

**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 27, 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 6:32 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
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Janis Hughes, Burlington Elementary Principal
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Cathy O'Donnell, Black Rock Elementary Principal
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Black Rock Elementary Principal Cathy O'Donnell introduced Black Rock student Dominic Gaeta and his mother. Dominic held a fundraiser to raise money to replace the playground equipment recently vandalized at Black Rock Elementary. Dominic gave advice on thinking twice before damaging someone else's property. He presented a check for \$2,827.00 that he raised, and the Black Rock Elementary PTO gave Cathy a check for \$1,504.00 and all proceeds will go directly to replacing the damaged playground equipment at Black Rock. Dominic was presented the Superintendent's Excellence in Education award by Dr. Don Haddad.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Visited many schools and the first week of school went very well. Thanks to Brian Lamer and his team for getting all the schools ready for that first day. Thanks to the administration, staff, teachers, students and parents for a great start to the school year.
- Shared that the preliminary student count is showing a significant increase in students. There will be several more unofficial student counts between now and the official count on October 1. Proud to share that all FTE requests have been addressed, and he will continue to keep the Board posted on future preliminary student counts.
- Brian Lamer and his team are working on reducing the number of informational signs on school properties.
- Congratulated Dara Ward, Energy Manager, for her role in energy savings to the District of \$528,000. Dara will attend the September 10, 2014 Board Meeting to share details of how the savings were obtained.
- Met at the Innovation Center with Commissioner of Education Robert Hammond, Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia, and IBM executives. Very excited to implement the P-TECH (Pathways in Technology) Program soon.
- Invited the Board to community events: Lyons M/S will have a community BBQ on Friday, September 12, 2014, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm before their first football game, and Miners' Day in Frederick on Saturday, September 20, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REPORTS (6.0)

District Financial Statements-May 2014 (6.1)

Greg Fieth reported information related to the May 2014 Monthly Financial Statements. The Finance Department will host a training session for District parent/teacher organizations on Thursday, September 18, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Center Board Room.

2014 TCAP Achievement, Colorado Growth Model Data, ACT Scores, and ACCESS for ELLs Data (6.2)

Tori Teague reported that students in the St. Vrain Valley School District completed 52,279 TCAP tests and, of 28 performance measures, provided measurable results for 26 measures. She highlighted the results of each of the separate tests. The District outperformed the state on the vast majority of TCAP tests. The growth data also shows excellent results in every area, and we have higher overall median growth percentiles in all content areas than the state. The positive trend continues with ACT results that show strong achievement, increases in every area, and an upward trend over the past five years.

Don Haddad praised Tori Teague and her team for their work in implementing all of these state-mandated tests for the District.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Paula Peairs moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.1. Bob Smith seconded.

1. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies/Regulation/Exhibit JICG – Use of Tobacco by Students; JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection; JLF-R – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection; and new Exhibit JLF-E – Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

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, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Burlington Elementary High Achievers Grant (8.1)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to apply for, and accept if approved, grant funds of approximately \$20,000 for the High Achievers Grant for Burlington Elementary School. John Ahrens seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that, for the 2014-2015 school year, funds are available to a select group of high achieving schools who agree to participate in a study by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) about their current practices in literacy, math, English language program, multi-tiered systems of support, Title I (if applicable) and special education. The Colorado Department of Education has recognized Burlington Elementary as a high achieving school and suggested the school apply for this grant. The funds will be used for the purchase of Chromebooks for use by Burlington Elementary students. Principal Janis Hughes shared with the Board her pride in her staff and their students' achievements. Mark Mills, Don Haddad and Board President John Creighton praised Janis for her leadership.

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, yes].

Approval of Purchase of Symantec Software Licenses and Renewals (8.2)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Symantec Software Licenses and Renewals in an amount of \$100,022.90 from Intuitive Technology Group, LLC. Joie Siegrist seconded.

This suite of software has been used by the District for several years. It includes anti-virus programs for all computers in the District, Help Desk Software (Work Tickets), computer imaging, and Workflow (process automation software).

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, yes].

Approval of Purchase of Annual Maintenance for Cisco Network Products (8.3)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Annual Maintenance (SmartNet) for Cisco Network Products in an amount of \$224,437.91 from Global Technology Resources, Inc. John Ahrens seconded.

SmartNet Maintenance provides the District technical support on all Cisco products and the ability to monitor and resolve network issues.

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, yes].

Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirements for the Longmont, Silver Creek, Frederick, and Skyline High School Education Foundations (8.4-8.7)

Mike Schiers 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 Longmont, Silver Creek, Frederick, and Skyline High School Education Foundations. Bob Smith seconded.

The Longmont, Silver Creek, Frederick, and Skyline High School Education Foundations appealed to the District's Finance and Audit Committee for a waiver from Policy KBE-R due to the fact that none of their Foundations use District facilities except for their meetings.

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, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Executive Summary on Board Policy Manual Overhaul Project-Board Policy Manual Section G (9.1)

Board member Paula Peairs gave a summary report on the progress of the Board Policy Manual Overhaul Project for Board Policy Section G-Personnel.

Board member Mike Schiers thanked the Board Policy Review Committee for the time they are spending on this Committee.

The Board Policy Review Committee meets weekly on Mondays (no holidays). The public is welcome to attend these meetings and can call or email the Secretary to the Board of Education for meeting information at steege_barb@svvdsd.org or 303-682-7292.

John Creighton Announcement

Board President John Creighton announced that he was stepping down as President of the Board due to increasing family and professional responsibilities. He has also been appointed to the State Assessment Task Force which will take up considerable time. He will finish his current board term which ends in November 2015 but will not have an officer position. John has been the Board President since November 2009. A new Board President and subsequent Board officer positions will be determined at the September 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

John stated that it has been an enjoyable opportunity to serve the District as President of the Board, and he looks forward to working with his successor. Don Haddad thanked John, on behalf of all District staff, for his tremendous leadership of the Board, District and SVVSD Community.

ADJOURNMENT

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. 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, yes].

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.