

**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 August 14, 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 6:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E
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):

Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Stacy Davis, Security and Emergency 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
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement
Tori Teague, Executive Director of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Tony Whiteley, District Accountant
Susan Zimmerman, District Coordinator for Community Schools

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Action Item 8.12 Approval of Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement was revised the day of the meeting, and the revised version was approved and signed by the Board.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

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

Terry Schueler, Jane Schein and the Finance Team were honored by the Board and staff because the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to them. The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) also awarded them a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. This is the 9th consecutive year that the District has achieved these prestigious awards. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement and a Certificate of Excellence, the District published an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Dr. Don Haddad was honored by the Board with a plaque to be placed at the entrance to the Educational Services Center for being named the 2013 Superintendent of the Year by the National Association of School Superintendents (NASS). NASS congratulated him for being "a bold visionary harnessing community enthusiasm and extended resources," and felt that Dr. Haddad continuously demonstrates his beliefs that today's unprecedented educational policy changes require a laser focus on advancing successful student achievement and that community engagement is pivotal to delivering "expanded opportunities in safe, high performing 21st century schools". Dr. Haddad was also presented with a plaque from the NASS. Dr. Haddad's plaque joins Roger Driver's 1997 Superintendent of the Year plaque and Dr. Randy Zila's 2007 Superintendent of the Year plaque.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanks to Brian Lamer and Rick Ring for all schools opening on time and looking great.
- Attended Back to School Night at Central Elementary-PTO raised funds to do some upgrades to the building-three generations of Central students attended the dedication.
- Thanks to Westview staff instrumental in running all their summer programs.
- Thanks to all the counselors, especially this week, for the work they are doing getting students to the right classes.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Looking forward to visiting all schools in the Frederick area on the first day of school.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- No report.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited three different schools for registration-thanks to everyone that gets the registration and the schedules put together.
- Attended Westview “6th Grade 101” for parents-very informative and helpful.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Leadership Council-great message from Dr. Don Haddad about business relationships.
- Attended meeting with principals from his Director District.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Grand Opening of Erie Middle School.
- Visited Erie High School to see the damage from the storm-thanks to Rick Ring and his team for getting that taken care of.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (5.0)

- Great summer for the District with Race to the Top, Extended Learning, STEM programs-thanks to the people that were involved in those programs all summer.
- Proud of students, teachers, parents and staff reaching the highest TCAP results in the District’s history.
- Thanks to Rick Ring and his team for all the quality renovations of all the schools and, especially, getting the K-8’s and Spark! Discovery Preschool ready in time for opening day. Visited Erie Middle School-amazing transformation.
- Thanks to the Human Resources Department for working closely with the Finance Department to get Infinite Visions up and running.
- Thanks to Bob Smith, David Burnison, Kristi Malowick and Terry Schueler for working together to reduce the costs of our quality healthcare opportunities.
- Thanks to Trip Merklein for total collaboration with the teachers this summer.
- Sale of Spangler-closing this Friday. Longmont Christian has been approved for funding.

REPORTS (6.0)

4th Quarter Gifts to Schools, 2012-2013 School Year (6.1)

Terry Schueler provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fourth quarter of the 2012-2013 school year totaling \$364,374.445. Donations for the 2012-2013 school year totaled \$842,716.72.

Community Schools Report (6.2)

Susan Zimmerman, District Coordinator for Community Schools, provided a report on the community schools program.

Community Schools consist of before/after school child care, Wraparound, and Enrichment programs:

- Child care for students K-5th at 20 locations.
- Wraparound for students ages 3-5 that are in preschool or kindergarten at 5 locations.
- Enrichment for all ages; classes are run by District teachers or contracted with outside companies at 26 locations.

The Board thanked Susan Zimmerman for all her work and the success of our Community Schools.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.5. Rod Schmidt seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 12, 2013 Regular Meeting; the June 19, 2013 Special Meeting (Board Retreat); and the June 26, 2013 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JFABB-E – Admission of Exchange and Foreign Students
5. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Hygiene Elementary Traffic Signal Installation Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Appointment of Finance & Audit Committee Member (8.1)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education appoint Bill Stone, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, to a one-year term on the Finance and Audit Committee. Bob Smith seconded.

Bill Stone has been a member of the Finance and Audit Committee since 2009, and his term is expired. Bill is willing to extend his term through June 2014.

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

Approval to Accept Race to the Top Funds (8.2)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve and accept the USDE District-level Race to the Top-District Funds for the St. Vrain Valley School District of \$16,589,553 through January 2017. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Regina Renaldi reported that the St. Vrain Valley School District has been awarded a USDE Race to the Top -District grant. The District plans to focus on continued development of STEM PK – 12 in the Skyline feeder with the inclusion of an Innovation Center, augmented school year with a focus on math and science in our six Title I schools, and continued STEM program development in the Skyline feeder.

The District work plan will include an ICAP implementation plan and STEM integration as a means of improving postsecondary readiness and improved future options for all students. This plan will be sustainable and replicable in St. Vrain after the life of the Race to the Top grant through the development of foundational learning in the Skyline feeder that can be replicated throughout the District following the four-year life of the grant.

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

Approval of Contract for Virtual Collaboration, Inc./Telementoring (8.3)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the Virtual Collaboration, Inc./Telementoring contract for schools in the amount of approximately \$40,000 annually for two middle schools in conjunction with the USDE Race to the Top Grant-District for four years beginning in August 2013 and ending in June 2017. Rod Schmidt seconded.

St. Vrain Valley Schools received a \$16.5 million Race to the Top District Grant for four years. Regina Renaldi reported that a component of the initiative is a contract with Virtual Collaboration, Inc./Telementoring for mentoring of middle school students by experts in the field in alignment with the Race to the Top Grant to personalize instruction and support for meeting the interests and needs of students.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Services (8.4)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors as provided who are anticipated to provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2014. Joie Siegrist seconded.

This information is presented 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 is specifically to address vendors who provide services that are not competitively bid or competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Goods (8.5)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors as provided who are anticipated to provide purchased goods over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2014. Bob Smith seconded.

This information is presented 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 is specifically to address vendors who provide goods that are not competitively bid or competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year.

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

Approval to Accept 2013-2014 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Federal Grant Funds (8.6)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education authorize the Administration to apply for, and accept if approved, a total not-to-exceed \$4,000,000 in No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Federal Grant Funds for the 2013-14 school year. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has notified the District that it is eligible for funding for the 2013-2014 school year. We have completed the Acceptance or Relinquishment of NCLB Program Funds and Assurances Form, and this was signed by the Board President and submitted to CDE. The programs involved and their respective funding amounts for 2012-2013 and the preliminary allocations for 2013-2014 are as follows:

| | 2012-2013 Allocation Final | 2013-2014 Allocation Preliminary |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Title I-A (Basic) | 2,584,291 | 2,548,818 |
| Title IIA (Teacher Quality) | 504,915 | 459,341 |
| Title III (Part A ELL) | 297,882 | 253,291 |
| Total | \$3,387,088 | \$3,261,450 |

Acceptance of these funds does not obligate the District to funds or personnel beyond the terms of the agreement.

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

Approval of Carbon Valley Academy Charter School Contract Renewal (8.7)

Mike Schiers moved that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2014-2016 contract with Carbon Valley Academy. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The District has negotiated yearly contracts with its charter schools in the past. This year, charter representation standardized the contracts and revised the term to three years, resulting in all charter contracts becoming subject to renewal in 2016. These revisions have been reviewed and approved by District legal counsel.

This contract contains 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. Under these new contracts, all charter schools will maintain their own finances in their entirety. The charter schools will be subject to financial oversight reporting as identified in the contract. The Carbon Valley Academy contract was discussed at the June 12 and the June 26, 2013 Board Meetings.

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

Adoption of Resolution for St. Vrain Community Montessori School Charter Renewal (8.8)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution that was provided for renewal of the charter for the St. Vrain Community Montessori School for a term of ten years, extending through the 2021-2022 school year. Bob Smith seconded.

On January 11, 2012, the Board of Education approved the 10-year charter renewal application of the St. Vrain Community Montessori School. State statute 22-30.5-110(1.5) C.R.S. stipulates that charter authorizations must be ruled by resolution. The previous Board action did not include a resolution; this recommendation brings the SVCMS renewal in compliance with state statute.

The Board requested that a summary of charter school contract renewal dates be created because there will be new Board members once these contracts are ready for renewal. This could serve as a briefing packet for those new Board members.

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

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements for Participation in 2013 Election (8.9)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for Conduct of Coordinated Elections with Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, and the City and County of Broomfield, and further authorize Terry Schueler as the Designated Election Official to sign the Agreement documents. Bob Smith seconded.

The Uniform Election Code requires that these Intergovernmental Agreements, which set forth the terms and conditions under which the respective counties will conduct coordinated elections, be approved by the participating parties. According to the election timeline, the last day for the District to sign the Intergovernmental Agreements is August 27, 2013. Approval of these Agreements at this meeting will fulfill this requirement.

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

Approval of Purchase of Cisco Network Products (Network Upgrades) (8.10)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Cisco Network Products in an amount of \$337,977.10 to Global Technology Resources, Inc. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Currently, the District has one (1) Gigabyte of bandwidth. This purchase will provide the infrastructure for the District Data Center to support up to ten (10) Gigabytes of bandwidth for the Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet Service. Once the

infrastructure is in place, the District will move to ten (10) Gigabytes of bandwidth internally and purchase the bandwidth to the Internet as needed to handle growth and increased services. This system has the capacity to be upgraded if the District's needs change beyond current projections. This project is funded from the 2012 Mill Levy Override dollars dedicated to technology.

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

Approval of School Bus Purchase (8.11)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of five (5) 2014 (77) passenger Blue Bird Type C Propane Powered Mountain Version School buses from Colorado West Equipment, Inc. The total cost of these buses with the desired options and upgrades is \$533,460.00. The funds for this purchase are included on the 2014 Capital Reserve Project List approved by the Board of Education in the spring of fiscal year 2013. Joie Siegrist seconded.

In June 2013, the Department of Transportation sent a request for bids (ITB#2013-054) to various dealers, to seek competitive pricing on five (5) Type C Propane Powered Regular School Buses. The decision not to consider existing RFP's with cooperative language from other outside District bids was due to other bids not meeting St. Vrain Valley Schools Transportation required specifications and or options desired.

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

Approval of Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement (8.12)

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

Terry Schueler reported that District staff has worked with the Town of Erie 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 document was provided to the Board at the meeting.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy JICDA – Student Code of Conduct (9.1)

The Board of Education reviewed the proposed revisions to Board Policy JICDA – Student Code of Conduct. Revisions to this policy are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and has been reviewed by District administration.

This policy was recommended by the Board for its second reading at the September 11, 2013 Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Joie Siegrist seconded.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 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 September 11, 2013.