability/Accreditation Committee as per Policy BDF, Advisory Committees. Bob Smith seconded.

Josephena Vigil, a parent and Columbine Elementary School's health clerk, resides in District B and has lived in Longmont all her life. She graduated from Skyline High School and is currently a college student at University of Phoenix majoring in Human Services. She is working with the Latino Task Force on Latino Parent Leadership Training and Latino Parent Advisory roles. Josie is highly interested in getting diverse families more involved in schools and the District. She has two daughters, one in 5th grade at Columbine Elementary and the other a preschooler at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

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

Approval of Assistant Principal for Altona Middle School (8.2)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Tanya Beckwith as Assistant Principal of Altona Middle School, effective August 1, 2013. Rod Schmidt seconded.

Ms. Beckwith graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Eastern Illinois University and Master of Science in Educational Administration from Northern Illinois University. She also has training and certification in supervision and curriculum and K-8 education. Ms. Beckwith is currently employed as the Principal at Ingleside Middle School in the Scottsdale Unified School District in Arizona. Prior to this current position, she was employed by the Paradise Valley Unified School District in Arizona where she served as a Middle School Principal and Elementary School Principal in two different assignments. In addition, she has middle school assistant principal and peer evaluator administrative experiences. Her teaching experience is in various K-12 assignments. Ms. Beckwith will be relocating to Longmont during the spring as she looks forward to beginning this new assignment at Altona Middle School. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

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

Approval of Assistant Principal for Erie High School (8.3)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Richard Wildenhaus as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Erie High School, effective August 1, 2013. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Mr. Wildenhaus graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and a Master of Science in Athletic Administration from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. He received his Educational Leadership endorsement from Adams State University in Colorado. Mr. Wildenhaus also has his certification as an athletic administrator from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

He is currently employed as the Athletic Director/Principal at Fort Morgan High School in Colorado. Prior to this, he served as the Athletic Director/Dean of Students at Moffat County High School in Colorado and the Assistant Athletic Director at Liberty High School in Nevada. Mr. Wildenhaus has middle and high school teaching experience in both Colorado and Nevada. He will be relocating to Longmont during the spring as he looks forward to beginning this new assignment at Erie High School. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

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

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Tribute to Teachers Day, May 10, 2013 (8.4)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve a resolution proclaiming support for the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley's celebratory production entitled "You're the Top" and declaring May 10, 2013 as Tribute to Teachers Day. Debbie Lammers seconded.

The Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (EFSSV) is an independent 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization established in 1985. The Foundation's primary mission is to support the Strategic Plan of the St. Vrain Valley School District. As a result, their goal is to supplement the education experience in ways that maximize the effectiveness of teachers and enhance student achievement in an increasingly complex and competitive worldwide environment.

This spring the EFSSV will present a special event to honor St. Vrain Valley teachers. This sixth celebration includes an Encore Award Program, entertainment and dinner. This event, the 6th Annual "You're the Top" Tribute to Teachers, will not only provide an opportunity to celebrate excellence in teaching but will raise funds for the Foundation to enhance teaching and interactive learning technology in District classrooms.

Board member Rod Schmidt read the Resolution. Dr. Haddad thanked the instructional staff, and the work of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association.

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

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week (8.5)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education adopt proclamations in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6 - 10, 2013. Bob Smith seconded.

Each year, proclaiming these dates as Teacher Appreciation Week and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week helps to promote public awareness of the importance of the role of teachers in public schools. As much as any group of employees, the teaching staff is a valued and integral part of providing quality instruction for the students of the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Board member Dori Van Lone read the Resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week. Board member Debbie Lammers read the Resolution for Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week.

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

Approval of Student Fees, Board Policy JQ-E (8.6)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve minor revisions to Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Recommendations for fees to be charged for various course supplies are suggested by building administrators annually. These fees are to be used for consumable products necessary for the success of the students enrolled in those particular courses.

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

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing School Attendance Officers to Represent District in Truancy Cases (8.7)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for St. Vrain Valley School District to work in collaboration with Lyons Gaddis Kahn & Hall to designate attendance officers and authorize them to represent the District in certain truancy court proceedings. Bob Smith seconded.

St. Vrain Valley School District and Lyons Gaddis Kahn & Hall have had an ongoing relationship in the filing and representation of truancy cases heard in court. St. Vrain will file all reports with the courts through the contempt phase. The District Truancy Office will work collaboratively with Lyons Gaddis Kahn & Hall on the inclusion of recommendations in those filings. Lyons Gaddis Kahn & Hall will draft and file the reports related to those students on contempt and minute orders.

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

Approval of Assistant Principal for Erie Middle School (8.8)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. Rachel Heide as Assistant Principal of Erie Middle School, effective August 1, 2013. Bob Smith seconded.

Dr. Heide graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from Colorado Christian University. Her Master of Education in Educational Leadership is from Regis University and her Doctor of Philosophy in School Administration and Policy Studies is from the University of Denver. She is also serving as an Adjunct Faculty member at Regis University.

Dr. Heide is currently employed as the Principal at Brentwood Middle School in Greeley. She also served as an Assistant Principal at J. Evans IB Middle School in Greeley. In addition, she has middle school teaching experiences in Littleton Public Schools and Elizabeth Public Schools. Dr. Heide resides in Firestone and is looking forward to beginning this new assignment at Erie Middle School. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Board members and Dr. Haddad thanked David Burnison and the hiring teams for their work in the hiring process.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

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, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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 May 8, 2013.