

**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 12, 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 6:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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):

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

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Jane Frederick, Senior District Accountant
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Diane Lauer, Executive Director of Professional Development and Assessment
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources
Nancy Pitz, Principal of Niwot Elementary School
Betsy Porter, Principal of Mead Elementary School
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Trip Merklein, President of St. Vrain Valley Education Association.

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

Board Reports

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked all teachers and staff that are getting ready for a new school year to begin.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited schools in Niwot feeder system-was nice to meet new staff and visit principals as everyone prepares for the first day of school.
- Announced that new Niwot High Athletic Department Secretary Shayne Culpepper is a former USA Track & Field Olympian.
- Thank you to Brian Lamer and his team-classrooms/hallways/entrances all look great for returning students/parents.
- Attended Colorado Association of School Board Meetings.
- Attended Colorado School Safety Resource Center Advisory Board Meeting.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Board Meetings.
- Attended Longmont Multicultural Action Committee Meeting.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Don for the invitation to the Administrative Leadership Retreat on July 29, 2015 to hear about all the exciting things in store for the new year, and also enjoyed the reading assignment for the summer.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Looking forward to the new school year-thanks to the staff that works over the summer months on school construction and renovations and those that make the summer programs possible.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Congratulated Jane Frederick for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association as well as from the Colorado Association of School Business Officials for the work she does on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Greg Fieth reported that Jane has been receiving this award for the CAFR for 12 years and it is a fitting tribute to her dedication. Jane told the Board/audience that it was a collective effort of the entire Finance Department for this 180-page document. She expressed her gratitude to auditing firm RubinBrown for their collaborative work ethic, and thanked the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board, and Don for their confidence in them to do the job they do. Dr. Haddad told the Board/audience of their excellent work and accuracy, and the unassuming and modest way that the Finance team communicates finance information to the staff in a very clear and understanding way.
- Thanked Brian Lamer and his team for the great job they did without disruption at Indian Peaks, Rocky Mountain, and CDC-the principals greatly appreciated it.
- Thanked Terry Schueler and Ella Padilla and their team for the great strides they have made on the new healthcare plan this summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Reported that staff will be sending out to parents a new late start option for students during inclement weather. It will be used sparingly and will follow the Wednesday late start criteria so it will be a familiar schedule.
- Recommendation on graduation requirements has been delayed by the Colorado Department of Education another year, so it won't be due until the spring of 2017. He will keep the Board informed.
- Attended new teacher orientation-Diane Lauer and her team did an outstanding job.
- Thanked Joe McBreen and his team for the smooth iPad mini rollout at four high schools and again at the middle school level.
- Stopped in at Thunder Valley where 100 elementary teachers were learning additional classroom uses for iPads.
- Thanked Brian Lamer and his team for the major construction projects at Rocky Mountain, Indian Peaks and CDC that went smoothly this summer. Staff sent a letter to parents regarding the blocked roads in front of Mead Elementary and Mead Middle School-the road construction in front of the schools has been delayed and people will have to use an alternate route for the start of the school year-This is a Weld County road project that is out of the District's control.
- Reported that the Innovation Academy and other summer programs were again a huge success. The Innovation Academy had many more kids this year and was a highly sought after activity with students on a waiting list.
- Appreciated being invited to the groundbreaking at Aspen Ridge-they did a very nice job and the school is doing well.

- Visited all Erie schools and was surprised by all the new housing growth in that area. Erie High School has well over 900 students now, Erie Elementary has over 500 students, and Red Hawk and Black Rock are full to capacity. Erie Middle School has a new Campus Supervisor to accommodate their growth.
- Announced that Red Hawk Elementary has a new partnership with CU-Boulder where grad students will be working with students the entire day throughout the year, and announced that Red Hawk has won another \$50,000 grant to continue their movement program.
- Reported that the assessed valuation increase as of today for Boulder/Weld County could be anywhere in the 15% range but will fluctuate depending upon October count/growth, so it could bring in quite a bit of money in the next two-year cycle. Will prepare a plan to spend the money wisely in direct correlation with students and programs.
- Announced that staff is formulating a community committee to begin conversations about a Bond initiative for the fall of 2016. The committee will be polling the community to get a feel for voter support, and administration will bring recommendations to the Board for consideration.
- Thanked teachers and staff working hard to prepare for a new school year.
- Jackie Kapushion, Mark Mills, and Regina Renaldi have been developing what is appropriate for graduation attire at all high schools, and will be finalizing a recommendation to the Board on whether to move graduation ceremonies indoors.

REPORTS (6.0)

Public Gifts to Schools-4th Quarter 2014-2015 (6.1)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fourth quarter of the 2014-2015 school year totaling \$297,862.59. Donations for the entire 2014-2015 school year totaled \$1,087,762.13. As a comparison, last year's total donations were \$975,000.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Debbie Lammers moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.5. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 10, 2015 Regular Meeting, the June 17, 2015 Study Session, and the June 24, 2015 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, New Board Policy IJNDAB* – Instruction through Online Programs
5. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policy IKA/IKAB – Grading/Assessment Systems and New Board Regulation IKA-R – Grading/Assessment 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)

Approval of Appointment of Assistant Principal for Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Charles Webber as Assistant Principal of Olde Columbine High School and Career Development Center, effective July 1, 2015. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Ella Padilla introduced Deniece Cook who reported that Mr. Webber graduated from Metropolitan State College in Denver with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He continued his education at Western State University in Gunnison, Colorado where he completed his Master's in Educational Administration.

Mr. Webber previously worked at Prairie View High School in Brighton where he was a Building Trades Instructor and CTE Department Chair. Prior to that, he was a Construction Technology Instructor and Department Chair at Bollman Technical Education Center in Adams 12 School District. Mr. Webber also served as a Staff Sergeant for the United States Marine Corps.

Mr. Webber was thankful for the opportunity of his first administration assignment and pointed out that, even though he was hired just the second week of July, how quickly he was welcomed and accepted by everyone in the District.

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 Appointment of Dean of Students for Mead Elementary and Niwot Elementary School (8.2)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Laura Spratt as Dean of Students of Mead Elementary School and Niwot Elementary School, effective August 14, 2015. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Ms. Spratt graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She continued her education at the University of Northern Colorado where she completed her Master's in Elementary Education. She also completed her Principal Licensing Program through Colorado State University.

She previously worked at Berthoud Elementary and Ferguson High School where she fulfilled her Principal Internship. Prior to that, she was the Coordinator for the

Homework Club and the Tutoring Program. Ms. Spratt was also a kindergarten, second grade and third grade teacher at Berthoud Elementary.

Ella Padilla introduced Nancy Pitz and Betsy Porter who told everyone that Laura has already jumped right in and has been involved in several committees. Ms. Spratt was excited for the opportunity to be a part of the Mead/Niwot team, and felt very inspired by Nancy and Betsy.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Services over \$100,000 (8.3)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors presented who are anticipated to provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2016. John Creighton seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that this information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ—Purchasing Authorization. This is specifically to address vendors who provide services that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY16 newly-awarded contracts.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Goods over \$100,000 (8.4)

Paula Pears moved that the Board of Education approve the list of vendors presented who are anticipated to provide purchased goods over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2016. John Creighton seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that this information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ—Purchasing Authorization. This is specifically to address vendors who provide goods that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY16 newly-awarded contracts.

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

Approval of Resolution Approving the Appointment of a Designated Election Official (8.5)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution appointing Greg Fieth as designated election official for the regular coordinated election to be held November 3, 2015, and further authorize Greg Fieth, on behalf of the Board, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the respective county officials for assistance in conducting the election. Paula Peairs seconded.

In the event that there are not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates, and no ballot issues or questions will be submitted to the voters at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, Greg Fieth is authorized to cancel the election.

The Uniform Election Code requires that the Designated Election Official be formally appointed by the Board of Education when a “coordinated election” is facilitated between the responsible parties for the election. This appointment was first approved by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of June 10, 2015 but, on the recommendation of District legal counsel, it has been entered on this Agenda so that the Board may approve it in the form of a resolution. Greg Fieth has also completed an “Oath of Designation Election Official” as well.

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 Intergovernmental Agreements with Boulder/Weld/Larimer/Broomfield Counties (8.6)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Intergovernmental Agreement for Conduct of Coordinated Elections with Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, and the City and County of Broomfield, and further authorize Greg Fieth as the Designated Election Official to sign the agreement documents. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The Uniform Election Code requires that these intergovernmental agreements, which set forth the terms and conditions under which the respective counties will conduct coordinated elections, be approved by the participating parties. According to the election timeline, the last day for the District to sign the intergovernmental agreements is August 25, 2015. Approval of these agreements will fulfill this requirement.

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 Donation of School Vehicle (8.7)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to donate School Bus #45 to the Berthoud Fire Department. Paula Pears seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Berthoud Fire Department is interested in obtaining a school bus from the District for training in evacuating students from the bus in the event of an accident or fire. Eventually, they will burn the bus and train on putting the fire out. Afterwards, the bus will be scrapped.

School Bus #45 will be donated "as is" with no warranty or guarantee as to the vehicle's condition or safety. The name of the District on the side of the bus will be covered with paint.

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

Approval of School Bus Purchase (8.8)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Six (6) 2016 (77) passenger Blue Bird Type C Propane Powered Mountain Version School buses and two (2) - 30 passenger Type C Wheel Chair buses from Colorado West Equipment, Inc. The total cost of these buses with the desired options and upgrades is \$814,394.00. The funds for this purchase are included on the 2016 Capital Reserve Project List approved by the Board of Education in the spring of fiscal year 2015. Paula Pears seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the District currently has 137 buses at an average age of 13½ years of age. Forty-four of the buses have over 250,000 miles, and one has over 400,000 miles on it. Now that the District is buying eight buses, they would like to retire eight buses. Thirty buses in our fleet are 20 years or older, and the 20-year mark is a typical time to replace a bus. When a bus hits the 250,000 mile marker is when they look at replacing it because of the high cost of maintaining it when it gets that many miles on it. Within the next five years, he would like to be able to buy 8-10 buses a year. Because of the projected growth of the District, he would like to look at adding a line item for buses within the 2016 Bond.

Brian reported that all new buses will be propane powered, because they are finding that they can get more mileage out of propane, that its less cost for maintenance and more environmentally friendly. He is hoping to add a propane facility here at the ESC.

All new buses will come with back-up cameras. Buses purchased for handicapped students will be seat belt latch ready for wheelchair-bound students. Interior cameras are installed on all buses by District personnel.

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 Driver Education Program Vehicles Lease (8.9)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Wells Fargo Bank to obtain six Subaru Impreza automobiles from Valley Nissan Subaru for the Driver Education Program at an annual total amount not-to-exceed \$25,000.00. Further, that the Board authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign contract documents in accordance with Board of Education policy. Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the St. Vrain Valley School District currently offers Driver Education and Driver Awareness classes to eligible-aged students, in addition to a Partnering with Parents class to help a parent/guardian gather an understanding of what Driver Education entails. The Program is governed by the Colorado Department of Revenue and funded as a self-supporting enterprise staffed by fully trained, part-time District employees and volunteers.

The District currently owns seven Driver Education Program vehicles ranging from 2000 to 2011 model years with an average mileage of 118,200 per vehicle. The District intends to dispose of a majority of the current fleet through an online surplus auction provider, or acceptable alternative method, in the District's best interest. The proceeds from the sale of the surplus vehicles would supplement the Driver Education Program. Valley Nissan Subaru will provide vehicles and maintenance services to support Driver Education Program class enrollment during the Fall 2015 school year. Funding is available in the Driver Education Program budget.

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 Skills for Success Grant (8.10)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to apply for, and accept if approved, grant funds of approximately \$1,770,070 as the lead applicant for the Skills for Success Grant: Growth Mindsets in Schools to Watch in partnership with the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. Longs Peak Middle School will be one of six middle schools nationwide working collaboratively in this multi-state character education grant initiative. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Diane Lauer reported that this three-year US Department of Education grant project will foster the collaboration of six middle-grade schools to review, refine, implement and evaluate the non-cognitive approaches of academic perseverance and academic mindsets. The project schools include three middle schools in Colorado and three

middle schools in California and focus on sixth graders. When the three years of the grant is up, the program would stay at Longs Peak Middle School, but it is hoped that it could potentially spread across all District middle schools.

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 Resolution for Addition of New Bank Account (8.11)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to allow the Financial Services Department to open a new bank account to accommodate insurance claim payments by the District's new insurance provider, CNIC. John Creighton seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the administration recommends that this Resolution be adopted to enable the Financial Services Department to have a separate bank account for the sole purpose of accommodating insurance claim payments by our new insurance provider, CNIC.

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

Debbie Lammers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 September 9, 2015.