

**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 December 11, 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 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D  
John Creighton, President, Director District E  
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B  
Paula Peairs, Member, Director District F  
Joie Siegrist, Director District A  
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C

**Board Members Absent (Excused):**

Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Stephanie Anderson, Principal of Columbine Elementary  
Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Activities, Fine Arts, PE and Health  
Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8  
David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Stacy Davis, Security and Safety Manager  
Greg Fieth, Budget Director  
Dede Frothingham, Principal of Alpine Elementary  
Dr. Jennifer Guthals, Principal of Fall River Elementary  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Lamer, Director of Construction  
Joe McBreen, Chief Information Officer  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Regina Renaldi, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools  
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer  
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer  
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction

Scott Toillion, Director of Planning  
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent  
Tony Whiteley, District Accountant  
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

None

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

None

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

Brian Lamer introduced Corky Bradley from RB+B Architects, Inc., who presented the Board with an award for being a Project of Distinction for 2013 by the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) award. Gopal Shrestha is the architect that designed Red Hawk and was present to report how much of a pleasure it was to work with Brian Lamer and his team. This award recognizes six schools internationally whose design engages and reflects the community, creates a superior learning environment for students, supports the school's educational program, and inspires students through creative, functional, and flexible spaces. Dr. Haddad recognized Brian Lamer and Rick Ring for their work on the Red Hawk Elementary building project.

Mark Mills introduced Erie Elementary Principal Amanda Sauer who reported to the Board that long-time Erie Elementary Instructor Charlie Garcia won CenturyLink's Leadership in Education award. Charlie won \$1,000 for the Erie Elementary general fund for being chosen as CenturyLink's outstanding Colorado educator. Charlie was very humbled by the attention, but thanked the leadership in his school and in the District for all that he has accomplished.

Students, parents and faculty members (age 13 and up) were able to nominate a teacher from any public or private school in the state of Colorado (Kindergarten – 12th grade) by completing a nomination form. Teachers were not able to nominate themselves. Monthly winners will be recognized at a Nuggets game from December to April. Winners will receive tickets to the game and \$1,000 towards their school's general fund. From the five monthly award winners, a Grand Prize winner will be selected to receive an additional \$5,000 for their school's general fund.

**Board Communications**

John Ahrens –  
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended STEMComm Dinner.
- Attended Red Hawk Parent Update Meeting.
- Attended Erie High School Open House.
- Attended CASB Convention in Colorado Springs.
- Attended Erie Town Council Meeting.
- Proud that Erie Elementary received the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award.

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Columbine Parent Update Meeting.
- Attended STEMComm Dinner-wonderful support from the community, and thanked the people that were involved in setting up the dinner.
- Attended Open Houses for 8<sup>th</sup> grade families.
- Attended swim meets with son.
- Attended CASB Convention in Colorado Springs.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Parent Update Meetings at Sunset Middle, Indian Peaks Elementary, Niwot Elementary, and Flagstaff Academy.
- Attended STEMComm Dinner.
- Attended High School Student Advisory Council Meeting at Niwot High School.
- Attended Educational Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Meeting.
- Attended CASB Convention and all Board of Directors Meetings at the CASB Convention.
- Attended Niwot High School Education Foundation grant application presentation.
- Attended Parent Training Workshop for Parent/Teacher Groups-thanks to all the parents that are involved in those groups.
- Attended City of Longmont Multicultural Action Committee Meeting.
- Toured Northridge Elementary.
- Attended Niwot High School student performance of "Grease".

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Parent Update Meetings at Mead Middle, Mead Elementary, Trail Ridge Middle, and Fall River Elementary.
- Met with principals in her Director District.
- Attended STEMComm Dinner.
- Attended CASB Convention.
- Attended Skyline High School Open House.
- Attended Mead Elementary PTAC Meeting.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Parent Update Meetings at Hygiene Elementary, Longmont Estates, and Westview Middle-at the Longmont Estates meeting it was announced that a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student from Aspen View Academy in Castle Rock held a fundraiser and raised \$600 for Longmont Estates students affected by the flood.
- Attended STEMComm Dinner.
- Attended CASB Convention.
- Attended Finance & Audit Committee Meeting.
- Attended Mead High Orchestra Concert.
- Attended Technology Rollout Meeting at Westview Middle School-thank you to all at DTS that were involved.
- Attended Sanborn PASS Meeting.
- Toured Northridge Elementary.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Toured Northridge Elementary.
- Attended Alpine Elementary PTO Meeting.
- Attended Longmont High School Education Foundation Meeting.
- Attended STEMComm Dinner-thought it was an amazing event.
- Attended Longs Peak Middle School Parent Update Meeting.
- Attended CASB Convention.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)**

- Attended Assistant Principal and Principal Breakfasts at the Career Development Center-their Culinary Arts Program does an amazing job and they are adding a new Pastries Program.
- Attended Title I Parent Meeting with Richard Garcia of Boulder Community Foundation to engage the parent base in the Latino community.
- Dr. Haddad is a member of the Longmont Area Economic Council Board and they are currently searching for a President-he reported that one of the positive factors for their group is that St. Vrain schools are highly thought of and will draw quality people to their organization/City of Longmont.
- Attended an Altona Middle School event-partnership with Oracle, Newmark Merrill, University of Colorado Political Science Teachers Association, Senators Bennet and Udall, Congressman Cory Gardner-several student recognitions.
- District hosted a VEX Robotics tournament at Trail Ridge Middle School–huge success with over 30 teams (17 of these St. Vrain teams, representing 4 different schools).
- Attended Open Houses-great feedback and people are very impressed with the work of the teachers in each of the programs.
- Attended Technology Rollout Plan at Westview Middle School.
- Announced that Joe McBreen and his technology team have been selected to visit the Leadership Team for the Apple Corporation in Cupertino, California. Congratulations to Joe and his team.

- Attended a session at the CASB Convention with Dr. Tony Frank, President of Colorado State University, and Dr. Matt Gianneschi, VP of Policy and Programs, and Director of the Postsecondary and Workforce Development Institute, Education Commission of the States-very positive comments about St. Vrain Valley.
  - U.S. Schools-40% remedial rate up from 30%-not as a result of more kids needing remediation but, instead, changing the process of how they are calculating the results.
  - 10 key factors for success in college are 1) being motivated, 2) importance of encouragement to attend college from family, 3) consistency in leadership in high school leads to a better opportunity to be successful, 4) positive connections, 5) ability to work in teams, 6) good problem-solving, 7) being able to manage new information, 8) being able to manage your time, 9) being able to write well, and 10) being successful in Math.
- Dr. Haddad is very proud of parents and everyone that support our students.

## **REPORTS (6.0)**

### **Skyline High School Feeder Report by High School Student Advisory Council (6.1)**

Amy Weed introduced Skyline High School Principal Heidi Ringer and Mike Green, Skyline Athletic Director/Assistant Principal. Heidi Ringer introduced the Skyline High School Student Advisory Council students Seth Hovestol, Kelly Sarceno, and Rebecca Kissinger, and Jay Shah. The students reported on each of the Skyline feeder schools: Alpine Elementary, Rocky Mountain Elementary, Columbine Elementary, Trail Ridge Middle, and Timberline PK-8. Feeder principals Karrie Borski, Dede Frothingham, Dr. Jennifer Guthals, and Stephanie Anderson were in attendance.

### **Fall Athletics Report (6.2)**

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health, provided a detailed report on the fall accomplishments in music and athletics in the District.

### **District Financial Statements Quarter Ending September 30, 2013 (6.3)**

At the work session prior to this Board meeting, information related to the financial statements for the quarter ending September 30, 2012 were provided to the Board in compliance with all aspects of Policy DBI. Terry Schueler fielded questions from the Board.

### **October Enrollment Report 2013/2014 & Open Enrollment for 2014/2015 (6.4)**

Scott Toillion reported that the St. Vrain Valley School District experienced continued strong growth in enrollment for 2013. Enrollment now stands at 29,195, up from 28,441 in 2012. Including all pre-school students and other programs, the District has now exceeded 30,000 students. This is a growth rate of approximately 2.65% and a gain of

754 students from the 2012 October Count. The greatest gains were in the Erie Feeder schools (+287 students), Silver Creek Feeder Schools (+181) and Frederick Feeder Schools (+122). All feeders saw growth except for slight declines in the Niwot and Lyons feeders.

The District enrollment for all schools came in at a -0.01% error under the projection for all schools, charters and programs. This is a total error of -4 students for the entire district enrollment that was projected (Projected: 29,199 -- Actual: 29,195).

For the open enrollment period that extends through January 15, 2014, all schools are considered open. During this window, schools will receive applications and, by February 7, 2014, will notify applicants of their approval status. At schools with space or staffing concerns, a determination will be made of the potential remedies that could be available to accommodate additional open enrollment approvals.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Debbie Lammers moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.17. Bob Smith seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the November 13, 2013 Regular Meeting and the November 14, 2013 Special Meeting (Board Retreat)
4. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection – Mountain View Elementary Renovation Project
5. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) – Mountain View Elementary Renovation Project
6. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection – Sanborn Elementary Renovation Project
7. Approval: Approval of CMGC – Sanborn Elementary Renovation Project
8. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection – Central Elementary Renovation Project
9. Approval: Approval of CMGC – Central Elementary Renovation Project
10. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection – Mead Elementary Renovation Project
11. Approval: Approval to CMGC – Mead Elementary Renovation Project
12. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection – Mead Middle Renovation Project
13. Approval: Approval of CMGC – Mead Middle Renovation Project
14. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection – Silver Creek High Renovation Project
15. Approval: Approval of CMGC – Silver Creek High Renovation Project
16. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection – Erie High Site & Building Repairs Project

17. Approval: Approval of Contract Award – Office Space Modulars Bid 2014-020

For the benefit of the new Board members, Rick Ring detailed how each of the construction items are bid on and the process that his department goes through to select architects and contractors, and how the projects are kept under budget.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **ACTION ITEMS (8.0)**

#### **Appointment of Finance & Audit Committee Members (8.1)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education appoint Kristyn Unrein, Accountant for Boulder County Public Health, and Adam Bergquist, Director, Medical Cost Analytics, Kaiser Permanente to the Finance and Audit Committee. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Terry Schueler introduced Mr. Bergquist, and he spoke of his responsibilities at Kaiser. He looks forward to serving on the Committee. Ms. Unrein was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but will come to a future meeting to meet the Board.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

#### **Second Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibits/Regulations EHC-E-2 – Student Responsible Guidelines for Technology, Access and Digital Communication; JQ-R – Student Fees, Fines & Charges; JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees (2013-14) (8.2)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the proposed revisions to Board Policies EHC-E-2 – Student Responsible Use Guidelines for Technology, Access and Digital Communication; JQ-R - Student Fees, Fines and Charges and JQ-E - Schedule of Student Fees (2013-14). Debbie Lammers seconded.

Revisions to these policies are necessary due to the implementation of the Learning Technology Plan, which provides a technology device for every secondary student. There was a discussion amongst the Board members and Joe McBreen, and they approved all three policies, but on condition that a bulleted item is added to Exhibit EHC-E-2 under "I will not:" that states "Seek out or share passwords of others."

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

**Approval of 2013 Mill Levy Certification (8.3)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education certify the 2013 mill levies to the Counties of Boulder, Weld, Larimer and the City and County of Broomfield as presented and further authorize the appropriate Board member to sign the Certification documents. John Ahrens seconded.

Colorado Statute requires school districts to annually certify mill levies for the General Fund Levy, the Voter-Approved Override, Tax Credits, Rebates & Abatements Fund and the Bond Redemption Fund Levy to the respective county commissioners by December 15 of each year. Tony Whiteley fielded questions from the Board.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

**Approval of Budget Development Calendar, Board Policy DBG-E (8.4)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Exhibit DBG-E, Budget Development Calendar. John Ahrens seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that the Budget Development Calendar was updated to reflect appropriate dates for the 2014-2015 budget process. In order for the Board to be fully aware of the dates and activities scheduled for that purpose, the Budget Development Calendar is an Exhibit to Policy DBG.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

**Approval of City of Longmont Intergovernmental Agreement for Use of TIF Revenues for School Operations Financing (8.5)**

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Longmont and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure 2012 mill levy override and future local school election revenue will be protected from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). John Ahrens seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that District staff has worked with the City of Longmont 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 Agreement covers the Twin Peaks Mall Redevelopment URA.



The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)**

#### **First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy/Regulation JKA – Use of Physical Intervention; and JKA-R – Use of Physical Intervention (9.1)**

Jackie Whittington provided a report to the Board on why the current changes to these policies were necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes.

After further discussion, it was suggested that these policies be entered into the Consent Agenda Items for the January 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, on the condition that, in Board Regulation JKA-R, verbiage was changed to be more clear in paragraphs three and four.

#### **CASB Convention Follow-Up (9.2)**

Board members each shared information on the sessions that they attended, and the benefits they garnered from them. It was clear to our Board members that the St. Vrain Valley School District was thought of very highly by their peers. New Board members were able to meet many other new and seasoned Board members from other Colorado school districts that gave them great encouragement.

Paula Peairs attended a session called “The Power of P-20 Data” and provided a handout to the Board that was used in the session that detailed SVVSD information as a stellar example. A copy of that handout will be distributed to the Board.

Debbie Lammers was pleased to have the opportunity to attend the CASB Convention, especially noting that it is one of the key Board professional development events each year.

John Creighton hopes for this Board to remain vigilant to continue to be the highly functioning Board that it has been for many years.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting. John Ahrens seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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 January 8, 2014.