

**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 March 12, 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 7:02 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
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Joie Siegrist, Treasurer, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rob Berry, Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health
Erik Black, DTS Technical Support Manager
Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School
David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Stacy Davis, Security and Emergency Manager
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Lamer, Director of Construction
Joe McBreen, Chief Information Officer
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Mark Spencer, Principal of Westview Middle School
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

Jackie Whittington, Executive Director Student Services

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Mark Spencer introduced Westview students Rachel Foote who won first place in the 7th Grade Rocky Mountain PBS StoryMakers Contest, and Emma Risdon, who won eighth place. The students told the Board about how they got started in the contest.

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

Board Communications

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB Winter Legislative Conference-several good conversations including with Lt. Governor Joe Garcia.
- Attended Imagine Charter Open House.
- Attended auditing firm interviews.
- Attended Erie Middle School PTO Meeting.
- Attended the Career & Job Fair.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community event.
- Attended CASB Regional Day at the State Capitol.
- Attended Frederick High School Performance of “Annie”.
- Attended Keep Erie Safe community outreach event to support a new police station in Erie.
- Visited Apple Corporation in Cupertino, California-was amazed at the size of their Education Department that is devoted to helping schools.
- Reported that Erie Elementary Principal Amanda Sauer will be leaving for a new job on the East Coast-she has been at Erie Elementary for four years and has done some amazing things.

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Twin Peaks Rotary Meeting.
- Attended Silver Creek High School Boosters Club Meeting.
- Attended the Career & Job Fair.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community event.
- Attended El Comitè Annual Dinner-thanked El Comitè for providing an Adult Education Program-this year they have 180 students.
- Visited with Tech team at Westview and Altona Middle School, Longmont High School’s biomedical sciences program, Longs Peak Middle School summer

programs-amazed at the creativity of teachers to make classes more engaging. Feels it is more important now than ever to protect and expand instruction time.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Student Advisory Council Meeting at FHS.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley meeting.
- Attended Frederick High School Performance of “Annie”.
- Attended Performance of “Music Man” at Longmont High School.
- Toured Columbine Elementary School with the Principal Stephanie Anderson; wonderful progress there.
- Attended CASB Board Policy Overhaul Project meeting.
- Attended CASB Regional Day at the Capitol and, along with John Ahrens and Paula Peairs, met with a number of state legislators who represent parts of SVVSD to discuss K-12 funding
- Attended CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee meeting.
- Attended introduction to the *I Have a Dream* Program at Timberline PK-8.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended District’s Student Advisory Council Meeting at FHS.
- Attended auditing firm interviews.
- Attended CASB Board Overhaul Project Meeting.
- Attended Policy Review Committee Meeting.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community event.
- Attended CASB Regional Day at the Capitol-productive conversations with legislators and touched base with Grassroots St. Vrain members.
- Talked with Trail Ridge Principal Eddie Cloke about state requirements and STEM/iPad Mini rollout.
- Attended Niwot High Performance of “Clue”.
- Visited Becky Peters at Trail Ridge to see her students’ demonstration of the arcade/video games the students constructed.
- Visited with Sarah Alahi, Gifted/Talented (G/T) parent liaison-discussed the proposed G/T legislation and how that might affect the District.
- Attended Trail Ridge Orchestra Concert.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Frederick High School Performance of “Annie”.
- Attended Longmont Chamber of Commerce Unity in the Community event.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.
- Attended CASB Board Policy Overhaul Meeting.
- Attended Policy Review Committee Meeting.

- Invited to present Bob Smith's 0-3 Initiative to Leadership St. Vrain.
- Toured Columbine Elementary School with the Principal Stephanie Anderson; wonderful progress there.
- Toured Lyons Elementary School with Principal Andrew Moore.
- Attended Lyons M/S Art students' fundraiser at Oskar Blues-students created a photo book about the flood-one student sold their photo for \$500.
- Attended Lyons M/S Jazz Band concert.
- Attended Mead High and Longmont High orchestra concerts.
- Attended Career & Job Fair-Niki Brady appreciated all the time John Ahrens spent at the Fair. There were 100 mock interviews conducted and it was the most successfully attended Career & Job Fair with 574 youth attending. Thank you to Niki Brady and team for another successful Career & Job Fair.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

None

REPORTS (6.0)

Olde Columbine High School Report by High School Student Advisory Council (6.1)

Mark Mills introduced Olde Columbine High School Principal Deniece Cook. Deniece introduced the Olde Columbine High School Student Advisory Council students Sean Matecki and Crystal Autler who gave an interactive report on Olde Columbine.

District Enrollment Projections (6.2)

Scott Toillion was present to highlight the District enrollment projections for 2014-2018. The Long Range Facility Planning Committee concurred that a gain in the area of 700 additional students was a likely outcome for 2014. Based on a potential gain of 710 students, enrollment for 2014 would reach 29,905 students, up from 29,195 in 2013. By 2018, based on the current trends and indicators, there is potential for a gain of over 3,400 students and an enrollment of over 32,600 at the mid-level estimate.

Rick Ring reported that the 2008 Bond will finish up in 2016, and a team is starting to work on talking about the next bond. He told the Board that the interim plan for growth until another bond is approved is to add modular classrooms. The Area Assistant Superintendents have been talking to all of the principals on facility utilization. Principals are moving their plan times around to accommodate the numbers of students.

Scott Toillion reported that there were no new permits coming from unincorporated Boulder County-a lot of open space has been purchased in Boulder County. Rick Ring reported that there are preliminary discussions with the Town of Lyons about land acquisition.

Fall Athletics Report (6.3)

Rob Berry thanked the Board for attending all the musical events in the District and that it makes such a difference to the students and the teachers to see the Board members attend their performances.

Rob gave a very extensive report on the Fall athletics for each school and told of all the accolades each school has achieved. He told the Board about a freshman wrestling student from Erie High who gave up a chance to win the state tournament to let a handicapped student win because he felt everyone should have a chance to be successful once in their lifetime. Rob summed it up by saying that is what having sports in schools is really all about.

2008 Bond Activity Update (6.4)

Brian Lamer gave a report on the activities in the District that the 2008 Bond has been used for. Staff is working on or has already completed the objectives in 40 of 52 of the District's facilities. The original 2008 Bond program was funded at \$189 million, but they were able to leverage projects to \$204 million. Rick Ring reported that they were able to utilize Build America Bonds funding to increase the scope of bond projects.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

John Ahrens moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.7. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting; the February 19, 2014 Regular Study Session; and the February 26, 2014 Regular Televised Study Session.
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy BGB – Policy Adoption
5. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-2014 Portable Classrooms
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Mountain View Elementary Asbestos Abatement Project
7. Approval: Approval of Change Orders-Office Space Modularity Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Appointment of Executive Director of Assessment & Professional Development (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. Diane Lauer as Executive Director of Assessment and Professional Development, effective July 1, 2014. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Tori Teague reported that Dr. Lauer graduated from University of Illinois with a Bachelors in Liberal Arts and also received a Bachelors from the College of Santa Fe in Secondary Education and Multicultural Studies. She then went on to receive her Masters at the University of Northern Colorado in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, as well as her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

Currently, Dr. Lauer is employed with Thompson School District as the Executive Director of Instruction. Prior to that, she served in Thompson as Director of Instruction, Director of Instructional Coaches, Principal, Assistant Principal and as a Language Arts teacher. She has served as the Colorado State Director for National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, Board Member and Past President for Colorado Association for Middle Level Education, and State Coordinator for Colorado Trailblazer "Schools to Watch".

Dr. Lauer stated how pleased she was to be joining the St. Vrain Valley School District and looks forward to working with everyone.

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

Approval of Appointment of Director of Special Education (8.2)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Jean Rice as Director of Special Education, effective July 1, 2014. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Ms. Rice graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelors of Science in Political Science, a Masters in Special Education and is currently working on her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and anticipates a graduation date of September 2014.

She is currently employed in District 11, Colorado Springs as a Teacher Coach. Her main responsibility is assisting novice Special Education teachers with classroom instructions, implementing and administering policies and procedures, and making sure teachers are in compliance with IEP regulations. Prior to this, she served as Special Education Teacher in District 11 as well as Manitou Springs School District. Also, Ms. Rice enjoys educating future teachers in the area of Special Education at Regis University.

Ms. Rice was thrilled to start her new position, and thanked everyone for the warm welcome to the District.

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

Approval of Appointment of Preschool Coordinator (8.3)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Shela Blankinship as Preschool Coordinator, effective July 1, 2014. John Ahrens seconded.

Ella Padilla reported to the Board that Ms. Blankinship graduated with a Bachelors in Elementary Education from Arizona State University and a Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Denver. She also has a certification in Buell Early Childhood Leadership from the University of Denver.

She is currently employed as the Assistant Principal at Butler Elementary in Fort Lupton, Colorado. Prior to this, she served as Director of Early Childhood Learning in Fort Lupton and Director of Preschool at Limon Elementary in Limon, Colorado. In addition to administrative duties, Ms. Blankinship enjoys teaching college courses in Early Childhood Education at Aims Community College and Morgan Community College.

Ms. Blankinship was thankful for the opportunity to be included in the St. Vrain family, and is eager to get started in her new position.

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

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming National Library Week, April 13-19, 2014 (8.4)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education proclaim April 13-19, 2014 as National Library Week. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The goals of the campaign are to:

1. Increase public awareness of the significant contributions made by school library media staff through school library media programs to further the academic achievement and lifelong learning of our students;
2. Strengthen a belief in the value of school library media programs and school library media staff; and
3. Position school librarianship as a desirable career opportunity.

Board member Paula Peairs read the Resolution.

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

Adoption of Resolution Approving the Sale of District Property (8.5)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution approving the sale of six (6) shares of the Leyner Cottonwood Ditch Water, and authorize the President and Secretary of the Board of Education to sign the Resolution, and further authorize Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, to sign all other necessary sale documents. Debbie Lammers seconded.

District property known as 'Leyner Cottonwood Ditch Shares' is water that is not utilized by the District for Erie, as there is no way to get water to our school sites in that area. We are required to pay the assessment on these shares every year of \$100.00. The District has received an offer from a current shareholder, Jennifer Elky, of \$2,000 per share totaling \$12,000. Current market value of said shares is \$2,100 per District legal counsel. Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer, will sign all documents regarding the sale upon approval by the Board of Education.

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

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between SVVSD and City of Longmont for a Service Contract for Wide Area Network (10G) and Support (8.6)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the St. Vrain Valley School District and the City of Longmont for a Service Contract for Wide Area Network (WAN) (10G) and Support, and further authorize the Board President to sign the IGA document. John Ahrens seconded.

Joe McBreen reported that this IGA is a result of a Request for Proposal (RFP) 2014-017 for a Wide Area Network (10G) and Support on November 13, 2013. Five (5) responses were received on December 11, 2013. Responses were evaluated and the top two (2) respondents were selected to participate in a presentation and interview process. As a result of this process, the City of Longmont provided the most advantageous solution to the District. The cost to the District for the five-year agreement period will be approximately \$1,348,200.00 based on an annual cost of \$269,640.00. The District will realize an annual cost savings of approximately \$95,000.00 each year and approximately \$477,000.00 for the contract term as a result of this award.

The District has been utilizing one (1) Gigabit WAN service since 2006 for all in-town schools/sites. The IGA with the City of Longmont will result in a high-speed ten (10) Gigabit network that is upgradeable to forty (40) Gigabit if needed in the future. This

upgrade is in preparation to support the bandwidth needs of more than 20,000 Learning Technology Plan iPads.

This Intergovernmental Agreement has been reviewed by the District's legal counsel.

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

Approval of Contract for Mobile Device Management (MDM) Solution (8.7)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Absolute Software, Inc., for a Mobile Device Management (MDM) Solution and further authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all necessary documents. John Ahrens seconded.

Joe McBreen reported that the Purchasing Department and District Technology Services (DTS) issued Request for Proposal (RFP) 2014-006 for a Mobile Device Management Solution on October 8, 2013. Fourteen (14) responses were received on October 29, 2013. Responses were evaluated and the top three (3) firms were selected to participate in a presentation and interview process. As a result of this process, Absolute Software, Inc., provided the most advantageous solution to the District. The cost to the District for the five-year agreement period will be approximately \$399,450.00 based on first year costs of \$199,725.00 for client software and \$49,931.25 each year for annual support and on-going maintenance years two through five. This software will provide the management of over 20,000 iPads throughout the District. The management includes inventory, application deployment, passcode management, and management policies.

Joe McBreen reported that, at this point, there is adequate DTS staff to cover the pilot and all the new technology. Erik Black and eight technicians cover the entire District. Erik Black gave a brief report to the Board detailing how this software manages the District's mobile devices.

Joe McBreen reported to the Board how the wireless is holding up to all the traffic from the schools.

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

Approval of Auditing Firm Selection (8.8)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract for auditing services with RubinBrown., LLP, for FY 2013–2014 with the option of four one-

year renewals, and further authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all necessary documents. John Ahrens seconded.

An RFP for Professional Auditing Services was sent out on January 15, 2014, and seven CPA firms responded. District staff narrowed that selection to three firms- RubinBrown LLP, McGladrey LLP, and Clifton Larson Allen.

Representatives from the District Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Education, and District staff reviewed the RFP's and looked at the responses for prior government and school audit experience, cost, and what was in the best interest of the District. The three selected firms were invited to give individual presentations to this group on February 27, 2014. From this process, RubinBrown was selected to continue as our auditing firm. The contracted amount of the audit will be \$78,000.

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

Approval of Race to the Top Purchase Over \$100,000 (8.9)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the use of Race to the Top-District funds to purchase Laser and 3D Printers and a Laser Engraving System from a single source provider, High Country Technology Consultants, for a total amount of \$105,241.00. John Ahrens seconded.

A component of the Race to the Top – District grant program is the implementation of STEM at all elementary and middle schools in the Skyline feeder. The grant plan includes the addition of STEM-focused purchases of supplies and state of the art equipment for STEM integration and projects at the 11 schools and at the Innovation Center. This is a request to purchase seven Desktop 3D printers (one for each elementary school), two Desktop 3-D printers (one for each middle school) and one uPrint 3D Printer for Skyline High School, as well as a 3D printer and laser engraver for the Innovation Center for a total cost of \$105,241.00.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy ADC – Tobacco-Free Schools (9.1)

Rick Ring reported that this policy is changing to include information on e-cigarettes.

Revisions to this policy are necessary due to alignment with CASB policies, current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by District administration.

This policy was recommended for Consent at the April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements (9.2)

Mark Mills reported to the Board that the revisions to this policy were necessary to more clearly define credit calculations in order to avoid FTE miscalculations due to the different bell schedules of each high school.

Revisions to this policy are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by District administration.

This policy was recommended for Consent at the April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Regulation JRA/JRC-R – Student Records/Release of Information on Students (9.3)

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

Revisions to this policy are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by District administration.

This policy was recommended for Consent at the April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Executive Summary on Board Policy Manual Overhaul Project-Board Policy Sections A, B & C (9.4)

Board member Paula Peairs gave a summary report on the progress of the Board Policy Manual Overhaul Project for Board Policy Sections A-Foundations and Basic Commitments, B-Board Governance and Operations, and C-General School Administration.

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District (SVVSD) approved a contract with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) on November 13, 2013 to work on the Board Policy Manual Overhaul Project. This project will have CASB representatives review each of the current District policies and identify areas where policy is lacking or needs revision to comply with current statute, etc. Following receipt of monthly CASB recommended policy revisions, additions or deletions, a Policy Review Committee will meet with administration policy owners to review each policy and finalize suggested policy revisions, additions or deletions.

CASB recommendations will be provided and Committee/policy owner review will be carried out according to an agreed-upon timeline. The first workshop was conducted on Friday, January 31, with CASB, a Committee of three Board members and the Secretary to the Board of Education. The Board approved a permanent Policy Review Committee of three Board members at the February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting. Regular Policy Review Committee meetings will be publicly posted. Other Board members are welcome to attend meetings at their discretion.

As the sections of the policy manual are completed, a Committee Board member will report on the progress of the project and announce the next sections to be reviewed.

The Policy Review Committee will meet weekly. The public is welcome to attend those meetings and can call or email the Secretary to the Board of Education for meeting dates and times at steege_barb@svvsd.org or 303-682-7292.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, absent].

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 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 April 9, 2014.