

**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 28, 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 Vice President Joie Siegrist 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
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D
Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Ryan Ball, Principal of Eagle Crest Elementary
Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8
Kahle Charles, Executive Director of Curriculum
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Jeremy LaCrosse, Principal of Altona Middle School
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Jessie Lubbers, Professional Learning Coach
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Michael O'Toole, Science Coordinator
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement

Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Regina Renaldi introduced Karrie Borski who presented a check to the *I Have a Dream* Foundation on behalf of Timberline PK-8. Lori Canova, President and CEO of *I Have a Dream* (IHAD); Eva Gaudio, Board of Directors of Elevations Credit Union; and Dene Yarwood, Wright Kingdom Real Estate; and board directors of IHAD were present to support the presentation of the check.

Tori Teague introduced Kahle Charles who then introduced Michael O'Toole and Jessie Lubbers who provided a presentation on the research project during their climbing trip of Mount Kilimanjaro and the virtual trek students were able to take.

REPORTS (5.0)

Silver Creek High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (5.1)

Regina Renaldi introduced Silver Creek High Principal Erick Finnestead who then introduced the Silver Creek Student Advisory Council students Nicholas Hartman, Katie Emberley, and Sam Willett. The students told of their future plans, introduced family members that were in attendance, and presented a video featuring the Silver Creek feeder system schools. Additional SCHS feeder system staff in attendance: Altona Middle Principal Jeremy LaCrosse, and Eagle Crest Principal Ryan Ball.

Update of 2015 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (5.2)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with an update of the 2015 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and the audit process and timeline. Final acceptance of the CAFR is scheduled for December 9, 2015. RubinBrown associates Cheryl Wallace and Matt Marino were in attendance.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

None

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of City of Longmont Joint Use Agreement with St. Vrain Valley Schools (7.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the Joint Use Agreement of Facilities between the City of Longmont and the St. Vrain Valley School District, and further authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign contract documents. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the District negotiates Joint Use Agreements with the municipalities in which District facilities are located. Joint Use Agreements are intended to foster partnerships, cooperation and outline shared use of both City and District facilities and programs.

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, absent].

Adoption of Board Manual Sections A, B, C, D, F, H, I, K, and L (7.2)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education approve District Board Policy Manual Sections A, B, C, D, F, H, I, K, and L. Policies IHA, IHBK, IHBK-R, IJOC, IJOC-E, LDA and LDA-R are excluded from their respective sections. Paula Peairs seconded.

Paula Peairs reported that policy manual sections A, B, C, D, F, H, I, K and L have been finalized, with the exceptions of policies IHA, IHBK, IHBK-R, IJOC, IJOC-E, LDA and LDA-R. (These seven policies are pending final Committee review of policy owner edits.) A detailed index including a list of all current and proposed policies for each Section is included in this Board packet.

Recommended changes to policies or new policies reflect current state statute and/or District best practices. The Committee also intended to create updated policies that are meaningful to the public and useful tools for parents, staff and students. 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 websites, handbooks, guidelines, and other parent notifications.

All changes to Section J were approved at the June 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

The Committee anticipates that Sections E and G and unfinished policies from sections I and K will be ready for approval at the November 11, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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, absent].

Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy (7.3)

John Creighton moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA-1. This would enable the Community School Program to use Heather Stenner, a substitute teacher in the District and the owner of Enthusic Music Company, to provide enrichment classes to our students. Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that Board Policy and Procedure 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 school 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."

Heather Stenner has been a licensed substitute teacher in the District since the fall of 2013. She is also the owner of Enthusic Music Company. Enthusic Music Company offers singing classes that include vocal techniques, choreography, silly songs and other skills to students. This has enabled the Community School Program to offer enrichment classes to students 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, absent].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (8.0)

Bond Planning Process Update (8.1)

Brian Lamer updated the Board and the audience on the 2016 Bond planning process to date.

Board of Education Areas of Focus (8.2)

The Board of Education discussed their priorities and self-assessment at the October 21, 2015 Study Session with guest speaker, Ken DeLay, Executive Director of the Colorado Association of School Boards. A Board retreat may be planned so that new Board members are aware of the Board's areas of focus for the future.

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:36 p.m.

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

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 11, 2015.