

**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 24, 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:**

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D  
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B  
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, 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  
Lee Berg, Executive Director of Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley  
Damon Brown, Executive Director of HR/Communications/Risk Management  
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  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent  
Lorynda Sampson, Principal of Northridge Elementary  
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor

Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation Center

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

None

**VISITORS (4.0)**

Regina Renaldi introduced Silver Creek Leadership Academy (SCLA) Program Director Carrie Adams. Carrie introduced Mr. Wei, Vice Principal of Jiujiang Foreign Language School and teacher Che Beibei, and the 21 Chinese students that SCLA is hosting. They shared a video describing their school in China, and gave gifts to the Board. The students and teachers were very appreciative to come to the United States, and for the hospitality of their hosts. They have visited a number of US cities on their tour. They thanked Carrie Adams for coordinating the visit for them.

Trip Merklein, President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association.

**REPORTS (5.0)**

**Northridge Leadership Team (5.1)**

Mark Mills introduced Northridge Principal Lorynda Sampson who was present at the Board Meeting to update the Board on the progress of the Northridge Leadership Team. Lorynda introduced her Northridge “Accountable Talk” team: STEM Coordinator Eric Woodland, Third Grade Teacher Brandi Ward, Interventionist Lynn Maybee, Special Education Teacher Jackie Smith, and Counselor/Dean Kristi Campbell. First Grade Teacher Melanie Sapp was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Lynn Maybee showed a video of an example of their work with students.

Board members were very appreciative of their presentation, and were happy to hear how this training extends into the students’ other classes and into their family life.

**CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)**

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees (2015-2016)
2. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy - GBEA-Dougherty

3. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy  
GBEA-Canyon Performance
4. Approval: Approval of Contract for Armored Car Services
5. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Cabling Services 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, yes].

Consent Item 6.1 was pulled for further discussion. Board member Paula Peairs was aware of a \$5.00 fee to replace bus passes that was not included in the policy. Dr. Diane Lauer will research the fee, and the policy will be entered into the September 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting for its second reading. Paula Peairs moved that the policy be approved for its second reading, pending the revision, and Joie Siegrist 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].

Consent Item 6.3 was pulled for further discussion. Board member Dr. Richard Martyr felt that a conflict of interest waiver should not be given in this instance because he felt that Longmont High students would have an unfair advantage to having Mr. Dueber employed at Longmont High advising students. Greg Fieth will have a discussion with Mr. Dueber and will let him know the Board would suggest he can have clients at any other school but Longmont High. Debbie Lammers moved that this item be removed from the August 24, 2016 Agenda and returned to the September 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda. 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, yes].

### **ACTION ITEMS (7.0)**

#### **Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Mead High School (7.1)**

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Douglas Gordon as the Dean of Students for Mead High School, effective August 29, 2016. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Mr. Gordon graduated from Illinois State University, with a Bachelor of Science in History. He continued his education at the University of Northern Colorado, where he completed his Master of Arts in Special Education. He later completed his Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado.

For the past year, Mr. Gordon has served as a Special Education Teacher at Longmont High School, where he was responsible for IEP reports and coordinating School Special Education Facilitator's (SSEF) responsibilities for the Special Education Department. Prior to that, he served as a Special Education and History teacher at Windsor High School for fourteen years. Mr. Gordon has also coached basketball, football, lacrosse and baseball throughout his career. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Mr. Gordon was appreciative of the opportunity to advance his career with St. Vrain. Board member Paula Peairs welcomed Mr. Gordon to Mead High School, and looked forward to seeing him around the school.

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 Recommendation to Hire Director of Technology (7.2)**

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Patrick Mount as Director of Technology, effective August 1, 2016. John Ahrens seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Mr. Mount graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. He continued his education at the University of Northern Colorado, where he completed his Master of Arts in Mathematics. In addition, he completed his Data Fellowship from Harvard University.

Mr. Mount has served St. Vrain Valley Schools for the past three years as an Enterprise Application Manager, where he led Programmers, the Digital Curriculum Specialist and Help Desk teams. He was also responsible for identifying systematic improvements and technical solutions. Prior to that, he served as a Data Analyst, Programmer and SIS Manager in Thompson School District for four years. Mr. Mount was also an IT Project Coordinator for Centennial BOCES for two years. Throughout his career, Mr. Mount has served on the Board of Directors for Colorado Student Information Systems Users' Group and Colorado Technology in Education as the President. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Mr. Mount was very appreciative of the tremendous opportunity to continue his career with St. Vrain. Mr. Mount introduced his wife. Board members and Joe McBreen welcomed him and thought it was wonderful to have someone with his expertise in the IT Department to take the Department/District to the next level.

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].

**Adoption of Resolution Declaring a Bond Ballot Issue Question Approving Ballot Language (7.3)**

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education adopt the presented Resolution for a bond ballot issue at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and substantially approve the ballot language contained within the Resolution. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that, as part of an increase in student population, as well as the ongoing operation of a school district, it has become necessary for the question of a bond issue to be placed on the local ballot.

Over the past several months the Board of Education has reviewed, studied and discussed information and recommendations brought forth by the Community Task Force and staff for a 2016 School Bond. At the August 10, 2016 Board of Education meeting, the Board of Education declared its intent to participate in the November 8, 2016 coordinated election. Focusing on only the highest needs, the Board of Education pared down the final projects to be included in the 2016 School Bond Issue not to exceed \$260.34 million. The final school bond package will include projects cited as critical needs for the purposes of acquiring, constructing or purchasing school buildings and grounds, enlarging, improving, repairing and making additions to school buildings and equipping schools, and providing other capital assets for District purposes, including repairing and renovating existing school buildings District-wide, enhancing educational, innovative, science, technology, engineering and math programs District-wide.

Board members requested that Brian Lamer send them a detailed final list of projects that the bond will pay for, including charter updates. The property tax increase would cost homeowners an estimated \$24 more a year per \$100,000 of home value, or \$72 a year for \$300,000 home.

Greg Fieth discussed the timing of the sales of bonds and the bond marketing schedule. He stated that there may have to be a special Board meeting in December because of timing issues with the bond sales.

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].

**Resolution to Adopt a Position of Advocacy in Support of the 2016 Bond Ballot Issue and Declaring this Issue a Matter of Public Concern (7.4)**

John Ahrens moved that, contingent upon the approval of the Resolution submitting the 2016 Bond Ballot Issue to the electorate, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the presented Resolution adopting a position of advocacy in support of the ballot issue, declaring the issue to be a matter of public concern, and authorizing an

expenditure for the publication of a fair and balanced factual summary for the ballot issue. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Greg Fieth summarized the District's intent, per Section 1-45-117, C.R.S. of the Fair Campaign Practices Act, and that the Board is adopting a position of advocacy in support of the bond issuance ballot issue. The Board unanimously and enthusiastically supports the 2016 bond ballot issue and urges the voters of the District to vote "yes" on the issue in the November 2016 election, and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the printing of a fair and balanced summary for the ballot issue.

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 Intergovernmental Agreements for Boulder, Larimer, and Weld Counties and the City and County of Broomfield to Participate in the 2016 Coordinated Election (7.5)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Conduct of Coordinated Elections with Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, and the City and County of Broomfield, and further authorize Greg Fieth as the Designated Election Official to sign the agreement documents. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that The Uniform Election Code requires that these intergovernmental agreements, which set forth the terms and conditions under which the respective counties will conduct coordinated elections, be approved by the participating parties. According to the election timeline, the last day for the District to sign the intergovernmental agreements is August 30, 2016. Approval of these agreements will fulfill this requirement. Bond and legal counsel have reviewed the IGAs.

Greg reported that the cost of the election could be anywhere from \$70,000 to \$100,000. Board members Debbie Lammers and Dr. Richard Martyr will be participating in the Public Logic & Accuracy Testing of the electronic vote counting equipment, required of our District per the Boulder County IGA.

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 (8.0)**

#### **Bond Planning Process Update (8.1)**

Brian Lamer reported that staff prepared a proposed Bond program to present to a Community Task Force (*CTF*) in the spring of this year. The *CTF* convened five times during the spring of 2016, and completed an exhaustive review of the concepts and supporting data used to develop the plan. In June, the Board of Education was presented with their findings, and recommended the Board consider placing the measure on the November ballot. During the summer, the plan was finalized at a total of \$260.34 million. The measure addresses capacity mitigation or growth, facility safety, building preservation and educational improvements in every school in St Vrain.

Brian Lamer shared drawings of the proposed work on Blue Mountain, Eagle Crest, Mead High School and the proposed new Erie K-8. He will share drawings of the proposed Innovation Center at the September 21, 2016 Study Session. If the bond should pass, work could be completed on Blue Mountain, Eagle Crest and Mead High in December of 2017, and work on the Erie K-8 could be completed in the fall of 2018. Board members requested hard copies of the drawings.

Brian Lamer told the Board members he would get updated equipment in the Board Room.

### **Colorado Association of School Boards Legislative Resolutions (8.2)**

Board member Debbie Lammers reported that local school boards take an active role in establishing how CASB will approach crucial education issues by submitting resolutions that reflect the issues and concerns of their communities. Local board resolutions also identify issues on which CASB should proactively lobby for legislative change that will benefit local school boards and the students that they serve.

Local board resolutions are reviewed by CASB's Legislative Resolutions Committee. The Committee forwards those resolutions, as well as any generated by the Committee, for action at the Delegate Assembly. Resolutions approved by the delegates are combined with standing resolutions to form the platform that CASB will advocate for at the state and federal level.

CASB's Board of Directors approved a revised set of resolutions that will serve as the starting point for this year's delegates. Local boards are welcome to offer new resolutions (or revisions to existing resolutions) to these core three chapters at the 2017 Legislative Session-Local Governance, Finance, and Student Achievement.

To be considered for the Delegate Assembly, resolutions must be submitted to CASB's Legislative Resolutions Committee by August 25, 2016. St. Vrain Valley Board of Education Secretary Debbie Lammers is a member of CASB's Board of Directors as well as its Legislative Resolutions Committee. Based on the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education discussions, she will submit resolutions, if any, for consideration by the CASB Committee.

Dr. Haddad and Board President Robert J. Smith thanked Debbie Lammers for her

extensive involvement in all CASB committees, and thanked her for her influence there and representation of our District.

**ADJOURNMENT (9.0)**

Board President Robert J. Smith announced the Twin Peaks Rotary Throw Down at Pie Noon fundraiser to be held Saturday, August 27, 2016, on Main Street and Fifth Avenue in Longmont, and encouraged the Board members to participate.

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. John Ahrens seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Pears, 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.