

**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 January 14, 2015 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 7:02 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:

David Burnison, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Sean Corey, Principal of Legacy Elementary
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Paige Gordon, Head of School of Spark! Discovery Preschool
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Shirley Jirik, Principal of Centennial Elementary
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Kirsten McNeill, Principal of Prairie Ridge Elementary
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Karen Musick, Principal of Thunder Valley PK-8
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Patty Quinones, Executive Director of Innovation
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
Peter Vargas, Principal of Frederick High School
Tony Whiteley, Budget Director
Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services
Brian Young, Principal of Coal Ridge Middle School

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

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

Presentations to the Board

Niwot High Principal Eric Rauschkolb recognized Niwot High Student Katie Gillette for obtaining a perfect score of 36 on her ACT. Katie recognized her Niwot High Choir Instructor, Kim Watkins, for inspiring her.

David Burnison introduced Laura Anna, Dean of Centennial and Prairie Ridge Elementary schools to the Board. Laura was unable to attend the November 12, 2014 Regular Board meeting when the Board originally approved her for that position.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Highlighted the two St. Vrain ensembles that performed their preview performance at Longmont High School on January 13, 2015. These two ensembles were the Soaring Singers Choir from Prairie Ridge Elementary, directed by Cathy Keller, and the 8th Grade Women's Choir from Westview Middle School, directed by Connie Davis. They have been selected to perform as exemplary ensembles for the Colorado Music Educators Association at their annual clinic/conference at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. Thanks to the students for a beautiful night of music.

REPORTS (6.0)

Frederick High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

David Burnison introduced Frederick High Principal Pete Vargas who then introduced the Frederick High School Student Advisory Council students Marin Downs, Dylan Dufour, Mike Rios and Tanise Neu. He thanked all the parents and all the feeder

principals that were in attendance. Emily Kalvels and Tyler Wykoff created the video that was presented on the Frederick High School feeder system. Frederick feeder system principals that were in attendance: Prairie Ridge Principal Kirsten McNeill, Thunder Valley PK-8 Principal Dr. Karen Musick, Coal Ridge Middle School Principal Brian Young, Centennial Elementary Principal Dr. Shirley Jirik, Legacy Elementary Principal Sean Corey, and Spark! Discovery Preschool Head of School Paige Gordon.

Frederick High student Mike Rios passed out *United in Yellow* ribbon pins for each of the Board members and administrators.

Race to the Top Update (6.2)

Regina Renaldi reported that in January of 2013, the St. Vrain Valley School District was one of 16 school districts nationally to receive a Race to the Top District Grant. The District is completing Year Two of this four-year \$16,589,000 project which will end in January of 2017. She identified three goals in the grant initiative and the progress made with each of the three initiatives.

Patty Quinones reported on new things happening at the Innovation Center and showed a video to give an example of how robots are programmed for clients who are displaying information at the National Western Stock Show.

Dr. Haddad thanked Regina and Patty for the great work they are doing.

Second Quarter 2014-2015 Public Gifts to Schools (6.3)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the second quarter of the 2014-2015 school year totaling \$222,992.75. Gifts given for the year, so far, total \$385,248.96.

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 December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting, and the December 17, 2014 Study Session
4. Approval: Approval of Annual Official Posting Location Notice
5. Approval: First Reading, Repeal of Board Policy JJID – Student Physicals for School Athletics; and Board Exhibit JJJ-E – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility
6. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Portable Classrooms
7. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-Columbine Elementary Renovation 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, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming January 2015 as Board of Education Recognition Month (8.1)

John Creighton moved that the Board collectively appreciate the kind words that administrators had to say about the Board and not take a vote on this topic.

The administration of the St. Vrain Valley School District is very proud of the work that our Board members do, and the role that they play in creating a quality public education system that is fundamental to a strong democratic society. They showed their appreciation by proclaiming January 2015 as School Board Recognition Month, and urged all citizens to recognize the dedication and hard work of our Board of Education members.

Dr. Haddad read the Resolution. The administrative team thanked the Board for the opportunities they have given them; that they allow the staff to take chances and support them as they are introducing new ways of doing things. Staff felt that it was very refreshing to have a Board that lets them try new things and felt the Board supplied them with a tremendous vision and leadership. The staff feels strongly that this Board brought this District together as a community and that innovation starts at the top. Administration feels that this Board always makes decisions on what is best for kids and puts kids first. Staff members appreciate the Board members' views and thanked each Board member for the individual expertise they bring to the Board. They thanked all Board members for their dedication and the respect they show for each other.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the administrators' comments about their board service.

Adoption of School Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plans (8.2)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education adopt the School Priority Improvement UIPs as presented. Paula Peairs seconded.

Tori Teague reported that, per the Education Accountability Act of 2009, the School Board must adopt UIPs for any schools identified for a Priority Improvement UIP. This year, those schools are Olde Columbine High School, Northridge Elementary School, and Timberline PK-8.

Tori recognized Regina Renaldi's leadership since she has joined the District and thanked her for her efforts and the results her work has brought 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, yes].

Approval of Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement (8.3)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Erie and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure the 2012 Mill Levy Override and future local school election revenue will be protected from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) of the Urban Renewal Authority in the area referred to as Colliers Hill, formerly Bridgewater Annexation. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that District staff has worked with the Town of Erie and legal counsel to develop the Intergovernmental Agreement to protect the District from some of the negative impacts of Urban Renewal Authorities on school funding. The Board first discussed the concept of these IGA's with the Town of Erie prior to the passage of the 2012 Mill Levy Override. This is the second IGA with the TOEURA.

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 Non-Exclusive Antenna Site Lease Agreement (8.4)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the lease agreement with T-Mobile West Tower, LLC, to maintain and operate existing communications equipment at Erie Middle School and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Operations to execute all appropriate documents. John Ahrens seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that T-Mobile has had communications equipment located at Erie Middle School since 2000. The Agreement is for a five-year (5) period. The lease payments for the first year would be \$24,000 with an annual increase of 3% per year for each subsequent year, with one (1) five-year renewal option, at the sole discretion of the District. The District will also receive a \$5,000 initial payment upon execution of the Agreement, and \$5,000 upon execution of a renewal period. This Agreement will provide \$127,419.12 in revenue to the District for the initial five-year period.

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)

Fiscal Year 2015 Amended Budget (9.1)

Tony Whiteley provided the Board of Education with information related to the FY15 Amended Superintendent's Budget. Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to review and change the budget with respect to both revenues and expenditures, at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted.

First Reading, Introduction, New Board Policies EJ – Service Animals; EJ-R – Service Animals; EJ-E-1 – Appendix A, Request to be Accompanied by Service Animal/Miniature Horse (Annual Request Required); and EJ-E-2 – Appendix B, Service Animal/Miniature Horse Agreement (9.2)

Jackie Whittington reported that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II regulations require a public entity to modify its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a service animal by an individual with a disability-28 CFR 35.136(a). Public school districts are “public entities” and therefore are subject to Title II of the ADA. The regulations provide that individuals with disabilities shall be permitted to be accompanied by their service animals in all areas of a public entity's facilities where members of the public, participants in services, programs, or activities, or invitees, as relevant, are allowed to go-28 CFR 35.136(g).

It was recommended that these Board policies be moved to Consent for the January 28, 2015 Regular Meeting.

First Reading, Introduction, Board Policies JICI – Weapons in School; JIH – Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests; and JIH-R – Policies and Procedures for Conducting Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests (9.3)

Stacy Davis reported that, as part of the ongoing collaborative Board Policy Review Committee process, District legal counsel and Committee members recommended updates to Board Policies JICI – Weapons in School; JIH – Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests; and JIH-R – Policies and Procedures for Conducting Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests. Recommended updates include legal definitions of weapons and add clarity to District procedures. Policies JICI and JIH are required by law.

It was recommended that these Board policies be moved to Consent for the January 28, 2015 Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

John Creighton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 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 February 11, 2015.