

**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 August 28, 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 7:00 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  
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, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction  
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Amendment 66 was a Discussion Item for the Board of Education that was then, by unanimous agreement of the Board members that were present, turned into an Action Item.

**Topics Discussed:**

- Superintendent Report-Read On Report-Dr. Don Haddad/Regina Renaldi.
- Finance Goals/Infinite Visions Update-Terry Schueler/Greg Fieth.
- Summer 2013 Construction Update-Rick Ring.
- 2013 TCAP Achievement Data/ACT Scores/Colorado Growth Model-Tori Teague.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Trip Merklein-SVVEA President-present to support Amendment 66.

**ACTION ITEMS (4.0)**

**Approval of Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Designated Election Official to Cancel Election Due to Lack of Opposing Candidates (4.1)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve a resolution authorizing the Designated Election Official to cancel the November 5, 2013 Coordinated Election due to a lack of opposing candidates. Rod Schmidt seconded.

Colorado Revised Statute §1-5-208(1.5) provides that in the event that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election to be conducted on November 5, 2013, there were not more candidates for director to the Board of Education than offices to be filled, including candidates who were allowed to file affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates, the Board may authorize the Designated Election Official to cancel the election by resolution and declare the candidates elected, as of November 5, 2013.

Terry Schueler, Designated Election Official, for the District submitted a Resolution for cancellation of the election, naming Joie Siegrist for Director District A for a two-year term from 2013-2015; Debbie Lammers for Director District B for a four-year term from 2013-2017; John Ahrens for Director District D for a four-year term from 2013-2017; and Paula Peairs for Director District F for a four-year term from 2013-2017.

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 Resolution in Support of Amendment 66**

Amendment 66 was a Discussion Item for the Board of Education that was then, by unanimous agreement of the Board members that were present, turned into an Action Item.

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve a Resolution in support of Amendment 66. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Amendment 66 is the Colorado school funding initiative that would require 43% of state revenues in any given year to be specifically allocated to provide funding for Colorado's public education system. If passed by the voters on November 5, 2013, it will result in an income tax rate increase for Colorado residents from 4.63% to 5% for those with federal taxable income of \$75,000 or less and to 5.9% for federal taxable income over \$75,000.

The Board of Education declared its support of Amendment 66 to increase state income tax rates, through a two-tiered rate, for the purpose of restoring funding of public education in the State of Colorado that will enable St. Vrain Schools to expand and sustain mission critical programs currently funded by temporary grants and one-time budget savings.

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].

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Rod Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Dori Van Lone seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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].

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.