

**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 September 9, 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 7:00 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  
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):**

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools  
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor  
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement  
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

8.2 Approval of City of Broomfield Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Intergovernmental Agreement was revised and the Board was given copies of the revised edition.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

None

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

United Power Community Affairs representative Bill Meier presented the Board with a capital credit refund check for \$20,612.80 for energy credits earned throughout the 2014-15 school year. He provided handouts that detailed the power usage of each of our schools that utilize United Power services.

Regina Renaldi represented Becky Peters to present the award that the Innovation Center (IC) received for being accepted into the new statewide STEM database which will make the IC a focus school district for business and industry that want to partner with a STEM school. This will give IC access to about \$100,000 of grants yearly and are one of the first identified members to the new database. Only seven other organizations were selected. Becky Peters, Patty Quinones and Regina were instrumental in filing the 75-page application that led to this award from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), the Colorado Technology Association, and the Colorado Education Initiative. CDE has also selected St. Vrain to be the first school district to do a video for them regarding the path our District took to becoming a great STEM district called "Storytellers' Series" so that other districts can learn from our District.

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

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

#### **Board Reports**

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Appreciated that Bob and Joie were willing to run for the Board again this election.
- Enjoyed the iPad rollout at the high school level-feels freshman are doing fine because of the middle school iPad distribution.
- Announced the St. Vrain Cross Country Meet at Lyons M/S on Saturday, September 12, 2015-feels Lyons Coach Roberts puts on one of the premier meets in the State.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Niwot High 11<sup>th</sup> grade IB information session-heavily attended.
- Attended CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee Meeting.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Board Meeting.
- Attended Board Policy Review Project Meetings.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Board Policy Review Project Meetings.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.
- Attended Longmont Area Economic Council Luncheon-was nice to visit with local leaders and to see Don Haddad receive an award.
- Attended a Student Advisory Council Meeting-very positive comments about iPad rollout from the students-thanks to Mark Mills, Regina Renaldi and Jackie Kapushion for making the Student Advisory Council a success.
- Attended meeting to discuss changes in graduation ceremonies.

Mike Schiers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- None

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Announced the Annual Lyons M/S High School BBQ will be held on Friday, September 11, at 4:00 p.m. and the kickoff for the football game at 7:00 p.m.-great to see athletics/bands returning for the new school year.
- Attended Board Policy Review Project Meetings.
- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.
- Attended parent informational meeting at Mead High School.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Longmont Area Economic Council (LAEC) Meeting-Dr. Haddad received the Tom Brock award for his outstanding leadership. LAEC directors recognized the District with respect, announcing people/businesses relocate to Longmont because of our schools. Announced that Dr. Haddad will be a guest speaker on October 1 for the State Economic Development Committee at the Denver Marriott.
- Attended meetings with John Creighton, Dr. Haddad and the Boulder Community Foundation to discuss their support of the District for a 2016 Bond request.
- Attended meetings with Connie Syferd and day care operators/early childhood centers.
- Attended a meeting with Dr. Haddad, John Creighton and Twin Peaks Academy Board members/administration regarding their investigation and requests that the District proposed. Results of that meeting will be discussed at the September 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

## **REPORTS (6.0)**

### **2008 Bond Activity Update (6.1)**

Brian Lamer reported that the Bond team, with the exception of overhead projector installations at four of our elementary schools, has completed the objectives identified in the 2008 program. The success has impacted students, staff and entire communities since voters approved the measure in November of 2008. The overhead projector

installs at Blue Mountain Elementary, Centennial Elementary, Fall River Elementary and Prairie Ridge Elementary are planned for the summer of 2016 with an anticipated combined total cost of \$300,000.

The original 2008 Bond program was funded at \$189 million. Additional scope was added to the Bond projects through the Capital Reserve Funds (\$5.8m), BEST Grants (\$2.4m), cash-in-lieu (\$1.2m), insurance funds (\$1.9m), and General Fund/Mill Levy (\$1.4m).

Brian shared the successes of the uses for the Bond money and the projects that were funded beyond the original plan. A reconciliation report will be provided to the Board in April 2016, and a final 2008 Bond closeout report will be provided in September of 2016 that would incorporate the additional work completed during the summer of 2016.

The District has used \$48 million of the 2008 Bond for current building preservation projects. Brian Lamer shared that there is still \$500 million worth of preservation work yet to do. When his team prepared for the 2008 bond, they discussed educational specifications for each school with 40-50 teachers and principals. He will continue that practice in preparation for a possible 2016 Bond.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Mike Schiers moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.4. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting, the August 19, 2015 Special Meeting, and the August 26, 2015 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Change Order & Increase in Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) for Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School Renovation Project

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

### **ACTION ITEMS (8.0)**

#### **Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding with Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (8.1)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley and the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that this Memorandum of Understanding updates the agreements and commitments between the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley and the District following the reorganization of the Foundation.

Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Executive Director Lee Berg and Business Development Director Lisa Hoxie were present to tell the Board of the grants that have been secured and of the community events they have attended to spread the word about the Foundation. Lee announced the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that will be held on October 26, 2015 at the Longmont Museum from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. He also announced that the Foundation would be attending the Oktoberfest celebration that provides support to the Foundation. Volunteers for Crayons to Calculators will be publicly thanked at that event. Board members thanked them for their leadership. Lee thanked Lisa and Administrative Assistant Marisa Basic for their tireless support.

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

**Approval of City of Broomfield Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Intergovernmental Agreement (8.2)**

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve the IGA between the City and County of Broomfield, the Broomfield Urban Renewal Authority (URA), and the St. Vrain Valley School District to provide some considerations to the District to lessen the impact of the URA Tax Increment Financing (TIF). This IGA will also protect all future increased revenue from local elections from Tax Increment Financing. Paula Peairs seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that District staff has worked with the City of Broomfield and legal counsel to develop the IGA to protect the District from some of the negative impacts of Urban Renewal Authorities on school funding. The IGA was revised, adding Section 3.5, just before the Board Meeting, and Terry Schueler provided the Board with revised copies of the IGA. Section 3.5 was added in to clarify that it gives the URA the ability to remit payments directly to the District. City and County of Broomfield officials will sign the revised IGA at their September 22, 2015 meeting. Terry is working with three other municipalities to finalize their IGA's before the January 1, 2016 legislature changes. The tax base in our District for the City and County of Broomfield covers only seven students at the moment, and will most likely always be less than 1,000 students.

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

**Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Mead (8.3)**

Mike Schiers moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Town of Mead, and further authorize the appropriate Board officers to sign the agreement. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that, on June 10, 2013, the Town of Mead updated their municipal code. The update included an increase to the cash-in-lieu fees. The fees were increased to include raw water costs.

The Town Board action did not update the IGA. Over the past months, Mead and District staff has met to update the Mead IGA to include the updated fees and align the IGA with Mead's municipal code for this 10-year IGA.

As with the original agreement, funds collected from this new IGA will be used solely for acquisition, development, or expansion of public school sites or for capital facilities planning, site acquisition, or school site capital outlay purposes within the senior high school feeder attendance area.

Based on the recent update to the land values, development costs and the inclusion of the raw water costs in the Mead/Weld County area, the existing fees will remain the same for new development. Those fees would be \$970-Single Family, \$846-Duplex/Triplex, \$589-Multi-Family, \$347-Condo/Townhouse, and \$785-Mobile Home. Development fees are typically consistent between communities, but land values change in IGAs accordingly in different cities.

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

#### **Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy (8.4)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA-1. This exception would enable Janet Berger, a Science teacher at Coal Ridge Middle School, to sell a used cello to Coal Ridge Middle School. Mike Schiers seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that Board Policy GBEA-1, Staff Conflict of Interest, states, "No school district employee or firm owned by a school district employee shall be allowed to sell to the district or to school districts served by the school district, goods or services of any kind without express prior written consent of the Board of Education."

Janet Berger is employed by the District as a Science teacher at Coal Ridge Middle School. She has a used cello that she is willing to sell to the Coal Ridge Orchestra Program for student use for \$800. Since Janet Berger is an employee and she owns the cello, Greg Fieth requested a waiver from Policy GBEA-1 to purchase the cello for the Orchestra Program.

Board members noted that Board Policy GBEA-1 is set for repeal in the Board Policy Review Project, but GBEA-E will be offered that still has the conflict of interest language.

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

**Approval of Purchase of Annual Maintenance (SmartNet) for Cisco Network Products (8.5)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Annual Maintenance (SmartNet) for Cisco Network Products in an amount of \$267,500.01 from En Pointe Technologies Sales, LLC. Mike Schiers seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that SmartNet Maintenance provides the District technical support on all Cisco products and the ability to monitor and resolve network issues. The Purchasing Department issued Bid No. 2016-006 for Annual Maintenance (SmartNet) for Cisco Network Products on August 5, 2015. Five (5) responses were received on August 20, 2015. The award was recommended to the low responsive and responsible vendor, En Pointe Technologies Sales, LLC.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. by acclamation. 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, 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 October 14, 2015.