

**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 January 8, 2014 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 6:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)  
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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bob Smith moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) for purposes of negotiations and pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) for purposes of discussing personnel matters. Paula Peairs seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent for roll call (arrived at 6:25 p.m.); John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

The following were present in Executive Session: John Ahrens (arrived at 6:25 p.m.); John Creighton; Debbie Lammers; Paula Peairs; Joie Siegrist; Bob Smith; David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; and Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer.

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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

Josh Barnett, Principal of Mead Middle School  
David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Stacy Davis, Security and Emergency Manager  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Betsy Porter, Principal of Mead Elementary School  
Patty Quinones, Executive Director of Innovation and Race to the Top  
Regina Renaldi, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools  
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer  
Lorynda Sampson, Principal of Northridge Elementary  
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer  
John Steckel, Director of Innovation Academy  
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement  
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction  
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent  
Heidi Weekley, Truancy Program Coordinator  
Tony Whiteley, District Accountant  
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

Terry Schueler introduced Kristyn Unrein, Accountant, Boulder County Public Health, who was in attendance to be introduced to the Board. She was officially approved by the Board to join the Finance & Audit Committee at the December 11, 2013 Board meeting but was unable to attend at that time. Kristyn told the Board of her educational, career and personal background.

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

#### **Board Communications**

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended and enjoyed Legislator dinner.
- Attended Erie Middle School PTO meeting.
- Visited Erie High School and took a tour with Matt Buchler.

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Speaking on behalf of the Board, John feels that Board members would like to hear from Superintendents on how the District will protect critical programs (instruction time and school activities) for students.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended OCHS/CDC Open House.
- Attended and enjoyed Legislator Dinner.
- Discussed the Arapahoe High School tragedy and recognized that St. Vrain has put school safety measures in place throughout the district over the last number of years.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended and enjoyed Legislator dinner.
- Attended intramural basketball games.
- Attended Trial Ridge Middle and Niwot High School Holiday Concerts.
- Attended school law training with Dick Lyons, attorney for the District.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Mead High School Holiday Concert.
- Attended Longmont High School Holiday Concert.
- Attended Sanborn Parent Update Meeting.
- Attended Order of the Purple Heart ceremony and band concert at Lyons Middle/High School.
- Attended intramural basketball games.
- Attended and enjoyed the Legislator dinner.

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

- Visited Erie schools and had an opportunity to talk with teachers and staff.
- Attended a meeting with Superintendents from around the state. These meetings are supporting Superintendents throughout the state as they continue to play an important and leading role in conversations about critical educational matters. The Superintendent group plans to visit with legislators to talk about funding and expectations, making sure that reform initiatives continue to impact student achievement. Dr. Haddad will keep the Board informed on the progress of these meetings.
- Thanked our teachers, staff, students and community members for their support of our schools.

### **REPORTS (6.0)**

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

Amy Weed introduced Mead High School Principal Dr. Troy Snyder. Dr. Snyder introduced the Mead High School Student Advisory Council students Aaron Cheung, Nick Staiano, Paulina Quintana, and Morgan Lu. The students reported on each of the Mead feeder schools: Mead Elementary, Mead Middle, and Mead High. Mead Elementary Principal Betsy Porter and Mead Middle School Principal Josh Barnett were in attendance.

### **Second Quarter Gifts to Schools, 2013-2014 School Year (6.2)**

Terry Schueler provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the second quarter of the 2013-2014 school year totaling \$279,425.90. Last year's second quarter donations totaled \$237,000.

### **Race to the Top Update (6.3)**

Regina Renaldi reported that, in January of 2013, St. Vrain Valley School District was one of 16 school districts nationally to receive a Race to the Top District Grant. Our District is completing Year One of this four-year \$16,589,000 project which will end in January of 2017.

Patty Quinones, Executive Director of Innovation; John Steckel, Director of the Innovation Center; STEM Coordinators from the elementary and middle school initiative, and Innovation Center students Josie Lamp and Julia Milan updated the Board of Education on the progress of Year One. St. Vrain is one of only three school districts in the U.S. that have been awarded both the Race to the Top and the i3 grants.

Patty Quinones introduced Barb Norrbom, Race to the Top Counselor, who discussed ICAP as it relates to the Innovation Academy curriculum.

The CTE/STEM partnership will be discussed further at the January 15 Study Session.

The Innovation Center will have a Grand Opening on January 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.4. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2013 Regular Meeting; and the December 18, 2013 Regular Study Session
4. Approval: Approval of Designated Posting Locations for Public Notification of Board Meetings

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)**

#### **Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming January 2014 School Board Recognition Month (8.1)**

The Board as a whole moved to adopt a Resolution proclaiming January 2014 as National School Board Recognition Month.

Dr. Don Haddad read the Resolution and reported that the administration of the St. Vrain Valley School District is very proud of the work that our Board members do, and the role that they play in creating a quality public education system that is fundamental to a strong democratic society.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [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 Policy/Regulation JKA – Use of Physical Intervention; and JKA-R – Use of Physical Intervention (8.2)**

The Board collectively moved to approve the proposed revisions to Board Policy/Regulation JKA – Use of Physical Intervention; and JKA-R – Use of Physical Intervention.

This Policy and Regulation were first reviewed at the Board of Education Regular Meeting on December 11, 2013. Board members suggested changes to the original revisions at that time for matters of clarity, and the provided revised samples reflect those suggested changes.

Dr. Haddad thanked Jackie Whittington for all of her leadership in the move to Lincoln Building and back to Main Street due to the flooding. Jackie Whittington introduced Heidi Weekley who is working on her special education director license. She will be the new Administrative Coordinator for the day treatment center.

The Board recommended these policies be added to Consent Agenda Items at the February 12, 2014 Board Meeting.

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

#### **Adoption of School Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plans (8.3)**

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education adopt the School Priority Improvement UIPs as presented. Bob Smith seconded.

Tori Teague reported that, per the Education Accountability Act of 2009, the School Board must adopt UIPs for any schools identified for a Priority Improvement UIP. Those schools are Northridge Elementary School and St. Vrain Online Global Academy. The deadline for adoption is January 15, 2014.

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 Contract Extension for Joint Use Agreement with Town of Lyons (8.4)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the Contract Extension for the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) of Facilities between the Town of Lyons and the St. Vrain Valley School District and further authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign contract documents. John Ahrens seconded.

Rick Ring reported that the St. Vrain Valley School District negotiates Joint Use Agreements with the municipalities in which District facilities are located. Joint Use Agreements are intended to foster partnerships, cooperation and outline shared use of both town/city and District facilities and programs.

The Agreement between the Town of Lyons and the St. Vrain Valley School District is due for renewal on January 13, 2014. Due to the current situation with the Town of Lyons and the flood recovery, both parties have agreed to extend the current agreement as it stands for one additional year.

The JUA with the Town of Lyons will be renewed in January of 2015.

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)**

##### **Fiscal Year 2014 Amended Budget (9.1)**

Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to review and change the budget with respect to both revenues and expenditures, at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted.

Terry Schueler introduced Tony Whiteley who brought forward a list of items that are under consideration for the FY14 Amended Budget.

**First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy/Regulation JH – Student Absences and Excuses; and JH-R – Student Absences and Excuses (9.2)**

Jackie Whittington and Heidi Weekley went over the changes that were made to these policies. The Board discussed further changes, and then recommended this Policy and Regulation be entered into Consent Agenda Items for the February 12, 2014 meeting. Heidi will share the truancy report with the Board.

**First Reading, Introduction, Board Regulation JLIF-R – Use of Electronic Recording Equipment to Monitor Student Behavior (9.3)**

Rick Ring reported to the Board the reasons for the revisions to this Board Regulation and answered questions from Board members.

It was recommended this Regulation be entered into Consent Agenda Items for the February 12, 2014 meeting.

**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 9:43 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 February 12, 2014.