

**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 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 President Robert J. Smith at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F
Dr. Richard Martyr, Director District E
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):

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rachael Ayers, Principal of Mead High School
Damon Brown, Executive Director of HR/Risk Management/Communications
Stacy Davis, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Joe McBreen, Chief Technology Officer
Mary Miner, Executive Director of Human Resources
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation Center
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent for Priority Schools
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir Government & Legal Affairs/Community Outreach/P-TECH
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented. Board President Robert J. Smith read the District Mission Statement.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Fofi Mendez, Mendez Consulting, 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 804, Denver, CO, 80203- Presentation on behalf of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) that is seeking voter approval to reauthorize the existing one-cent-on-\$10 sales tax that funds the SCFD. Information can be found on www.yesonscfd.com.

Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Business Development Director Lisa Hoxie and Executive Director Lee Berg were in attendance to show support for the proposed bond initiative and to update the Board on the fundraising projects of EFSVV. Lee Berg was thankful for the partnership between former Board member John Creighton and the High Plains Bank staff for organizing the 31st Annual Sunrise Stampede to be held on August 13, 2016 at Silver Creek High School at 8:00 a.m. He also appreciated Principal Erick Finnestead and his Silver Creek staff for their collaboration in making the Sunrise Stampede happen. The Board expressed their thanks to Lisa and Lee and their team for being such an asset to the District.

VISITORS (4.0)

None

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

Board Reports

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Impressed with the way all the facilities look-thanks to Brian Lamer and his team.
- Looking forward to school starting, going to the back to school nights, and meeting all the new families.
- Interested in hearing about the attendance and participation areas.
- Thanked Don for the invitation to the administrative retreat-it was a wonderful day and a worthy endeavor engaging in sharing ideas with one another.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited schools and reflected on the progress the District has made over the years-how the District staff has committed themselves to establishing goals and each year progress towards those goals.

- Attended Longs Peak Health Science Fair-a collaboration between Longmont High and Longs Peak teachers helping 30 students explore a whole range of projects-a clear tribute to our talented teaching staff.
- Facilities never looked better-custodial staff are smiling and ready for a great year.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Spent a good month looking at colleges with her son and can't help but reflect on how overwhelmingly well St. Vrain prepares students for higher education. Feels it is an honor to be with St. Vrain and setting up another excellent school year-thanked everyone for their time.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Excited for the new school year.
- Volunteering with the Sunrise Stampede-encouraged everyone to come out to Silver Creek on August 13 and participate in any way possible.
- Facilities and grounds are beautiful this summer and all schools were busy with programs everywhere.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Looking forward to starting this year from the very beginning because she was elected in the middle of the last school year.
- Attended the Welcome Back for Classified Staff-thanked Dr. Lauer and her team for a well-organized job.
- Attended the Town of Frederick Urban Renewal Authority Board Meeting (as a member)-looking forward to seeing the progress of this URA.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- An example of a summer school program at Northridge where kids have a large opportunity gap-half the school is attending summer school-very rewarding to see the engagement of the kids and it is noteworthy that they will start school further ahead than where they were last spring. Thanks to the professionalism of our teaching staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Thanked Lee Berg and Lisa Hoxie of Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley for their great work.
- Announced that this summer there were over 2,000 staff members participating in over 80 professional development activities and the kids are still learning reading, writing, math and the arts.

- Has been a banner year for hiring a lot of new teachers and staff into our schools. We are getting large numbers of applicants, and we have the opportunity to be very selective.
- Attended new teacher orientation-thanks to Dr. Lauer and her team for the amazing work they do.
- Students did a great job on ACTs-highest composite scores ever.
- Announced that Tori Teague has been researching school districts with similar demographics and has found that St. Vrain scored highest in the state comparable to other Colorado districts our size and level of students.
- Announced an increase in attendance rate of 95%-devising teams within each school to get that rate increased and will intensify efforts in participation to make sure every student is involved in a meaningful extracurricular activity.
- Passed out a prototype magazine to Board members that will be going out to the community that highlights every aspect of the District. Thanks to the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, Stapp Toyota, and NewMark Merrill for covering costs of the magazine and the Communications Department for their tremendous product.
- Asked for support from the Board members to have a High School Student Advisory student leader visit the Board Meetings to bring issues to the Board directly from the schools and participate in discussions.
- Spoke at the Welcome Back Classified Staff event at Longmont High-Rick Lewis was a great speaker and it was the largest turnout ever.
- Attended the Administrative Leadership Retreat. Thanks to Regina Renaldi, Patty Quinones, Jackie Kapushion and all the support staff that put that together.
- Created a letter to the community in the *Back to School* edition of the *Longmont Times-Call* that highlights all of the activities that the District was involved in this summer.
- Thanked Joe McBreen and his team for rolling out the planned technology in the rest of the high schools this year and for enhancing the wireless network speed.
- Thanks to Brandon Shaffer, Regina Renaldi and Patty Quinones for identifying names for all the high school P-TECH programs that will start this year with 50 students. Names for each school's program--Falcon Tech (Skyline), Cougar Tech (Niwot). Trojan Tech (Longmont), etc.
- Sunrise Stampede--will be SVVSD presence to communicate with everyone.
- Attending Boettcher Scholarship Dinner this week.
- Announced Festival on Main August 26 and 27--will be SVVSD presence to communicate with everyone.
- Reported that 93% of our schools with thousands of students were actively engaged in summer programs. Nutrition Services supplied free meals to children throughout the summer.
- Thanks to Brian Lamer and his team for the great looking facilities.

REPORTS (6.0)

4th Quarter 2015/2016 Gifts to Schools (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 2015-2016 school year totaling \$287,717.08. Donations for the 2015-2016 school year totaled \$619,053.30. Board members particularly appreciated all the financial support from parent organizations.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.1 through 7.15. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting, the June 15, 2016 Study Session, and the June 22, 2016 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JFABB-E – Admission of Non-Immigrant Foreign Exchange Students
5. Approval: Approval of Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Erie
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Purchase & Installation of Niwot High Irrigation Pump Station
7. Approval: Approval of Purchase-Aerial Platform Lift
8. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Exterior Block Seal Project
9. Approval: Approval of Contract for District-Wide Roof Assessments Project
10. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Security & CCTV Systems
11. Approval: Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for the Frederick High School Education Foundation
12. Approval: Approval of Contract for Hardware and Software Support
13. Approval: Approval of Updated Vendors Providing Purchased Goods Over \$100,000
14. Approval: Approval of Updated Vendors Providing Purchased Services Over \$100,000
15. Approval: Approval of Finance & Audit Committee Calendar

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Erie Elementary School (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Ali Knight as Dean of Students and MTSS (formerly RtI) Coordinator for Erie Elementary School, effective July 1, 2016. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Ms. Knight graduated from the University of Texas with a

Bachelor of Science in Communication. She continued her education at Regis University where she completed her Master of Arts in Education and received her Special Education Endorsement. Ms. Knight is in the process of completing the Executive Leadership Principal Licensure Program from Regis University.

For the past ten years, Ms. Knight has taught fifth grade, social studies, language arts and special education at Altona Middle School. During her time at Altona Middle School, she has served on the School Accountability Committee, the School Leadership Committee, the Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council and was the St. Vrain Valley Education Association Representative. Prior to her work at Altona, she taught fifth grade for a year at Niwot Elementary. Ms. Knight has received many awards including the Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award and the Altona Excellence in Teaching Award. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Ms. Knight was very excited and ready for the challenges ahead, and thanked everyone involved in her recommendation. She introduced her husband and two children who were present.

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

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Mead High School (8.2)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Lisa Schwartz as Assistant Principal for Mead High School, effective July 1, 2016. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Ms. Schwartz graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Minor in Secondary Education. She continued her education at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she completed her Master's in Educational Equity & Cultural Diversity with an emphasis in Linguistically Diverse Education. Ms. Schwartz also completed her Principal Licensure Master's Program with a focus on Educational Leadership.

For the past year, Ms. Schwartz has worked as an Assistant Principal for Adams City High School, where she organized the State Review Panel and Turnaround Committee, developed the school's UIP and monitored major improvement strategies. Prior to that, Ms. Schwartz was an Assistant Principal at Lester Arnold High School in Adams County 14 School District for two years. Ms. Schwartz also taught 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade English as well as 11th and 12th grade AVID for five years at Adams City High School. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Ms. Schwartz was very excited to begin a rewarding career with St. Vrain, and is thrilled to serve the community she lives in.

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

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Mead High School (8.3)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Alain Valette as Assistant Principal of Mead High School, effective July 1, 2016. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Mr. Valette graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering. He then went on to Northern Illinois University, where he completed his Master of Arts in Education. He also received his License in Administration from the University of Colorado, Denver.

For the past year, Mr. Valette has served as the Dean of Students at Mead High School where he was responsible for the supervision and evaluation of the Science and CTE Departments, the Director of the Mead Energy Academy and created and led professional development for staff. Prior to that, he worked as a Math Teacher and Department Chair at Mead High School for two years. Mr. Valette was also an Induction Coach for St. Vrain Valley Schools, where he mentored first year teachers and created and taught many professional development classes. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Mr. Valette was unable to come to attend the meeting-he was with his daughter at a national swim meet.

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

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Athletic Director/Assistant Principal for Mead High School (8.4)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Chad Eisentrager as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Mead High School, effective July 1, 2016. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Mr. Eisentrager graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He continued his education at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, where he completed his Master of Arts in Education Leadership and also received his Principal Education Licensure.

For the past eight years Mr. Eisentrager has been a Social Studies teacher at Frederick High School. During his time at Frederick High School, he served as an Instructional Leader for the Social Studies Department, Interim Athletics Director and implemented individualized lesson plans for Advanced Placement, ELL, remedial and general education classes. Prior to that, he was a Social Studies teacher at Northglenn High School and Niver Creek Middle School for three years. Mr. Eisentrager has received several awards including the 2013 Boettcher Teacher Award, and Coach of the Year six times. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Mr. Eisentrager was humbled to follow in Frank Buck's footsteps with Maverick athletics. He and his wife recently moved to Mead so that their children can attend school there. He was extremely proud to continue his career with St. Vrain at Mead and already has set high goals for Mead High School. Mead Round-Up will be Friday, August 19, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Board member Paula Peairs welcomed all the new Mead teachers to her Director District. Dr. Haddad thanked the Human Resources Department for all of their work on the new hires, and was very impressed with the layer of value these new people give to our District. Dr. Martyr thanked Dr. Haddad and his staff and felt the excellent new hires were an affirmation of the path the District has taken for excellence.

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

Approval of Acceptance of Colorado Health Foundation Grant (8.5)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to accept, if approved, funds over approximately \$215,000 for two years to help the District implement curriculum that promotes moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in the classroom. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the 2016 Colorado Health Foundation (TCHF) Integration of Physical Activity in the Classroom Grant expands the impact of MVPA movement in the classroom through collaboration with institutes of higher education and develops a college-level curriculum that universities subscribe to as a teaching pedagogy. Ultimately, we can affect what universities teach our educators, and will affect the environment and culture that integrates health and wellness equitably for students and staff state-wide.

Acceptance of these funds does not obligate District funds or personnel beyond the terms of the grant, nor does the District have to match funds.

Board President Robert J. Smith shared that the Colorado Health Foundation is very committed to making Colorado the healthiest state in the nation, and thought they would appreciate being invited for a tour of the District.

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

Adoption of Resolution of Intent to Participate in the 2016 Coordinated Election (8.6)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education submit a Bond Referendum Question on the 2016 Ballot in the amount of \$260.34 million to address the increase in enrollment, preserve capital assets, adapt educational space and enhance school security. Further, the Board directs the administration to work with bond counsel to bring proposed ballot language for action to the August 24, 2016 Board Meeting. Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that, because the District is averaging a growth rate of 800 students per year and projections continue that in the near future, it became necessary to consider a bond referendum to address the growth. A Planning Committee was formed in the Fall of 2015 to set and prioritize needs and finalize options. A Community Task Force met in the Spring and made a unanimous recommendation to the Board to request just under \$260 million in bonds from the voters to address the increase in enrollment, preserve capital assets, adapt educational space and enhance school security. Since that time, three additional charter school projects have been included to increase the total to \$260.34 million.

Parent groups from 29 schools, the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, and Grassroots St. Vrain have presented resolutions of support for a 2016 bond election.

Actual resolutions and proposed ballot language will be provided to the Board of Education prior to the August 24, 2016 Board Meeting.

Dr. Haddad addressed the Board on the public policy phase of bond planning with the 13 communities within the District boundaries. Overwhelmingly, those communities acknowledged the significant growth they are experiencing in their particular neighborhoods. Detailed information was shared with them, and that discussion determined what amount would meet their needs. Ken Schuetz is the campaign committee chair, and it was made clear that funding the campaign comes from outside money and not District money.

Brian Lamer reported that the District compiled a list of current and long-term projected needs and that this bond measure, with growth projections considered, would provide for student capacity in the District to 2022.

Board member Debbie Lammers read the resolution.

Board President Robert J. Smith thanked Terry Schueler and Dr. Haddad for all the time that they spent with the charter school representatives going line-by-line projecting their priorities.

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

Request for Approval to Make a Change to the 2016-2017 District Calendar (8.7)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve a change to the 2016-2017 District Calendar. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Diane Lauer reported that, each year, all public school districts and facilities across Colorado participate in the student October Count data submission to the Colorado Department of Education. Typically, that day falls on October 1 of each year. This year, October 1 falls on a Saturday, so the Colorado Department of Education has designated Wednesday, October 5, 2016, as the official student count day.

In order to comply with a full day of instruction, as per state policy on October Count day, administration requests to change the District calendar so that October 5, 2016 is a full day instead of a late start day.

Board Policy IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time states “Any change in the calendar except for emergency closings or other unforeseen circumstances shall be preceded by adequate and timely notice of no less than 30 days.” Having approval by the Board on August 10, 2016 more than satisfies that policy rule so that the District is able to communicate that change to parents and students.

Although the PLC day will not be rescheduled, Dr. Lauer shared that principals are partnering with community schools for teachers to recapture some professional development time. The Communication Department will be putting out information immediately on the calendar day change.

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

Approval of Contract Amendment for Internet Service (8.8)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve a contract amendment with Zayo Group, LLC., for internet services pending successful contract negotiation, and further authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all necessary documents. The estimated value of the contract will not exceed \$153,600.00. Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Purchasing Department and District Technology Services (DTS) issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) #2014-008 for Internet Service Providers. As a result of this process, the District entered into a multi-year contract with Eagle-Net Alliance, LLC. The District is currently entering into the third and final renewal option on this contract.

On November 30, 2015 the Zayo Group, LLC., assumed the responsibility of the contract and managing the District's internet services. With this transition, District staff has capitalized on reduced service rates resulting in approximately \$55,280.00 savings over the final term of the contract.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Joie Siegrist moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

The motion carried by acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; 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 September 14, 2016.