

**MINUTES
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR TELEVISED STUDY SESSION**

OPENING OF MEETING

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met May 22, 2013 at the Educational Services Center, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education Vice President Bob Smith at 5:49 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
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:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
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
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
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike Schiers moved to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of the Spangler property, CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Dori Van Lone seconded.

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

The following were present in Executive Session: Debbie Lammers; Mike Schiers; Joie Siegrist; Bob Smith; Dori Van Lone; Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer; and Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer.

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting at 6:06 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to add an Action Item 4.7 Approval of Contract for the Sale of Spangler Properties.

Topics Discussed:

- Retirement Plans (revised Board Policy DLB and DLB-R)-Terry Schueler.
- April Financials-Greg Fieth.
- Presentation of Superintendents FY14 Budget-Terry Schueler/Greg Fieth.
- Finance and Audit Committee Report-Terry Schueler and Bill Stone, Finance and Audit Committee Co-Chairperson.
- Third Grade TCAP Report-Tori Teague.

No action was taken for any of the above discussion topics.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS (4.0)

Approval of Principal for Mountain View Elementary (4.1)

Mike Schiers moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Ryan as Principal of Mountain View Elementary School, effective August 1, 2013. Dori Van Lone seconded.

David Burnison and Mark Mills introduced Ms. Ryan. Ms. Ryan earned her Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master in Education from the University of Notre Dame. She also attended the University of Northern Colorado taking coursework in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, where she also completed the Principal Licensure program. She continues to work toward her Educational Specialist degree at the University of Northern Colorado.

Ms. Ryan is currently employed as the Assistant Principal at Northridge High School in Greeley. She has previous administrative experience at St. John the Baptist Catholic School where she served as an Assistant Administrator as the Head of the Middle School program. In addition, Jennifer served as an Rtl Coordinator in the St. Vrain Valley Schools working with the staff at Longmont Estates Elementary School. In each of these roles, Ms. Ryan led numerous initiatives with strong leadership skills to support the schools and programs. Her teaching experience has been at various elementary school programs, including five years in the St. Vrain Valley Schools at Prairie Ridge Elementary School and Longmont Estates Elementary School. 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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of Assistant Principal for Longmont High School (4.2)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Richard Harris as Assistant Principal of Longmont High School, effective August 1, 2013. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Mr. Harris was unable to attend the Board meeting, but David Burnison and Mark Mills discussed his qualifications. Mr. Harris earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from California State University in Chico, California and his Master of Arts in Education from National University in San Jose, California. He also attended the University of Colorado, Denver taking coursework in Administrative Leadership in the Principal Licensure program. He has leadership experiences in coaching and athletics and community services programs. Mr. Harris has been recognized as a "Most Inspirational Teacher," a graduation speaker, the Interact Club Inspirational Teacher Award and recipient of the Dorothy M. Wright Teacher Award during his teaching tenure.

Mr. Harris is currently employed in the Boulder Valley School District as a Language Arts teacher at Broomfield High School. He has additional high school teaching experience in California where he served as an English teacher at East Side Union High School District. 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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

Approval of Cancellation of Teacher Contract (4.3)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve the cancellation of the teacher contract for Gary Martin, effective the end of the 2012/2013 school year. Dori Van Lone seconded.

In accordance with Article 36 of the Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J and the St. Vrain Valley Education Association, the elimination, curtailment or reorganization of a curriculum offering, program or school operation, or a decrease in student enrollment could result in the cancellation of a teacher contract should that teacher not be licensed and/or qualified for reassignment.

As a result of decreased enrollment in the Career Development Center Building Trades Program and for the fact that Gary Martin is not licensed or qualified for reassignment to any other program, his teacher contract is being recommended for cancellation by Human Resources.

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

Approval of IDEA Narratives (4.4)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve IDEA Narratives that provide guidance and approval on expenditures associated with IDEA funding to support the provision of special education services to students attending St. Vrain Valley School District. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Jackie Whittington reported that the IDEA narratives describe to Colorado Department of Education (CDE) how the District will utilize the IDEA funds to support students with disabilities who qualify for services, ages three through age twenty-one, attending St. Vrain Valley School District. CDE has developed an electronic submission for approval of narratives which is efficient and requires limited to no revisions throughout the school year. Student Services has elected to submit amended narratives early (we will be in the third year of our District's three-year cycle in school year 2013-2014) to be able to access the electronic version of IDEA narrative submissions. Narratives were attached to support the listed projects that must be supported in order to access funding through IDEA.

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 Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy-Heather Rogers (4.5)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA-1. This exception would enable Heather Rogers to continue to work with Art students in the St. Vrain Valley School District. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Board Policy GBEA-1, Staff Conflict of Interest, states, "No school district employee or firm owned by a school district employee shall be allowed to sell to the district or to school districts served by the school district, goods or services of any kind without express prior written consent of the Board of Education."

Heather Rogers is employed by the District as a Head Custodian at Sunset Middle School. She is an award-winning artist, photographer and playwright. She has worked with Mead High School Art students and Tino Mora to display the Art student's work publicly at the Smart Show hosted by Jennifer Hall and her studio, The Artist Vision. She has helped Dr. Dawn Macy, Donna Goodwin, and Sally Goerner throughout the years after school with poetry slams, Art Club, extravaganzas, and yearbook.

Ms. Rogers has been requested by Donna Goodwin and the 8th grade Art students to be the Artist-in-Residence for the end of the year 8th Grade Advanced Art mural. She is currently working with the students after school from 2:30 to 3:30, for 6 days, at \$50.00 per hour, for the amount of \$300.00.

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 Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy-John Heard (4.6)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA-1. This exception would enable John Heard to sell a used ATEC Rookie Pitching Machine and used pitching machine balls to Mead High School. John Creighton seconded.

Board Policy GBEA-1, Staff Conflict of Interest, states, "No school district employee or firm owned by a school district employee shall be allowed to sell to the district or to school districts served by the school district, goods or services of any kind without express prior written consent of the Board of Education."

John Heard is employed by the District as an Assistant Golf Coach at Skyline High School, and is the parent of an athlete at Mead High School. He has a used ATEC Rookie Pitching Machine and used pitching machine balls that he is willing to sell to the Baseball Program at Mead High School.

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 Contract for the Sale of Spangler Properties (4.7)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the contract for the sale of the Spangler Properties and authorize the President and Secretary to execute the necessary deed and transfer instruments, and further authorize Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, to sign all other necessary closing documents. John Creighton seconded.

The Board and administration conducted an Executive Session before this Televised Study Session to discuss the sale of the Spangler property. The authorization of the sale of District property known as 'Spangler Elementary' is under contract with Longmont Christian School, a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation and a closing date of October 1, 2013 has been set. The sale price of this property is \$1,520,000 and Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, will attend the closing on behalf of the St. Vrain Valley School District to sign all documents regarding the sale upon approval by 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].

ADJOURNMENT

John Creighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Joie Siegrist seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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].

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 June 12, 2013.