

**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 May 11, 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 President Robert J. Smith at 6:30 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
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Carrie Adams, Silver Creek Leadership Academy Program Coordinator
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Health
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Gay, Longmont High Science Instructor
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools (arrived at 7:40 pm)
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Mary Miner, Executive Director of Human Resources
Karen Norris, Assistant Principal Silver Creek High School
Rick Olsen, Principal of Longmont High School
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools (arrived 8:15 pm)
Lorynda Sampson, Principal of Northridge Elementary
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor

Jackie Whittington, Executive Director of Student Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Ahrens moved to convene to Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with the attorney for the District, CRS 24-6-402(4)(b), discussing a personnel matter, CRS 24-6-402(4)(f), and a related student matter, CRS 24-6-402(4)(h). Amory Siscoe seconded.

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

The following were present in the Executive Session: John Ahrens, Debbie Lammers, Dr. Richard Martyr, Paula Peairs, Joie Siegrist, Amory Siscoe, Bob Smith; Mary Miner; Rob Berry (arrived at 6:44 pm); Dick Lyons, attorney for the District.

At 6:51 p.m., Joie Siegrist moved to convene to the Regular Meeting. Paula Peairs seconded.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Matt Eldred, Executive Director of the TLC Learning Center and member of the Executive Committee of the St. Vrain Community Council (SVCC), and Bob Norris of Hispanic Education Foundation Board of Directors were present to honor Carla O'Boyle, former SVVSD employee that recently passed away. Matt announced that there is a new scholarship in her name for St. Vrain students through the SVCC. Regina Gramaldo, one of Carla's former students spoke of how much of an inspiration and influence Carla was to her and to everyone. Longmont City Council honored Carla with a proclamation at their April 26, 2016 meeting, and proclaimed that day "The Heart of a Servant Day" in her name. Matt read that proclamation. Longmont Chamber of Commerce renamed their annual non-profit award the Carla O'Boyle Non-Profit of the Year Award through the SVCC. Matt shared that SVCC would love to support the work of the District in any way they could.

Bob Norris thanked the District for the many ways they've supported the Hispanic Education Foundation through the years. There were 65 applicants for 13 scholarships. The very first student to win the Carla O'Boyle scholarship is Daniel Terao from Skyline High School who will be attending Colorado State University in the fall.

Parent/Teacher Organization representatives from Mead Middle School (Susan Steidl-President), Frederick High Boosters (Callico Neu-President), Thunder Valley K-8 (Amy

Olson-President), Lyons Elementary (Mary Ann Bader, President, and Heather Saunders, Treasurer), Indian Peaks Elementary (Joselyn Macias and Jenni Rosas-read in Spanish), Red Hawk Elementary (Christina Haid-President), Alpine Elementary (Julie McCawley-Co-President), Columbine Elementary (Maria Elena Garcia), Sunset Middle (Christina Fischer-President), Timberline PK-8 (Marjorie Paro and Ere Juarez-read in Spanish), Mead High Education Foundation (Julie McCawley), Erie Elementary (Christina Haid), Northridge Elementary (Claudia Lopez, Eunice Corral, Erica Morales and Rocio Morales-read in Spanish), Eagle Crest Elementary (Heather Stenner and GayLynn Stevens-Co-Presidents), and Niwot High Education Foundation (Christina Fischer) were in attendance to read resolutions of support for the proposed bond initiative.

Michael Pruznick, a resident in the Poudre School District, was in attendance and spoke in support of sustainable school funding models.

Amy Bounds, Reporter for the Boulder Daily Camera/Longmont Times-Call.

VISITORS (4.0)

Mark Mills introduced Silver Creek High School Assistant Principal Karen Norris who then introduced Jenni Williams, The Educational Partnership Manager for Colorado who presented Silver Creek Leadership Academy 10th grade student Jacob Boettcher with a Global Citizen Scholarship from the Education First (EF) organization which is a global education company that combines language training with cultural exchange, academic achievement and educational travel. Hundreds of Colorado students apply for only 15 annual scholarships. Jacob was given the scholarship for his work on human rights and will be one of those 15 students from Colorado traveling to Europe to help design solutions to human rights issues. Jacob extended thanks to the Board, the Educational Partnership, and his parents who were in attendance, Steve and Nicki Boettcher, and was so grateful for the focus program at Silver Creek.

Mark Mills introduced Longmont High Principal Rick Olsen who was in attendance to honor Longmont High Science Instructor Jamie Gay for receiving a Knowles Fellowship. This is a five-year scholarship with a monetary value of \$35,000 over the five years. Jamie described to the Board the events she'll be able to go to and the invaluable mentoring that she'll receive as a Knowles Fellowship recipient. Rick thanked the Board for recognizing Jamie for her accomplishments.

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

Board Reports

John Ahrens –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Tribute to Teachers Dinner-guest speaker was phenomenal and so inspirational.
- Attended Trail Ridge Apple Distinguished Schools Event-Apple representatives announced their new *Swift* programming language is now open source.
- A lot of his focus is centered on the Innovation Center-amazed by the Nano robots.
- Attended Erie High School bond discussion that Dr. Haddad spoke at-questions were really insightful and people were generally supportive.
- Participated in a *BitsBox* project called "Lead the Way"-coding for kids is really going full steam ahead in the District.
- Attended a trip to the Contemporary Museum with the Erie Middle School-amazed that one of the most advanced students received his computer code training online.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended *Collegiate Crossings (CC)* event – the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley has partnered with CC on a grant application to the Colorado Department of Education which would provide college planning services.
- Attended Silver Creek High School World Affairs Conference for their AP Government class-very impressed with the complex international issues that students presented.
- Attended CASB Legislative Resolutions Committee Meeting.
- Attended Sunset Middle School 6th grade Orientation on the new IB World School focus program-well attended and great presentation by Dr. Macy.
- Attended Niwot High After Prom-many students stayed late and lots of businesses donated food, drinks and prizes, and the Sheriff's Department kept everyone safe. Many thanks to the parent groups-this event couldn't have taken place without them.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended feeder system meetings on the bond at Erie, Niwot, Longmont and Lyons-impressed by the enthusiasm from the parents and community leaders, by the staff's preparation for the meeting, and the attendees' interest in strong schools striving for excellence.
- Attended Sunset Middle "Seize the Day" program-qualification for IB certification-astounding to see wonderful achievements by 6th, 7th and 8th grade students that presented their projects.
- Attended "Evening of Excellence" with Silver Creek Leadership Academy-astounding to see what engaged students can accomplish-quality of the projects was amazing.
- Attended an event at Longmont High where the Medical and BioScience Academy senior students presented their projects-extraordinary level of awareness and knowledge to find and solve problems at a collegiate level.
- Attended Hispanic Education Foundation Banquet at Skyline High-stories of the students were tremendously inspirational, and they spoke of the strong parental/teacher support they received throughout their lives.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Trail Ridge Apple Distinguished Schools Event-impressed by the teacher presentations and their stories about the journey they took; particularly, how they grew with the students in this program and how their teacher role has expanded to 24/7 because of the online aspect.
- Attended the first Mead Urban Renewal Authority Board Meeting representing the District-will keep everyone posted on information that comes from those meetings.
- Attended the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting-thank you for the efforts of the Finance team.
- Attended CBOCES graduation in Longmont-amazing stories from those students and the hardships they faced to graduate from high school-appreciate that we have so many opportunities for students of every level to graduate.
- Thank you to the students for all the testing that they are going through-they are working really hard and wish them a lot of luck.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Medical Advisory Committee Meeting attended by District nurses and many members of the medical community.
- Attended Tribute to Teachers Dinner-wonderful event. Thanks to all the teachers and the staff for everything they do besides the academic part of the students' school lives. Reminded everyone that students won't always remember what you say to them, but they will always remember how you treated them and how you made them feel.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended High School Advisory Council Awards Breakfast-it was an honor to be there and to hear the students speak-they were very well-prepared.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Felt that staff, teachers, and administrators do an outstanding job of earning the trust of the parents-this could not happen without a competent and committed staff.
- Appreciates all the time Board members put in attending District events.
- Felt it is a great privilege to serve on the Board with his fellow Board members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Spoke at the Front Range Community College commencement ceremony at Skyline.
- Visited many schools-lot of excitement approaching graduation. Thank you to all of our teachers, staff, students and parents for getting the students through graduation.
- Received a call from the Commissioner of Education-he had heard about Computer Science advancement at SVVSD and sent out a team from CDE to our elementary, middle and high schools. Regina Renaldi will represent SVVSD on a trip to Utah in the summer to help develop state standards in computer science.

REPORTS (6.0)

None

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.10. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the April 13, 2016 Regular Meeting, the April 20, 2016 Study Session, and the April 27, 2016 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of 2016/2017 Administrative Employment Contracts
5. Approval: Approval of School Closing-Lyons M/S Power Outage
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Purchase & Installation of Fuel Dispenser
7. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Niwot Elementary Playground Improvements
8. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA
9. Approval: Approval of Vendor Providing Purchased Goods Over \$100,000
10. Approval: Approval of the Purchase of School Buses

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, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Capital Reserve Budget for 2016/2017 (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Reserve allocations of \$4,800,000 as presented and authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations to manage the funds to the benefit of the District. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the Capital Reserve allocations presented follow the Capital Reserve Handbook that outlines the process and procedure for Capital Reserve fund allocations. As need, scope and bidding conditions change, these numbers will vary slightly from the presented list.

Board members congratulated Brian and his team on their planning process and how much they can accomplish for the money they receive, and thanked them for the detailed report.

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, yes].

Approval of Contract-Specialized Education of Colorado, Inc. (SECO) (8.2)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the service agreement with Specialized Education of Colorado, Inc. (SECO) to provide in-district special education programs and staffing to students placed by the District and authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary contract documents in accordance with Board of Education policy. The District intends to establish an initial one-year contract with firm pricing (estimated not-to-exceed \$400,000 based on student enrollment for 2016-17) to include an additional two- or three-year renewal option based on performance and negotiated pricing with the District. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Jackie Whittington reported that, during the school year, the Executive Director of Student Services researched organizations to provide a special education program in-district to selected SVVSD students. SECO would provide administration, highly qualified staff and a proprietary program in-district that features intensive academic instruction and a unique behavior management system for students with emotional disabilities and/or other disabilities. The program provides each student with individualized interventions required to succeed academically, socially and behaviorally. The program initially consists of two classrooms but will expand by one classroom per year for each of the next three years on commencement of each renewal term. The program will be staffed and equipped to serve at least ten students in each classroom but will not be required to operate unless the program has enrollment of eight students in each classroom, so they plan to add two classrooms at Main Street School.

SECO will staff each classroom with a special education teacher and two instructional assistants. SECO will be responsible to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations in relation to the special education services provided for students participating in the program, as well as all policies and procedures of SVVSD Board of Education.

The District will be responsible to identify classroom locations, recommend placement of students in the program, and transport students to/from the program, appropriate food services for all students participating in the program, and maintenance and janitorial services for the classrooms.

The Board and Superintendent were appreciative of Jackie's work given the significant increase in special education needs of students. The Board thought it would be prudent to revisit this topic further in a future study session.

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, yes].

Approval of Town of Mead Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Intergovernmental Agreement (8.3)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Mead Urban Renewal Authority and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure the 2008 and 2012 mill levy overrides, bond redemption mills, and all future local school election revenue will be protected from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) of the MURA in the undeveloped real property classified as agricultural land. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that District staff has worked with the Town of Mead and legal counsel to develop the Agreement to protect the District from some of the negative impacts of Urban Renewal Authorities on school funding. The Mead Town Board approved this Agreement on May 2, 2016, and is awaiting District approval. Paula Peairs has presentation documents if anyone would like to see them.

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, yes].

Approval of Special Committee Findings Regarding Formal Parent Complaint (8.4)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education deny the requested relief and take no further action on the formal parent complaint. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Bob reported that a special committee made up of two Board members, the Superintendent, and assisted by District legal counsel, convened to review a formal parent complaint. The committee reviewed all pertinent information and determined that both Board policy and state statute were followed in this incident.

The committee determined that no further action is needed.

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, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

First Review, Firestone Central Park Elementary School Site and Oil Well Proximity (9.1)

Brian Lamer provided the Board of Education with land and school facility building placement options with oil and gas well impacts at the Firestone Central Park school site in order to receive Board member feedback.

In 2013, changes were made to oil and gas well setbacks from 500 feet to 1,000 feet. This new ruling was designed to prevent oil well drilling operations within 1,000 feet of a school facility. Staff is reviewing proposed school sites influenced by the well setback rulings. Present regulations do not prevent districts from constructing school facilities within the 500 to 1,000 foot setbacks.

Design teams have been working to develop future building projects on the proposed 14-acre site located in Firestone, Colorado, at the Central Park area. Presently, oil wells exist approximately 600 feet from the proposed location of a future building. The presented documents provided a proximity diagram as well as a site map and a briefing on the property that includes proposed costs, risks and legal input. This first review is designed to inform the Board and the public of future building placement. It would take a year to obtain the property. This review will be followed by a final action request in two weeks at the regularly scheduled board meeting on May 25, 2016.

First Review, Wyndham Hill Elementary School Site and Oil Well Proximity (9.2)

Brian Lamer provided the Board of Education with land and school facility building placement options with oil and gas well impacts at the Wyndham Hill elementary school site in order to receive Board member feedback.

In 2013, changes were made to oil and gas well setbacks from 500 feet to 1,000 feet. This new ruling was designed to prevent oil well drilling operations within 1,000 feet of a school facility. Staff is reviewing proposed school sites influenced by the well setback rulings. Present regulations do not prevent districts from constructing school facilities within the 500 to 1,000 foot setbacks.

Design teams have been working to develop future building projects on the considered 10-acre site. Presently, an oil well exists approximately 900 feet from the proposed location of a future building. The presented documents provided a proximity diagram as well as a site map and a briefing on the property that includes proposed costs, risks and legal input. This first review is designed to inform the Board and the public of future building placement. This review will be followed by a final action request in two weeks at the regularly scheduled board meeting on May 25, 2016.

Brian noted the pros and cons of both properties, and asked for Board and public input within two weeks on how they would like the District to proceed. He would like permission to pursue one or both properties noting that this is all post 2016 bond planning. He reminded everyone that, until the land is obtained, more wells could go up in the interim. If the District obtains the land, the oil companies would need to negotiate with the District should they want to install more wells. All feedback should be sent to Dr. Haddad with a copy to Brian Lamer.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m., and Dr. Richard Martyr 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, 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 June 8, 2016.