

**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 June 24, 2015 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 Robert J. Smith at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, Member, Director District E (arrived 6:45 p.m.)
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):

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Tony Whiteley, Budget Director

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Dr. Haddad introduced and welcomed Lee Berg, the new Executive Director for the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (EFSVV). Mr. Berg was delighted for the opportunity to continue the good work that has been done and anxious to get started on fulfilling the expectations for the next level.

EFSVV Board members Eva Gaudio and Dori Van Lone were in attendance. Eva thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Haddad for their support of the EFSVV. She recognized Kathy Hall's nine years as volunteer Executive Director. (Kathy also received a volunteer recognition award at the district's ceremony in May.)

Dr. Haddad thanked the EFSVV Board members in appreciation for all they have done with the process to hire Mr. Berg.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (5.0)

Board Reports

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Skyline graduation-everything went very smoothly.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Board Meetings-excited to welcome new Executive Director Lee Berg, and to see the Foundation expand. Mr. Berg has plans to contact all Education Foundations in the District.
- Attended two-day CASB Quarterly Board Meeting-will circulate results of the end of the legislative session and what CASB's role will be with those results.
- Announced that the CASB Board of Directors will have openings in Region 4 in December, and reminded the audience/Board that her term continues through November 2017.
- Announced that the Board Policy Review Committee should receive the rest of the revised Board Policy Manual sections shortly from CASB.
- Attended Town Hall meetings with legislators.
- Attended SCHS, Online Academy and Olde Columbine High School graduations. Wonderful events highlighting the many accomplishments of those students.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended P-TECH bill signing ceremony at the Capitol.
- Volunteered for the Sunrise Stampede.

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meetings-doing incredible work on major industry issues, and appreciates the Committee members that contribute valuable community experience.
- Attended meeting with Mead High Principal Linda Rawlings-exploring the creation of an Education Foundation for Mead High with the strong support of parents.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked John Creighton for how well the Sunrise Stampede was run.
- Announced that all the graduations went well.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.
- Attended an *I Have a Dream* Breakfast for a new class at Thunder Valley.
- Congratulations to Lyons M/S Athletic Director Kathy Leiding for being chosen to serve on the CHSAA Region 1 Board-thanks for representing SVVSD and Lyons.
- Very impressed and proud of our facilities-thanks to Brian Lamer and his team.
- Very excited about all the summer programs offered by our District.
- Announced the NAO Challenge on Saturday and wished the best of luck to all participants.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended healthcare committee meetings-thanks to selection committee for their diligence in taking a different approach to address healthcare costs for the District.
- Thanked everyone for their patience with his first year as Board President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Visited with Mark Mills over the phone during his trip to Washington, D.C., celebrating the successes of Westview Middle School.
- Attended two nights of celebration for the Innovation Academy-thank you to Regina for her stellar leadership.
- Thanks to Ella Padilla and her team for getting through the hiring process quickly.
- Invited Board members to the Administrative Retreat at Xilinx on July 29, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with 21st Century Trends being the topic-will explore what that looks like for the future in the District.

REPORTS (6.0)

District Financial Statements-May 2015 (6.1)

Greg Fieth reported that at the worksession prior to this Board meeting, information related to the May 2015 Monthly Financial Statements was provided to the Board in compliance with all aspects of Board Policy DBI. Greg reminded everyone that the “dashboard” is available on the District website.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

John Creighton moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.1. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Security & CCTV Systems

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (8.1)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent's Supplemental Budget for the 2015 Fiscal Year. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that, as the 2014-2015 fiscal year draws to a close, financial services staff prepares an overall estimation of year-end results in an attempt to ensure that the District is in compliance with statute regarding budgets, appropriations and use of beginning fund balances for the current year.

Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to adopt a supplemental budget subsequent to January 31 to appropriate money received for a specific purpose. Additional revenues of \$250,000 were received by the District and are being appropriated for each fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and extending through June 30, 2015.

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

Adoption of Superintendent's Budget-All Funds for Fiscal Year 2016 (8.2)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent's Budget--All Funds, for Fiscal Year 2016, by the Appropriation Resolution presented. Paula Peairs seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget was introduced to the Board of Education on May 27, 2015. On June 10, 2015 a brief overview was presented of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, he answered questions from Board members, and then the Board conducted a Public Hearing. This timing complies with all the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado. No one came forward from the public with questions regarding the Fiscal Year 2016 proposed budget.

It is projected that the per pupil revenue for the 2015/2016 school year will be \$7,122.20. This formula is based on the mill rate, and includes an equalization formula from the state. This would be an increase in revenue of \$7.2 million compared to last year after taking into account local and state funding as well as enrollment increases.

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

Approval of Board Manual Section J Policies (8.3)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve District Board Manual Section J policies in their entirety. Paula Peairs seconded.

Board member Paula Peairs reported that recommended changes to policies or new policies reflect current state statute and/or District practices. Board policies recommended for repeal reflect outdated practice or law, are a restatement of current law (which is not necessary to repeat in policy), are more appropriately maintained at the administrative/procedural level, are duplicative and should be consolidated with overlapping policies, or are being moved (and re-coded) to a more logical user-focused location within the policy manual. Policies deemed administrative will be retained as procedures and posted in various District publications such as the District website, handbooks, guidelines, and other parent notifications.

Board members thanked the Committee for their work on this Board Policy Overhaul Project. The addition of District counsel Catherine Tallerico to the Committee was much appreciated by the members of the Committee.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. John Creighton seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; 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 August 12, 2015.