

**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 October 9, 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 7:01 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:

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health
Stacy Davis, Security and Emergency Manager
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 (2.0)

Action Item 8.5 Approval of Waiver to Board Policy DLB – Retirement Plans was moved to Consent Items, and Consent Item 7.6 Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-CDC Innovation Center was pulled for further discussion.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Lars Soderholm, 7257 Timothy Place, Niwot, 80503-Present to express concern that substitute teachers aren't getting raises at the rate regular full-time teachers are. In addition to that, substitute teachers have no health and dental benefits or sick pay, and have only had a 5.1% increase since 2001. He also felt that substitute teachers should have union representation like regular full-time teachers do.

Trip Merklein, 2007 Red Cloud Road, Longmont, CO 80501-Announced that there will be a WALK for Colorado Commits to Kids/Amendment 66 on Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 to 11:00 am starting from the St. Vrain Valley Education Association parking lot at 255 Weaver Park Road here in Longmont.

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

Paula Peairs and Laura McDonald of Grassroots St. Vrain (GSV) introduced Sarah Elahi who is the current Vice President of their group, and who will take over the President position next year. They presented a video to the Board that GSV parents created with the help of Leadership St. Vrain describing how the State of Colorado funds education. Laura reported on the projects GSV has supported through the years, and gave a detailed report on how they are helping to get the word out on the advantages of Amendment 66. They thanked the Board and District staff for the tremendous support during the flood. For more information on GSV and to see how you can help, please visit their website at www.grassrootsstvrain.org.

Board members thanked GSV for their very effective video and for their leadership this past five years. Board President John Creighton stated how extremely lean the District is running and how the financial challenges aren't going away, and a need to fund education in another way has got to be created.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended several cross country meets.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Meeting.
- Attended St. Vrain Rotary Meeting.
- Attended Central PTO Meeting.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Colorado's Department of Public Safety School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) Advisory Board Meeting as CASB Liaison via cell phone.
- Attended CASB Regional Meeting in Loveland.

- Attended Niwot Community Association Meeting.
- Attended I Have a Dream Luncheon.
- Attended Burlington Elementary PTO Meeting.
- Attended Niwot Elementary PTO Meeting.
- Attended Niwot sporting events.
- Attended Lyons Town Council meeting-they were very appreciative of Rick Ring and his team for the work they did during the flooding. They thanked the District for its support and the use of the elementary school as their town and disaster information center.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Paula Peairs for covering PTO meetings for him.
- Thanked Amy and Mark for their support of principals in District F.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB Regional Meeting in Loveland.
- Attended Longmont Cable Trust Board meeting-great resource for community.
- Attended I Have a Dream Luncheon.
- Attended Hygiene PTO Meeting.
- Appreciated the article in the Longmont Times-Call about the Niwot High School student Jessie Slepicka making cookies for soldiers.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Northern Colorado School Districts Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Pool Board Meeting in Windsor.
- Attended Timberline PK-8 PTO Meeting.
- Attended Rocky Mountain PTO Meeting.
- Toured renovated Lincoln building.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Northern Colorado School Districts Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Pool Board Meeting in Windsor.
- Attended Black Rock Elementary PTO Meeting.
- Will be attending District softball tournament this weekend.
- Reported that Keller Williams Realty agents will meet at LifeBridge Christian Church at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, to continue flood clean-up efforts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Thanked SVVSD staff for all their support during the flooding-thanks, especially, to Rick Ring and his team.

- Thanked Kristi Malowick for all of her hard work on the start of the District health benefits Open Enrollment on October 14.
- Announced rescheduled STEMComm Gala Dinner Friday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Plaza Conference Center.
- Announced rescheduled Parent Organization Financial Training Meeting on October 21, 2013, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the ESC Board Room.
- Thanked the Board Of Education for visiting all the schools.

REPORTS (6.0)

First Quarter Gifts to Schools, 2013-2014 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 first quarter of the 2013-2014 school year totaling \$81,695.08. At this time last year, \$118,325.13 had been received.

2012-2013 Scholarship Recipients (6.2)

Terry Schueler reported to the Board of Education that St. Vrain Valley students were awarded a total of \$375,169 in local scholarships and awards, and were offered a total of \$12,308,293 in scholarships and awards from colleges and universities across the country. The Board and administration thanked Linda Lohmann for tracking that scholarship information.

Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Dates (6.3)

Terry Schueler reported that, according to Board Policy DIE-R, Finance and Audit Committee Charter, the Committee is required to meet at least monthly, or more frequently as circumstances dictate, to review the District's financial performance and budgeting process. At their September 23, 2013 meeting, Terry Schueler reported that Committee members agreed to meet only once a month for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. This is a change from last year when the meetings were held bi-monthly. Even though the number of meeting dates will be reduced, Terry assured the Board that all obligations and responsibilities of the Committee will continue to be met.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.5, 7.7 and Action Item 8.5 was moved to Consent Items. Consent Agenda Item 7.6 Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-CDC Innovation Center was pulled for further discussion by the Board. Dori Van Lone seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments

3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2013 Regular Meeting; the September 15, 2013 Special Meeting; and the September 25, 2013 Regular Televised Study Session
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, New Board Exhibit EHC-E-3 – Responsible Use Guidelines for Technology, Access and Digital Communications (Non-Staff)
5. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit EFC-E – Free and Reduced Meal Application
7. Approval: Approval of Physical Activity Grant Application
- 8.5 Approval: Approval of Waiver to Board Policy DLB-Retirement Plans

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].

Consent Item 7.6 was pulled for further discussion by the Board. Joie Siegrist moved that the Board approve the Innovation Center reconstruction. Bob Smith seconded.

6. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) –CDC Innovation Center

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)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming National School Lunch Program Week, October 14-18, 2013 (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution proclaiming October 14 - 18, 2013 as National School Lunch Program Week. Bob Smith seconded.

Each year, there are more than 500 billion school lunches served nationwide via the National School Lunch Program. In recognition of the positive changes St. Vrain Valley Schools has made to its own school lunch program, we will celebrate National School Lunch Week (NSLW) from October 14-18. The 2013 theme, “School Lunch – What’s Cooking?” will include menus that promote the benefits of healthy school lunches.

The Board thanked Shelly Allen’s entire team for the work that they do to put out so many health lunches.

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 Accreditation Recommendations for District Schools (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the accreditation recommendations for schools within the St. Vrain Valley School District, as presented. Rod Schmidt seconded.

The District Accountability/Accreditation Committee is made up of parents and community members from director districts, an elementary principal, a secondary principal, a teacher, and a charter school representative. Tori Teague also works with the Committee as a liaison from the District. The Committee met on September 10, 2013 to review the performance of the District's schools. As a result of the meeting, the Committee recommends accreditation status for schools as presented to the Board.

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 Classified School Employees Week, October 7-13, 2013 (8.3)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve a Resolution proclaiming October 7-13, 2013 as "Classified School Employees Week". Rod Schmidt seconded.

Proclaiming this date as Classified School Employees Week helps to promote public awareness of the importance of classified employees in the public school system. As much as any other group of employees, classified school employees are a valued and integral part of the school system and their work is vital to the success of children.

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 Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for the Frederick High School Education Foundation (8.4)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the Organizational Options for Parent Organizations Policy KBE-R, and thereby approve a waiver for the general liability insurance requirement for the Frederick High School Education Foundation. Dori Van Lone seconded.

Board Policy KBE, Relations with Parent Organizations, states, "District insurance does not cover parent organizations organized as non-profit corporations. Furthermore, the District is not liable or responsible for loss of their property or money, or the decisions made by the non-profit corporation, its board, or its officers. The non-profit corporation is encouraged to investigate and purchase appropriate officer's liability insurance,

property insurance, and crime insurance (fidelity bond), in addition to the general liability insurance required by the District.”

The Frederick High School Education Foundation appealed for a waiver from Policy KBE-R due to the fact that they do not use District facilities except for their meetings. These waivers are consistent with past practices and have been reviewed by the District’s legal counsel. The attorney for the District has reviewed and agreed with the waiver as presented.

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 Waiver to Board Policy DLB – Retirement Plans (8.5)

This Action Item was moved to Consent Agenda Items and approved.

Adoption of Resolution Approving St. Vrain Community Montessori School 3-Year Charter Operating Contract (8.6)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution approving renewal of the operating contract for the St. Vrain Community Montessori School for a term of three years, extending through the 2015-2016 school year. Joie Siegrist seconded.

On January 11, 2012, the Board of Education approved the 10-year charter renewal application of the St. Vrain Community Montessori School, and on August 14, 2013 the Board re-approved the renewal by Resolution in order to meet state statute requirements.

The Colorado Department of Education has now requested that the Board also rule by Resolution on the 3-year operating contract that the Board previously approved on June 26, 2013.

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 Approving Grade Extension Application for St. Vrain Community Montessori School (8.7)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to authorize St. Vrain Community Montessori School (SVCMS) to serve grades PK-8 in accordance with the terms of the current Charter Renewal Term of ten years, which presently extends through June 2022. Dori Van Lone seconded.

On July 30, 2013, the SVCMS submitted a grade extension application to the District in order to become a PK-8 school. SVCMS intends to open the middle school in the fall of 2014 in order to serve 7th grade students, and 8th grade will be added in the fall of 2015.

Katie Torres, Head Master for St. Vrain Community Montessori School, answered questions from the Board members. Congratulations were given to her from the Board on their accountability and partnership.

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)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Regulation IKF-R – Graduation Requirements-Physical Education Waiver (9.1)

Connie Syferd reported that revisions to this policy are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by District administration.

Board members suggested changes to the policy to have a more clear definition of a full-time student and wording to include concurrent enrollment students. The Board also wanted assurances that fair practices would be adhered to for consistency across the District when waiving PE credit. They also asked that Connie Syferd and Rob Berry widely distribute this policy to 8th graders as a high school planning tool.

This policy will go for its second reading at the November 13, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Board members thanked Rob Berry for the monumental task of rescheduling all the athletics during the flooding. Rob reported that all District Athletic Directors were very instrumental in assisting in that task.

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 8:52 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 November 13, 2013.