

**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 October 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 Robert J. Smith at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Shelly Allen, Director of Nutrition Services
Todd Bissell, Erie Middle School Principal
Matt Buchler, Erie High School Principal
David Burnison, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Lauren Eker, Erie Elementary Principal
Traci Haley, Assistant Principal of Black Rock Elementary
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Cathy O'Donnell, Black Rock Elementary Principal
Rick Olsen, Principal of Longmont High School
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement

Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction
Greg Winger, Principal of Lyons Middle/Senior High

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Area Superintendents introduced the students in their schools that are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Those students are:

Longmont High School

Hannah Cochran

Erie High School

Macy Wilson

Skyline High School

Michael Loper (unable to attend)

Silver Creek High School

Zach Lamb (unable to attend)

Niwot High School

Madison Junker (unable to attend)

Emma Robbins (unable to attend)

Katie Gillett

Pierce Finley

Issac Ng (unable to attend)

Lyons High School

Matthew Dillon (unable to attend)

Emily Schneider

Eric Rauschkolb, Greg Winger, Matt Buchler, and Rick Olsen introduced all the students that were able to attend, and the students introduced their family members that were able to attend.

Kai Abelkis attended the meeting to thank the Board for supporting Silver Creek High School and their administration. His son attended Silver Creek High School and he had a wonderful experience there. His son is now attending Portland State University. Mr. Abelkis is a candidate for County Commissioner.

Todd Snidow, Senior Vice President of George K. Baum & Company, was present to update the Board on the refinancing of District bonds that took place on October 7, 2014. The District saved its taxpayers \$7.9 million as a result of this refinancing, which comes out to \$660,000 annually. The District's credit rating has also been upgraded to AA by Standard & Poor's and Moody's. This upgrade now places St. Vrain in a small group of Colorado schools rated "AA" or higher, including Cherry Creek, Aspen, Boulder and Littleton. Todd thanked Terry Schueler, Greg Fieth, Tony Whiteley, and Dr. Haddad for the excellent current financial condition of the District. Mr. Snidow had an extensive report that compared the savings against other Colorado school district bond sales. The Board members thanked Mr. Snidow for his extremely hard work on the District's behalf and for being a great partner to the District. They also thanked the administrative staff for their work with the budgets in each of the schools.

Bill Meier, Community Affairs Representative from United Power, attended the meeting to present a check for lighting rebates from several schools worth \$1,734. United Power Board of Directors Tim Erickson and Ginny Buczek presented to the Board the co-operative's check for \$15,642.59 which included the rebate amount.

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

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- October Count-October 8 was the close of the October Count window but the rest of October is predicted to come in very strong. Thanks to Amber Muir, attendance clerks and school staff that make sure the students all are accounted for.

REPORTS (6.0)

Erie High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Mark Mills introduced Matt Buchler who then introduced the Erie High School Student Advisory Council students Katie Gallagher, Cody Hartkopp and Shane Mathis. Advisory Council member Anne Fisher was unable to attend. The students showed a video on the Erie High School feeder schools, and introduced family members that were able to attend the Board Meeting. Principals from the Erie feeder that were present: Erie High School Principal Matt Buchler; Erie Middle School Principal Todd Bissell; Erie Elementary School Principal Lauren Eker; and Black Rock Elementary Principal Cathy O'Donnell. Red Hawk Principal Cyrus Weinberger was unable to attend. Many of the teachers that were showcased in the video were able to attend the Board meeting. Mark Mills thanked the Board for their time in visiting all the schools to see what happens on a daily basis at those schools. Matt Buchler thanked Board member John Ahrens for his school visits and appreciates his support.

1st Quarter Gifts to Schools-2014-2015 School Year (6.2)

Terry Schueler reported that the first quarter 2014-2015 gifts to the schools totaled \$162,256.21. This amount is double the amount from first quarter last year because of a \$133,100 cash donation from Great West Financial for a financial literacy curriculum program.

Safety/Security Report (6.3)

Stacy Davis presented the Board its annual school safety report and an update on related District-level safety and security topics. Board members appreciated the attention to detail on the safety and security report, and thanked Stacy Davis and Brian Lamer for working on the traffic issues at the schools in particular. Dr. Haddad thanked

them and the team of administrators that are working together with each school to solve security and safety issues all across the District. Mrs. Lammers thanked them for their efforts to improve traffic issues at Niwot Elementary.

2013-2014 Scholarship Recipients (6.4)

Dr. Haddad presented the list of awarded high school scholarships to District students for 2013-2014. Students were awarded a total of \$621,068 in local scholarships and awards. In addition, students were offered a total of \$16,587,349 in scholarships and awards from colleges and universities across the country. Board members thanked the counselors in each of the schools for their guidance to all the students. They also recognized the tremendous community support that the District is seeing in the form of local scholarships for our students to continue their education at various colleges, universities and vocational schools.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

John Creighton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.6. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the September 10, 2014 Regular Meeting, the September 17, 2014 Study Session, and the September 24, 2014 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Free and Reduced Meal Application, Board Policy EFC-E
5. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Owner/Architect Agreement-Sanborn Renovation Project
6. Approval: Approval of Welker Scholarship Fund Compliance

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 for Approval/Denial of Additional Grade Levels at Aspen Ridge Preparatory (8.1)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to authorize the Aspen Ridge Preparatory School to serve grades K-8 in accordance with the terms of the current Charter Renewal Term of ten years, which presently extends through June 30, 2024. Paula Peairs seconded.

On July 30, 2014, the Aspen Ridge Preparatory School submitted a grade extension application to the District in order to become a K-8 school with a private preschool which will not have District oversight. In order to comply with statute, the Board must act on the application prior to October 30, 2014.

Aspen Ridge Principal Pam Richau, Board President Glenn Massarotti, Board Vice President Eric Guerrero, CFO Gina Dattilo, and First Grade Instructor Kathy Krashoc were present to answer 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 CCSP Expansion Grant for Aspen Ridge Preparatory (8.2)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the Intent to Submit Form from Aspen Ridge Preparatory School for the Colorado Charter Schools Program (CCSP) Expansion Grant. Paula Peairs seconded.

As the CCSP grants are federally funded, a Local Education Authority (LEA) must agree to serve as fiscal agent for the Colorado Charter Schools Program Expansion Grant. The Aspen Ridge Preparatory School has listed the District as their designated fiscal agent for such purposes; therefore, the Administration and Board of Education are required to sign the CCSP grant application from Aspen Ridge Preparatory 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].

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming National School Lunch Week, October 13-17, 2014 (8.3)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution proclaiming October 13 - 17, 2014 as National School Lunch Week. John Creighton seconded.

Serving more than 3.5 million meals yearly to children in St. Vrain cafeterias, the federally funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) provides nutritionally balanced, healthy meals. The program, which has been serving the nation's children for over 60 years, requires school meals to meet the USDA's new nutrition standards by ensuring students are offered both fruits and vegetables every day of the week; substantially increasing offerings of whole grain-rich foods; offering only fat-free or low-fat milk varieties; limiting calories based on the age of children being served to ensure proper portion size; and increasing the focus on reducing the amounts of saturated fat, trans fats, and sodium.

Shelly Allen was present to share her goals for Nutrition Services for this year with the Board. The Board thanked Shelly Allen and her team for their work.

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 Accreditation Recommendations for District Schools (8.4)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the accreditation recommendations for schools within the St. Vrain Valley School District, as presented. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Dr. Haddad thanked Tori Teague and her team for the outstanding job that they do, especially throughout the flood, to keep the focus on achievement throughout the District. Dr. Haddad congratulated the schools that improved their accreditation status.

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].

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Classified School Employees Week, October 18-24, 2014 (8.5)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve a resolution proclaiming October 18-24, 2014 as "Classified School Employees Week". John Ahrens seconded.

Proclaiming this date as Classified School Employees Week will be helping to promote public awareness of the importance of classified employees in the public school system. As much as any other group of employees, classified school employees are a valued and integral part of the school system and their work is vital to the success of children.

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 Establishment of Fund 21-Nutrition Services Fund (8.6)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education formally approve the establishment of Fund 21 (Nutrition Services Fund) in accordance with state law and the approved FY15 Budget. John Creighton seconded.

Effective July 1, 2014, the Colorado Department of Education Chart of Accounts requires the Nutrition Services Fund change from an Enterprise Fund (Fund 51) to a Special Revenue Fund (Fund 21). Staff prepared and submitted the FY15 Budget reflecting this change. Legal counsel has recommended the Board take separate action

reflecting this change to create a clear audit trail. The FY15 quarterly and monthly financial reports will reflect this accounting change.

Terry Schueler was present to answer 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 Purchase of Network Servers for Security Cameras (8.7)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of network servers, software, and accessories for security cameras from Dell Marketing LP for an amount not-to-exceed \$111,348 and further authorize Brian Lamer to sign contract documents and initiate scope changes up to the approved amounts in accordance with Board of Education Policy FEH, Supervision of Construction. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that Dell Marketing LP is the District authorized provider for servers and server components. The network servers will provide network connection for security cameras installed at Thunder Valley K-8, Timberline PK-8, Longs Peak Middle, and Erie Middle. Funding for the project is included in the 2015 Capital Reserve 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].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Lammers moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 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, absent; 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 November 12, 2014.