

**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 22, 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 7:00 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
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Ryan Ball, Principal of Eagle Crest Elementary
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
David Burnison, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Amanda Hall, Principal of Longmont Estates Elementary
Stephen Hoel, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Joe Mehsling, Principal of Altona Middle School
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Kyle Schuyler, Assistant Principal of Lyons M/S High School

Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Kristie Venrick, Principal of Blue Mountain Elementary
Greg Winger, Principal of Lyons M/S High School

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Britton Fell from the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO) was present to recognize Lyons M/S Principal Greg Winger and Lyons Assistant Principal Kyle Schuyler as Educators of the Year.

Regina Renaldi introduced Rocky Mountain Elementary First Grade Teacher Cynthia Montanez. Regina felt that Ms. Montanez is one of the finest teachers she has met in her 30-year career. Rocky Mountain Elementary Principal Stephen Hoel told the Board of how proud he was to have Ms. Montanez on his team, and feels that she was one of those special people that was born to be a teacher. Ms. Montanez praised Principal Hoel for supporting her and her work with students and the students' parents. Dr. Don Haddad presented Ms. Montanez with an Excellence in Education award.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Reported that the last Leadership St. Vrain meeting was attended by many legislators in our district and a representative of the State Board of Education. He met with Board member John Creighton who sits on the State Assessment Task Force and parents. Dr. Haddad reported that parents and teachers had the same concerns. John Creighton felt the parents were quite concerned about the amount and timing of testing and that they felt the testing as it is now is altering the educational experience for students.
- Board President Bob Smith felt it was such a privilege to have Board member John Creighton representing our District on the State Assessment Task Force. He reported to the Board and the public that St. Vrain does not use test scores as a means for allocating revenue or for teacher performance ratings.
- Dr. Haddad reported that the District could lose funding if students are not taking the mandated tests. After meeting with superintendents around the state and the Commissioner of Education he reiterated that the teachers do not get paid according to test results.
- Board member John Creighton announced that there will be public meetings which the State Assessment Task Force is conducting. He will present to a public meeting in Loveland on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. that will be held

at the Thompson Valley District Administration Building. The Colorado Department of Education website provides the public with an opportunity to send in feedback via email.

REPORTS (6.0)

Silver Creek High School Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Regina Renaldi introduced Silver Creek High School Principal Erick Finnestead. Mr. Finnestead introduced the Silver Creek High School Student Advisory Council students Nick Hartmen, Helen Abbey, and Katie Emberley. Tyler Lis, Matt Carson, and Sam Willett were unable to attend. The students presented a video highlighting each of the Silver Creek feeder schools: Altona Middle School, Blue Mountain Elementary, Eagle Crest Elementary, Longmont Estates Elementary, and Silver Creek High School. In attendance were Altona Middle School Elementary Principal Joe Mehsling, Blue Mountain Elementary Principal Kristie Venrick, Eagle Crest Elementary School Principal Ryan Ball, Longmont Estates Principal Amanda Hall, and Silver Creek Principal Erick Finnestead.

Silver Creek Principal Erick Finnestead announced that SCLA Coordinator Carrie Adams was recognized at the City of Longmont's Inclusive Communities event with a Community Unity award.

Audit Update (6.2)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with an update of the 2014 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and the audit process and timeline. The 2014 CAFR is currently being finalized and will be provided to the Board as soon as it is available. The CAFR will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee on November 10, 2014, and the final acceptance and approval of the CAFR is scheduled to go before the Board on November 12, 2014.

Focus School Update (6.3)

Connie Syferd provided the Board of Education with an update on Focus Schools that started seven years ago in the St. Vrain Valley Schools.

- All students have academic learning options-Focus programs enhance comprehensive PK-12 programs.
- Sunset Middle School-IB Middle Years Program.
- Mead High School-Energy Academy.
- Silver Creek High School-Capstone "Evening of Excellence" presentation by 45 seniors in May at the Plaza Conference Center.
- Frederick High School-CU Succeed Program-STEM/CTE/Bioscience Programs.
- Mountain View Elementary-New facility for STEM preschool transitioning in January.

- St. Vrain Online Global Academy-105 students with a Performance Rating and 68% course completion rate compared to 20-25% completion rate of other online programs.
- APEX Program-Enrichment in three schools four days a week.
- Erie High School-STEM.
- CTE-Blending CDC programs to broaden new graduation guidelines.
- Dr. Haddad gave an update from Rick Olsen that CSU accepted guaranteed admission to students that graduate from the Medical & Bioscience Academy at Longmont High School.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

John Creighton moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.1. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Physical Activity Grant Supplies

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)

Adoption of Resolution Approving 2014-2015 District Employee Membership in Colorado High School Activities Association (8.1)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution approving 2014-2015 District employee membership in CHSAA. John Ahrens seconded.

Rob Berry reported on the District employees that serve on CHSAA Committees. The Board of Education recognized the services of the individuals listed in the Resolution to be within the scope of employment of school district personnel and within the performance of such personnel's duties as employees of the school district, as members of the Board of Directors of the CHSAA or as a member of other CHSAA committees, Legislative Council or interscholastic activity league committees under CHSAA.

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].

Flagstaff Academy Charter School Resolution Acceptance (8.2)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education accept the Flagstaff Academy Charter Board Resolution, dated October 7, 2014, as an amendment to the Flagstaff Academy Charter contract, dated July 26, 2013, effective through June 30, 2016. This Resolution

designates the Flagstaff Academy Preschool as a private preschool. Paula Peairs seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that on October 7, 2014, Flagstaff Academy Charter adopted the presented Resolution to clarify that Flagstaff Academy Preschool is a private preschool which will not be subject to public preschool regulations and will not have District oversight.

District legal counsel has advised that unless the charter contract specifically designates a charter school preschool program as private, the District must provide oversight to ensure the preschool meets the same regulations as other District preschools. The presented Resolution waives that requirement. Connie Syferd reported that the District will not be obligated to provide preschool special education services to Flagstaff Academy.

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 for Granting Temporary Easement Rights and the Dedication of Parcels to City of Longmont (8.3)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board grant temporary easement rights along Quail Road to Oakwood Homes and deed two parcels of land (from the original Sister's Property south of Quail Road now owned by the School District) to the City of Longmont for future Quail Road street right-of-way and further authorize the Board president to sign all documents. John Ahrens seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that Oakwood Homes is the developer of property located in the City of Longmont, known as Harvest Junction Village, north of Quail Road and east of the Longmont Recreation Center. This residential development includes plans for 277 single-family homes. As part of the development of the Oakwood Homes Property, the City has required Oakwood Homes to undertake certain onsite and offsite improvements including the conveyance of a piece of land to be used for the Quail Road right-of-way. Oakwood Homes desires that St. Vrain convey those portions of the St. Vrain Property to the City for the improvement of Quail Road as more particularly described and depicted on Exhibits A-1 through A-5. Additionally, Oakwood Homes desires a temporary construction easement over a portion of St. Vrain Property, extending twenty-five (25) feet south from and along the full length of the Dedication Parcels for the purpose of constructing the Improvements on the Dedication.

The District's legal consultants reviewed and approved the easement and deed documents.

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 I-Instruction (9.1)

Board members Paula Peairs and Joie Siegrist reported that there isn't any progress to report with the Board Policy Review Committee because the Committee has not received any additional revised policy proposals from CASB. The Committee has reviewed all the policy proposals submitted to date from CASB. When more are provided, the Committee will continue to meet and review them.

The Board Policy Review Committee meets weekly on Mondays (no holidays). 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

John Creighton moved to adjourn the meeting and John Ahrens seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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 November 12, 2014.