

**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 June 26, 2013 at the Educational Services Center, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

John Creighton, President, Director District E  
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B (arrived 6:40 p.m.)  
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:**

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  
Tony Whiteley, District Accountant  
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**Topics Discussed:**

- May Financials-Greg Fieth.
- Special Education Report-Jackie Whittington.
- Review of Fall Board of Education calendar and meetings-All members of the Board of Education.

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

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The VEX Robotics Team gave a presentation and demonstrated a robot's capabilities.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (5.0)**

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.2. Rod Schmidt seconded.

1. Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy DLB – Retirement Plans, and Regulation DLB-R – Retirement Plans
2. Second Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation FB-R – Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee (By-Laws)

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 (6.0)**

#### **Approval of Contract Renewals for Aspen Ridge Preparatory, Carbon Valley Academy, Flagstaff Academy, Imagine Charter, St. Vrain Community Montessori, and Twin Peaks Charter Academy (6.1)**

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2016 contracts with Aspen Ridge Preparatory, Flagstaff Academy, Imagine Charter, St. Vrain Community Montessori, and Twin Peaks Charter Academy. Bob Smith seconded.

The District has negotiated yearly contracts with their charter schools in the past. This year, the District strived to standardize the contract documents and revise the term to three years, with the exception of Aspen Ridge Preparatory, whose contract term is one year. Aspen Ridge is beginning its final year of its initial three-year term. Upon successful completion of its 2013-14 contract, the District will consider the renewal of Aspen Ridge's subsequent contract for a two-year term, resulting in all charter contracts becoming subject to renewal in 2016.

These contracts contain significant changes regarding the financial autonomy of the charter schools. Previously, the District maintained a portion of the charter schools'

finances, processing their payroll and much of their accounts payable, with the exception of Twin Peaks Charter Academy. Under these new contracts, all charter schools will maintain their own financial systems and manage their own financial transactions. The charter schools will be subject to financial oversight reporting as identified in the contract. These revisions have been reviewed and approved by District legal counsel.

The contracts were first discussed in draft at the June 12, 2013 Board Meeting. Carbon Valley Charter Academy's contract was not approved because portions of their contract were incomplete. If their contract is complete in early August, it will be approved at the August 14, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

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 Superintendent's Proposed Budget—All Funds for Fiscal Year 2014 (6.2)**

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent's Budget--All Funds, for Fiscal Year 2014, by the Appropriation Resolution presented. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Greg Fieth, Budget Director, reported that the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget was introduced to the Board of Education on May 22, 2013. On June 12, 2013, he presented a brief overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and answered questions from Board members, and then the Board conducted a Public Hearing. This timing complies with all the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado.

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 (6.3)**

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to appropriate funds for the Superintendent's contract. Joie Siegrist 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, a multi-year financial obligation requires either voter approval or Board-approved committed funds to meet the future obligation.

Dr. Haddad's 2013-14 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].

#### **Adoption of Resolution to Accept the Colorado State Model Evaluation System (6.4)**

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution for the St. Vrain Valley to accept the Colorado State Model Evaluation System beginning in the 2013-14 school year. Rod Schmidt seconded.

School districts must provide annual assurance to the Colorado Department of Education that the local Board of Education is either adopting the Colorado State Model Evaluation System or implementing its own evaluation system by July 1 of each year.

The Resolution being recommended for adoption indicates the District's intent to implement the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for the 2013-14 school year. This evaluation system is in alignment with the new language of the Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association and St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J that was approved at the June 12, 2013 Board meeting.

Even though SB 10-191 does not legally require a resolution, it is being recommended that the Board take public action annually to confirm the intent of the District and to serve as direction for the required annual assurance.

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 Assistant Principal for Black Rock Elementary School (6.5)**

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Lauren Eker as Assistant Principal of Black Rock Elementary School, effective August 1, 2013. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Ms. Eker graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of Wyoming in Laramie and she earned her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Colorado State University. Ms. Eker has specialized training in

Adaptive Schools, Cognitive Coaching, Training for Results, Leading Transformational Professional Development and Data Driven Dialogue. She also has a long list of District leadership activities and achievements at both the building and district levels.

Ms. Eker has been employed with St. Vrain Valley School District since August of 2001 when she was hired as an elementary teacher after five years of teaching experience in the Cherry Creek School District. She taught at Columbine Elementary School and Fall River Elementary School. She is currently serving the District as an Assessment Coordinator in the Department of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction. She has held this position for the past four years. She completed her Administrative Internship at Fall River Elementary School in 2009.

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 Assistant Principal for Longs Peak Middle School (6.6)**

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Ann Reed as Assistant Principal of Longs Peak Middle School, effective August 1, 2013. Bob Smith seconded.

Ms. Reed graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business/Accounting from the University of South Florida and received her teacher credentials from a Teacher Certification Program from the University of Phoenix. She earned her Master of Science in Education from Capella University in Minnesota and her Principal License from Colorado State University. Ms. Reed is currently in the PhD in Education Psychology program at Capella University with a December 2013 expected completion date. She has been recognized for her work in education by receiving numerous local and university awards and she is a published author.

Ms. Reed has been employed with St. Vrain Valley School District since August of 2006 when she was hired as a high school mathematics teacher at Longmont High School. She still serves in this capacity and has been assigned leadership roles as the Mathematics Department Chair, Professional Development Trainer, Rtl Liaison, Assessment Team Leader and 9th Grade Coordinator. Prior to work in the District, she served as a middle school mathematics teacher in Phoenix, Arizona and a Developmentalist/Trainer Director for the National Association for Child Development in Ogden, Utah.

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 Assistant Principal for Silver Creek High School (6.7)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Karen Norris as Assistant Principal of Silver Creek High School, effective August 1, 2013. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Ms. Norris graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from Texas-Southwestern Adventist University and she earned her Master of Science in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Ms. Norris is currently employed as the Principal at Prairie Vista Middle School in the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD in Texas. She also has Assistant Principal experience at Boswell High School in the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD. Prior to that she served as a high school Assistant Principal and Academic Coordinator/Special Interest Program Director for International Studies in the Fort Worth ISD. Her teaching experience includes International Social Studies Program, English and Technical Writing and Research in Texas.

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 Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (6.8)**

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent's Supplemental Budget for the 2013 Fiscal Year. Bob Smith seconded.

As the 2012-2013 fiscal year draws to a close, financial services staff prepare an overall estimation of year-end results in an attempt to ensure that the District is in compliance with statute regarding budgets, appropriations and use of beginning fund balances for the current year.

Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to adopt a supplemental budget subsequent to January 31 to appropriate money received for a specific purpose. Additional revenues were received by the District and are being appropriated for each fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and extending through June 30, 2013.

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 Intergovernmental Agreement Between St. Vrain Valley School District, City of Longmont, and the Longmont Downtown Development Authority (6.9)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the St. Vrain Valley School District, the City of Longmont, and the Longmont Downtown Development Authority. Dori Van Lone seconded.

This IGA details how tax increment financing will be shared between the St. Vrain Valley School District, and the Longmont Downtown Development Authority as overseen by the City of Longmont. The Parties agree that 2012 mill levy override tax dollars will flow to the District and the total program mill levy tax increment dollars will continue to benefit LDDA. The IGA was prepared by District legal counsel.

The City's fiscal calendar and state statute require that this IGA be finalized by August 1, 2013. Jim Golden from the City of Longmont was available for questions.

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].

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Joie Siegrist seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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].

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 August 14, 2013.