

**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 February 10, 2016 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Dr. Richard Martyr, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A
Amory Siscoe, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8
Damon Brown, Executive Director of Human Resources/Risk Management/
Communications
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dede Frothingham, Principal of Alpine Elementary
Dr. Jennifer Guthals, Principal of Fall River Elementary
Stephen Hoel, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Vicki Mair, Benefits Specialist
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Heidi Ringer, Principal of Skyline High School

Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Brendon Schwirtz, Assistant Principal of Timberline PK-8
Audrey Seybold, Principal of Columbine Elementary
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Todd Snidow, Senior Vice President of George K. Baum & Company, was present for Agenda Action Item 8.1 Adoption of Resolution for the Approval of SVVSD General Obligation Refunding Bond Series 2016A.

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

Board Reports

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Brought together administration from the Innovation Center and the Erie Chamber businesses-working on an app for the Chamber to align themselves with businesses.
- Attended Erie Elementary Parent Teacher Communications Organization Meeting-doing lots of great things even though the school population has doubled in size.
- Attended Parent/Teacher Conferences for own children-very proud of the progress of his children.
- Attended Aims Community College ceremony that swore in the new president, Dr. Leah Bornstein and talked to her about collaborating with SVVSD. Also talked to Lt. Governor Joe Garcia about school funding.
- Invited by Regina to a meeting that discussed how the P-TECH program will be introduced into Skyline.
- Attended an Erie/Holy Family Basketball game-very exciting and Erie won the game.
- Attended an Erie Board of Trustees Meeting-discussed the Bond and student growth plan for Erie.
- Met with Brandon Shaffer to discuss House Bill 16-1063-mental health bill being introduced to legislators.
- Congratulated SVVSD administrators for their collaboration with area businesses-now up to 65 businesses.
- Announced the “Audience with an Astronaut” event which will be held at Erie High School on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. hosted by the

Space Foundation. RSVP to Kristina Stem at stem_kristina@svvsd.org to hear former NASA Astronaut, Dr. Leroy Chiao, speak.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Sunset Middle School Parent Advisory Council Meeting-Assistant Principal Sara Olsen discussed the whole school approach, the IB Program and that World Languages are coming to Sunset-6th grade will offer both Spanish and French, and 7 and 8th grades will be able to choose.
- Attended a Niwot High Girls' Basketball game and will attend a Boys' Basketball game tomorrow night.
- Announced that Niwot High will offer a Mandarin Chinese program in the fall.
- Attended the Martin Luther King, Jr., event sponsored by the Silver Creek Leadership Academy and the Longmont Multicultural Action Committee-announced that both groups will also host a Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Silver Creek at 2:00 p.m.
- Attended a CASB two-day Board Retreat where Colorado Department of Education (CDE) gave a presentation on what they are planning for the future of accountability and the use of local assessments-use of the SAT/ACT was also discussed. CDE representatives reported on an assessment pilot proposal they are working on-information could be emailed to Board members/audience if interested.
- Attended CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee Meeting-reviews the current legislation and proposals for determination of CASB advocacy work-has a bill tracker that can be emailed to interested parties.
- Will be at the Capitol on February 11, 2016 when Representative Mike Foote's House Bill 16-1063 will be heard in committee. It creates an exception to client confidentiality requirements and allows mental health professionals to disclose threats against schools and behavior that could threaten a school.
- Will be attending the CASB Winter Legislative Conference in Denver the end of February.
- Planning many school visits during the month of February.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Met with leaders at the school level, as well as staff and members of the community-his objective is to get a well-rounded view of the people and programs in our District.
- Attended a celebration at Altona Middle School to honor the students that won the Best in the State/Region Verizon App Challenge.
- Filled in for Paula at a CBOCES Board meeting-learned how the District depends upon CBOCES to meet the needs of all of our students.
- Attended Leadership St. Vrain meeting-tremendous opportunity to learn about every facet of our District.
- Attended the Legislator Dinner Meeting-enjoyed meeting with all the legislators.
- Attended a Silver Creek Education Foundation meeting-hosting a Marti Gras celebration next week.
- Was invited by Principal Joann Dawe to visit the St. Vrain Global Online Academy.

- Attended the Patriotic Tea hosted by the Longs Peak Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) where they honored the DAR Good Citizens & the DAR Essay Contest Winners-impressed with the event and the students.
- Met with Ella Padilla and learned about how her department develops staffing plans to meet the needs of the schools and the District's evaluation system.
- Met with Diane Lauer, Dina Perfetti-Deany, David Baker and Amy Keen regarding the student teacher program.
- Met with Greg Fieth to learn about District financials and the budget process-he did a remarkable job presenting how money flows through the District.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Mead Elementary Parent Advisory Council Open House-well attended.
- Attended Skyline/Mead High double header basketball games.
- Attended Mead Board of Trustees Meeting-discussed the significant impact the Bond would make on their community. Community has tremendous support and feedback for the Bond.
- Attended Mead High School Student Advisory Council Meeting-discussed starting a mock student senate that would review actual current legislation.
- Looking forward to many school tours.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.
- Attended Lyons Board of Trustee Meeting-discussed the impact the potential Bond would have on Lyons. Information was well received by their Board.
- Attended Lyons Girls' and Boys' Basketball games-passed out good sportsmanship awards.
- Visited Mead Elementary, Mead Middle, and Indian Peaks Elementary-thank you to all the principals for their time.
- Attended Longmont Estates Parent Update Meeting-student projects were great fun.
- Attended Hygiene Elementary PTO Meeting-discussed growth and common core.
- Thanked Brandon Shaffer for putting together the Legislator Dinner Meeting.
- Thanked the Career Development Center Culinary Arts staff and students for the wonderful Board appreciation dinner. Encouraged people to have lunch there.
- Complimented the Skyline High students on their feeder report-drastically different from four years ago-thanks to Regina Renaldi as Race to the Top helped to provide the transformation.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Carbon Valley Community Meeting-very impressed with turnout.
- Attended Legacy Elementary field trip to the Capitol on the same day as the Broncos Super Bowl Parade-so impressed with competent staff and behavior of students.

Representative Lori Saine was their tour guide-very informational and good to make a connection with her after attending the Legislator Dinner together.

- Attended Frederick High School Casino Night fundraiser-very well attended and impressed at the community donations-all monies go back to FHS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

REPORTS (6.0)

Skyline High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Regina Renaldi introduced Skyline Principal Heidi Ringer who recognized the administration that was in attendance from the Skyline feeder system. Each principal talked about what they are most proud of about their school. STEM/Innovation Center students that helped film and produce the video were Alaina Hellenberg, Aabriti Shrestha, and Josh Matthews. Skyline Student Advisory Council students in attendance were Maria Rodela, Reilly Scheppers, and Estafany Alvarado. Skyline student Weston Urquidi was unable to attend the Board Meeting. The students told of their future plans and presented a video featuring the Skyline feeder system schools. Other Skyline feeder system principals in attendance: Karrie Borski, Principal and Brendon Schwirtz Assistant Principal of Timberline PK-8; Dede Frothingham, Principal of Alpine Elementary; Audrey Seybold, Principal of Columbine Elementary; Dr. Jennifer Guthals, Principal of Fall River Elementary; and Stephen Hoel, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Healthcare Update (6.2)

Ella Padilla updated the Board on the process of rolling out the new CNIC healthcare provider during the open enrollment period. She commended the Benefits team of Delene Gunderson, Lori Rose, Vicki Mair, and Terry Schueler for all of their hard work in this monumental task. Ella also thanked the Communications Department for creating all the documentation that went out to keep the employees up-to-date on the new healthcare options. She noted that the team made personal calls to 75 employees who had been identified as not signing up for any insurance plan when it got close to the deadline. Vicki Mair provided information on all the new services the Human Resources Benefits Department is providing to employees and answered questions from the Board members.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.12. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves

2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the January 13, 2016 Regular Meeting, the January 20, 2016 Study Session, the January 25, 2016 Special Meeting-Legislator Dinner, the January 27, 2016 Regular Meeting, and the January 28, 2016 Special Meeting-Board Retreat
4. Approval: Approval of Closure of Schools-Snow Storm
5. Approval: Approval of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 District Calendars
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Concrete Polishing
7. Approval: Approval of Change Order to Contract-District-Wide Audio Visual Systems Project
8. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) for Clover Basin Renovation Project
9. Approval: Approval of Contract-Everly Montgomery Field Scoreboard
10. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection-Proposed New K-8 Project
11. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection for Blue Mountain and Eagle Crest Elementary Addition/Renovation Project
12. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection-Proposed New Elementary School Project

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, absent].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Resolution for the Approval of SVVSD General Obligation Refunding Bond Series 2016A (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to authorize the issuance of St. Vrain Valley School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2016A in a principal amount of \$115,240,000. The pricing for these bonds is scheduled for February 17, 2016. John Ahrens seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the parameters of refunding the Bond Series 2016A included:

- The Bonds mature on December 15, 2033, which is no later than the final maturity of the Refunded Bonds.
- The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds is \$115,240,000, which does not exceed the aggregate principal amount of the Refunded Bonds (\$115,730,000).
- The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District.
- The issuance of the Bonds does not cause the District to exceed its statutory debt limitations at the time of issuance.
- Based on information provided by the Underwriter, the net present value savings realized as a result of the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds is 12.24%, which is a savings of 3% or more.

Todd Snidow, Senior Vice President of George K. Baum & Company, the District's bond underwriting firm, explained the benefits of refunding the bonds which should save the District's taxpayers \$20 million in bond redemption mills over the repayment schedule after fees. He invited Board members to observe the process at his office on February 17, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. Board members thanked Terry Schueler, Greg Fieth and Todd for their work to create this opportunity.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, absent].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

John Ahrens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., and Amory Siscoe seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, 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 March 9, 2016.