

**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 August 13, 2014 at the Educational Services Center Board Room, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The regular meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 6:15 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, Treasurer, Director District A  
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C

**Board Members Absent (Excused):**

Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Paula Peairs moved to convene to Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, CRS 24-6-402(4)(f), a related student matter, CRS 24-6-402(4)(h), and to consult with the attorney for the District on those subjects, CRS 24-6-402(4)(b). John Ahrens seconded.

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].

The following were present in Executive Session: John Ahrens, John Creighton, Debbie Lammers, Paula Peairs, Joie Siegrist, Bob Smith; and Catherine Tallerico, attorney for the District.

Concluding this portion of the Executive Session, at 6:48 p.m., Paula Peairs moved to convene to a separate Executive Session regarding contract negotiations, CRS 24-6-402(4)(e). John Ahrens seconded.

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].

The following were present in this separate Executive Session: John Ahrens, John Creighton, Debbie Lammers, Paula Peairs, Joie Siegrist, Bob Smith; and Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools.

Concluding the contract negotiations portion of the Executive Session, at 6:57 p.m., John Ahrens moved to convene to the Regular Meeting. Bob Smith seconded.

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].

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

David Burnison, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent  
Stacy Davis, Security and Emergency Manager  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Patty Quinones, Executive Director for Innovations and RTTT  
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools  
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor  
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services  
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction  
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services  
Susan Zimmerman, District Coordinator for Community Schools

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

LaVern Johnson and Cheron Boland from Lyons were present to support the naming of the Lyons Elementary Bus Lane to honor Mr. Gerald Boland, Cheron's husband and long-time Lyons resident and St. Vrain Valley teacher and coach who passed away in the September 2013 flood. They will place a sandstone bench and plaque on the Lyons Elementary property in honor of Mr. Boland. LaVern also wanted the Board and public to know that the Red Rock Ramblers Square Dancers are very appreciative of being able to utilize the Lyons Elementary School gym for the last 56 years. She also thanked the school district for helping the Lyons community save the Lyons Redstone Museum

building in May of 1977 and reported on the progress of its restoration projects since then.

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

### **Board Communications**

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Innovation Center functions over the summer-program is incredible.
- Appreciative of the new mental health professionals being put in place for students.

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Will attend State Assessment Task Force Meeting on Monday and report to the Board.
- Facilities look excellent thanks to Brian Lamer and his team.
- Thanks to all the efforts of the teachers and staff, building and district leaders so that the start of school is a great day for the students.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Colorado School Safety Resource Center Advisory Board quarterly meeting which is now under the auspices of the Attorney General's office. Debbie's CASB liaison role is now officially a member of the Advisory Board. She will report to the SVVSD Board after each meeting.
  - Reported that there will be a Safe School Summit on October 22-23, 2014 in Loveland. Stan Garnett, Boulder County District Attorney, will be one of the speakers.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Meeting.
- Attended July National League of Cities Educational Summit, a national initiative for educational alignment for young children. Longmont was one of six cities nationwide that was chosen to participate in this Summit.
- Announced that the Niwot High School Girls' Volleyball team won a national academic team award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.
- Attended Board Policy Review Committee Meeting.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Impressed with all the activities going on around the schools during the summer.
- Attended Board Policy Review Committee Meeting-working on Section G.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Innovation Center Showcase and Innovation Academy exhibits.

- During summer vacation visited schools in other school districts-really appreciates the great looking facilities in St. Vrain Valley and how conducive to learning SVVSD facilities are.
- During summer vacation read a negative letter to the editor from an employee of a local school district. Wanted to thank SVVSD staff and administrators for keeping the focus on the students and not conflict. Thanked fellow Board members for the same reason.
- Announced that the Westview Orchestra will play the National Anthem at Coors Field on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Brian Lamer and his team and Mountain View Principal Jennifer Ryan for the work that is being done at Mountain View and Longs Peak Middle School.

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

- Congratulated Jane Schein on her 10<sup>th</sup> year of winning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Government Finance Officers Association for her work on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
- ACT results were embargoed at the time of this Board meeting, but Dr. Haddad will share the good news of the results with the Board members as soon as possible.
- Thanks to Brian Lamer and his team for getting every school ready for the start of school.

### **REPORTS (6.0)**

#### **4th Quarter Gifts to Schools (6.1)**

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fourth quarter of the 2013-2014 school year totaling \$280,071.45. Total public gifts for the entire 2013-2014 school year were \$974,627.08.

#### **Community Schools Report (6.2)**

Susan Zimmerman provided a very extensive report on the programs offered by Community Schools. Connie Syferd congratulated Susan Zimmerman for her successful leadership of these programs throughout the district's many schools.

#### **Hacker High Update (6.3)**

Patty Quinones provided the Board with information regarding the District's partnership with The OtterCares Foundation and Hacker High, LLC, to promote the STEM activities at Skyline High School and the Innovation Center. She introduced Jeff Lund, the new Manager of the Innovation Center and liaison for Hacker High, and Blair Dickhoner,

District legal counsel. The OtterCares Foundation, dedicated to championing innovative education for youth, has provided the District with \$65,000 to start this project. These promotional activities will include a Hacker High website, mobile application and videos. Hacker High is projected to start in September and it will be using students for the production piece.

Some Board members attended the Innovation Center Showcase and were very excited to see the students in action. Board members Debbie Lammers, John Ahrens, and John Creighton utilized the Mac repair program over the summer and were very pleased with the students and the assistance they provided.

Regina Renaldi honored Patty Quinones for her leadership and the successful launch of the Innovation Center.

Paul Wagner is scheduled to present at the September 10, 2014 Board meeting with more details about the Hacker High project and timeline.

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

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.5. Debbie Lammers seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 11, 2014 Regular Meeting and the June 18, 2014 Special Meeting (Board Retreat).
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JFBA-E-1 – Open Enrollment/Non-Resident Application
5. Approval: Approval of Summer Construction Projects that Exceeded \$100,000 or Board-Approved Amounts

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)**

#### **Approval of Appointment of New Finance & Audit Committee Member (8.1)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education appoint Scott Gilbert, Vice President of Guaranty Bank & Trust Company, to the Finance and Audit Committee. Paula Peairs seconded.

Mr. Gilbert was honored to have the chance to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee and looks forward to participating and supporting the important work of the

Committee. He introduced his daughter and son who are both Mead High School students. Board members were very appreciative of Scott taking on this responsibility.

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 Appointment of Purchasing Director (8.2)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Traci Burtnett for Purchasing Director, effective July 14, 2014. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ms. Burtnett is certified as a Professional Public Buyer and Public Procurement Officer. She has worked in Thompson School District for the past nineteen years where she served as Buyer, Purchasing Supervisor, Manager of Materials and Procurement and Director of Materials and Procurement. Prior to this, she was the Purchasing Coordinator for two years for Adams 12 School District in Northglenn.

Ms. Burtnett was thrilled to start her new position 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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **Approval of Appointment of Special Education Coordinator (8.3)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Katherine Rodriguez for Special Education Coordinator, effective July 1, 2014. Bob Smith seconded.

Ms. Rodriguez received her Bachelor's in Speech Communication from Texas A&M, Master's in Elementary Education from Boston College, a second Master's from University of Texas in Special Education, and her principal licensure from the University of Denver. Ms. Rodriguez worked in Texas for four years as a Special Education instructor. The last four years she has been the Autism and Developmental Specialist for Adams 12 School District.

Ms. Rodriguez introduced her husband and young son, and is looking forward to getting started.

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 Appointment of Assistant Principal for Altona Middle School (8.4)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Travis O'Hair for Assistant Principal for Altona Middle School, effective July 21, 2014. Bob Smith seconded.

Mr. O'Hair received his Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Biology from the University of Northern Colorado, and a Masters in Administrative Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Colorado-Denver. He has been the STEM Academy Director for St. Vrain Valley for the past four years. Prior to that, he has been the Innovation Center Program Manager and Science and STEM Teacher for St. Vrain Valley for a total of eight years.

Mr. O'Hair was excited for this new challenge at Altona Middle School.

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 Appointment of Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Longmont High School (8.5)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Jeremy Burmeister for Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Longmont High School, effective July 21, 2014. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Mr. Burmeister received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from the University of Northern Iowa, and his Masters in Educational Leadership and Principal Licensure from Colorado State University. At Highland High School in Ault, Colorado, he served as a Business Teacher for three years and the last four years as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director.

Mr. Burmeister introduced his wife and son. He was very appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of the Longmont High School community.

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 Appointment of Director of Safety and Emergency Management (8.6)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Stacy Davis to Director of Safety and Emergency Management, effective July 1, 2014. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Ms. Stacy Davis received her Bachelor's in Business Administration from National American University. She served the town of Firestone for three years as the

Administrative Lieutenant/Director of Emergency Management. Prior to that, she was the Emergency Management Coordinator/Police Officer/Senior Liaison for the City of Brighton for ten years and a Supervisor of Victim Services/Community Outreach for the City of Federal Heights for eight years. For the past four years, she has been the Manager of Safety and Emergency Management for the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Ms. Davis appreciates the increased responsibility and role and is eager to continue to further her work on a new level.

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 Vendors Providing Purchased Services Over \$100,000 (8.7)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors presented who are anticipated to provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2015. Debbie Lammers seconded.

This information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ—Purchasing Authorization. This is specifically to address vendors who provide services that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY15 newly-awarded contracts.

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 Vendors Providing Purchased Goods over \$100,000 (8.8)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors presented who are anticipated to provide purchased goods over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2015. Paula Peairs seconded.

This information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ—Purchasing Authorization. This is specifically to address vendors who provide goods that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY15 newly-awarded contracts.

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 New Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Calendar (8.9)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the changes to the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting calendar for 2014-2015 that were presented. John Ahrens seconded.

The Committee will meet monthly to review the District's financial performance, budgeting process, and self-directed areas of study. These meetings are held in the Operations & Maintenance Conference Room from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

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

**Approval of Resolution to Accept New Name for Lyons Elementary Bus Lane (8.10)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to name the Lyons Elementary School Bus Lane after Mr. Gerald Boland. Bob Smith seconded.

Mr. Gerald Boland was a respected, long-time resident of the Lyons community who passed away as a result of the September 2013 flood. He taught in the St. Vrain Valley School District for 30 years: 5 years at Lyons High School and 25 years at Lyons Elementary School. Family, friends and St. Vrain staff wish to honor his memory by naming the Lyons Elementary Bus Lane after him.

Board member Joie Siegrist read the Resolution.

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

**Approval of IDEA Narratives (8.11)**

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve Narratives that provide guidance and approval of expenditures associated with IDEA funding to support the provision of special education services to students attending St. Vrain Valley School District. John Ahrens seconded.

Every three years Districts are required to write narratives to be approved by the Board of Education and submitted to the CDE. The narratives describe to the CDE how the District will utilize the IDEA funds to support special education services for students with disabilities ages three through twenty-one attending St. Vrain Valley School District.

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].

### **Board Action Resulting from Executive Sessions (8.12)**

Bob Smith moved to deny the complaint and uphold the decision of Mark Mills regarding the personnel matter, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(f), and the confidential student matter, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(h). Joie Siegrist seconded.

The Board fully reviewed the written record regarding these matters and discussed the matter with the attorney for the District, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b). The Board considers this matter closed.

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)**

#### **ACTION ITEM: First Reading, Introduction, Board Policy BE/BEA/BEB – School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings and BF – School Board Work Sessions and Retreats (9.1)**

The Board of Education would like to hold two Regular Meetings; one on the second Wednesday and one on the fourth Wednesday of every month. This is a change from having a Televised Study Session on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Board Policy BE/BEA/BEB – School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings would be revised to reflect that change to the fourth Wednesday meeting structure.

The Board is currently contracting with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) to overhaul their Board policy manuals. CASB is recommending that Board policies BE/BEA/BEB and BF – School Board Work Sessions and Retreats be combined and renamed BE and that Board Policy BF be repealed. The Board agrees with this decision.

These policies were converted to an Action Item so that the August 27, 2014 meeting could officially be a Regular Meeting.

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].

#### **First Reading, Introduction, Board Policies/Regulation JICG – Use of Tobacco by Students; JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection; and JLF-R – Reporting**

**Child Abuse/Child Protection; and new Exhibit JLF-E – Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect (9.2)**

Stacy Davis reported that revisions to this policy are necessary due to alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and answered questions from the Board.

Connie Syferd updated the Board regarding the 12 new mental health counselors to develop a comprehensive mental health support system for our students. The first month of school will be used for training and building relationships with the students. There will be a Coordinator position whose purpose it will be to make connections in the community. The Board thanked Connie Syferd for her work in this area, and she will introduce the Coordinator to the Board when that person is hired.

It was recommended that these policies be placed in Consent for the August 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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].

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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 September 10, 2014.