

**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 September 14, 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
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):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Jackie Bilan, Retired Longmont High School Biology Instructor
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
Andrea McBreen, Assistant Principal of Longmont High School
Joe McBreen, Chief Technology Officer
Rick Olsen, Principal of Longmont High School
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

United Power's Senior Community Affairs Representative Bill Meier and CEO Darryl Schriver attended the Board Meeting to present an energy savings check of \$16,355.64 to the District. Mr. Meier gave a presentation and provided handouts on the energy usage of our schools.

Rick Olsen introduced Longmont High Biology Instructor Chris Chou who was selected as the Outstanding Biology Teacher for the State of Colorado from the Colorado Association of Biology Teachers and the National Association of Biology Teachers. Chris teaches AP Biology and is Longmont High's Medical and BioScience Academy (MSBA) Coordinator. During her career at LHS, she has developed the MBSA program and curriculum for many courses including Introduction to Health Sciences, Forensic Science, and Anatomy and Physiology. The 2016 AP testing scores recently were released, and all of her AP Biology students passed with scores of 3 or better. The average for Longmont High students on the AP Biology exam was 4.1; the national average for the AP Biology Exam is 2.83. Nationally, only 60.5% of students "passed" the AP Biology exam; but at LHS, 100% of her students that took the test passed. Chris thanked Dr. Martyr and Jackie Bilan for their partnership and was so thankful for their mentorship. She also wanted to thank her husband, who was in attendance. Dr. Haddad presented a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award to Mrs. Chou. Dr. Martyr wanted Mrs. Chou to know that it was an extraordinary privilege to work with her, and that her visionary leadership established the foundation for the MBSA and that her hard work made that dream become a reality.

Tori Teague introduced Kerin McClure and told the Board of the excellent work Kerin had done as the District's Language Arts Coordinator. Kerin told of all the people that helped her with the Language Arts project. She was honored to have her team of people recognized for the article that was featured called "Big Leap for Literacy" in the national magazine *District Administration*. The article focused on how the "push for in-depth reading requires new teaching methods and digital tools." St. Vrain's portion focuses on "embracing the digital shift." Dr. Haddad presented a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award to the now Principal of Burlington Elementary Kerin McClure. Board members also commended Kerin for the smooth start-up of the school year at Burlington Elementary.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS (5.0)

Board Reports

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited schools-they are doing an incredible job and the year is off to a great start.
- Attended Erie Chamber and Rotary meetings-very supportive of the bond.
- Announced Erie Biscuit Days is this coming Saturday-invited everyone to come.
- Announced that Erie Elementary is having a Jog-a-thon this coming Friday-largest fundraiser for the year.
- Attended a luncheon meeting in Denver regarding computer science-SVUSD is looked at as one of the exemplary districts in the country for their implementation of computer science in their curriculum.
- P-TECH started and it is amazing to see how proud the students are of their accomplishments so far.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- St. Vrain has had tremendous and recognizable success as a school district, and we owe that to administration, teachers, parents, businesses, and community groups. The District does a very good job of relaying the best of what we do back to the state level, but the District needs to continue to look to our statewide situation. As a District, we need to focus on the state's future resources available for advancing opportunities in education and future initiatives to continue to offer the classrooms of the future.
- Announced the Colorado High School Activities Association, the Denver Broncos and the Colorado High School Coaches Association are sponsoring the Denver Broncos High School Coach of the Week program during the 2016 football season. The program is sponsored by the National Football League Foundation via the InsideOut Initiative. Each week during the 2016 Colorado high school football season, one coach will be recognized based on the tenants of the InsideOut Coaching Initiative. Since the program is statewide, any school can nominate a coach. Each weekly recipient will receive a \$1,000 donation to their school. The 2016 coach of the year will be recognized at the Denver Broncos' final home game on Jan. 1, 2017, and receive a \$2,000 donation for his or her school.
- Will be attending Colorado Department of Public Safety's School Safety Resource Center Advisory Board Meeting, on behalf of CASB, and will report back on those activities to the Board.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited schools and noticed the excellent quality of those schools-commended Brian Lamer's team and the custodial staff on the quality of the facilities.
- Recognized Columbine Elementary Principal Audrey Seybold and her staff for a wonderful Back to School Night event with a clear focus on the importance of attendance. Impressed with the eagerness of all teachers, principals and students for returning to school.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited schools/talked to the community-everyone is very supportive of bond.
- Attended Student Advisory Council Meeting-very good feedback from students on how to increase attendance and how to expand the classroom electronically.
- Commended Ken Schuetz and the Bond Campaign Committee and Grassroots St. Vrain (GSV) for educating people about the bond. Invited everyone to check out the GSV videos at grassrootsstvrain.org.
- Met with Patty Quinones and professors/doctoral students from Vanderbilt University in June at the Peabody College of Education in Douglas County sharing our District's public school model-will keep the Board updated on that project.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Great start to the school year visiting with principals and parent groups-response has been very positive towards the bond.
- Preparing Grassroots St. Vrain post cards-contact Joie if anyone would like to help.
- Attended Longmont's Festival on Main event-so impressed with SVVSD representation. The Career Development Center was there with welding projects and displays on all their programs. Innovation Center was there with robots. Very proud of the community and the District staff that makes that possible.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited schools-everyone was very positive about the bond. Parents are engaged and informed and know they have resources about the bond at their fingertips.
- Announced that the Carbon Valley is having their Miners' Day celebration this coming weekend.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Commended Dr. Haddad and his leadership team/principals on the attendance program "Attend, Aspire, Achieve".
- Commended the Finance and Human Resources teams for working together collaboratively to create a productive model on health care.
- Commended Grassroots St. Vrain on their videos about school finance.
- Attended the first Leadership St. Vrain Meeting-amazing turnout and was a reflection of the partnerships that are so critical for the District to be successful.
- In attendance at Longs Peak when Matt Barz's death was announced to the staff. Touched by the emotion and depth of concern over this teacher's passing. Thanks to District Mental Health Support Coordinator Matt Hofmeister for his sensitivity and the resources brought together in this situation to support people emotionally.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Attended Student Advisory Council Meeting-first year that Advisory students will attend Leadership Cabinet meetings and collaborate with the Board of Education.
- Will keep the Board updated as we monitor student counts.
- Greatly appreciated Board members' visits to the schools.
- Announced great positive feedback on the bond from all leaders of the community. Will follow up with the few mayors that he hasn't had a chance to talk to yet.
- Will continue reaching out to legislators as those meetings have been going well.
- Met with the Longmont Lions Club-Mel Desantis, former teacher at Niwot High, heads up that group and was very supportive of the bond. Thanked Damon Brown for meeting with all the Rotary Clubs in the St. Vrain Valley.
- Attended the OUR Center grand opening-incredible facility.
- Excited about all the co-curricular athletic and musical events going on.

REPORTS (6.0)

None

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Dr. Martyr moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.1 through 7.8. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the August 10, 2016 Regular Meeting, the August 17, 2016 Study Session, and the August 24, 2016 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policy IKA – Grading/Assessment Systems
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees (2015-2016)
6. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Annual Maintenance (SmartNet) for Cisco Network Products
7. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Security and CCTV Systems Project
8. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Conflict of Interest Policy GBEA-Canyon Performance

Greg Fieth gave a brief update on Consent Item 7.8 from when it was presented at the August 24, 2016 Board Meeting and assured the Board that, at every level, the District is very sensitive to the perception of conflict of interest. Greg developed an understanding with the Longmont High coach that, while he's coaching Girls' Soccer at Longmont High, he won't accept those players or their families for his business.

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)

Approval of Renewal of the Third Lease Agreement with the Town of Lyons and the Lyons Historical Society for the 1881 School Building (Lyons Redstone Museum) (8.1)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the Third Lease Agreement with the Town of Lyons and the Lyons Historical Society for the 1881 School Building, AKA Lyons Redstone Museum, to be effective May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2027, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate documents. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the Board approved the Second Lease Agreement in April 2007, commencing on May 1, 2007, and ending May 1, 2017. According to the terms of the Lease, the Society and the Town have the option to extend this lease, upon the same terms and conditions, for an extended term of 10 years, commencing on May 1, 2017 and ending May 1, 2027. The Town and Society notified the District of their intention to extend the agreement in May of 2016, as per the condition in the agreement. This extended agreement also allows for another 10-year extension of the agreement provided the Town and Society notify the District no later than May 1, 2026.

Brian reported that the Town of Lyons maintains the building, but the District cuts the grass. Lyons pays for the utilities and every year except last year Lyons submitted a grant to replace windows, the roof, etc.

Board member Joie Siegrist appreciates the wonderful partnership the District has with the Town of Lyons. She commended LaVern Johnson for her life-long dedication and support of the Town of Lyons and her unending support of education. Joie encouraged everyone to come to Lyons to see the former Meadow Park that was recently renamed the LaVern M. Johnson Park in honor of LaVern's devotion to Lyons.

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 for Bond Parameters (8.2)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education authorize the issuance of St. Vrain Valley School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2016B with an approximate principal amount of \$14,630,000, and to adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance of one or more series of general obligation refunding bonds of the District. The pricing for these bonds is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2016. John Ahrens seconded.

Greg Fieth reported on the parameters established for the Board for refunding the bonds saving taxpayers \$2.7 million. Those parameters are as follows:

- The Bonds shall mature no later than the final maturity of the Prior Bonds to be refunded;
- the Bonds shall (a) not be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, or, (b) subject to optional redemption at such time or times as permitted by State law and as set forth in the Sale Certificate, at a redemption price not to exceed 101%;
- the net effective interest rate on the Bonds (including both “A” and “B” interest if applicable) and the net interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed the net effective interest rate and net interest cost of the Prior Bonds to be refunded;
- the purchase price of the Bonds shall not be less than 98% of the original principal amount of such Bonds;
- the issuance of the Bonds shall not cause the District to exceed its statutory debt limitations at the time of issuance;
- with respect to the Bonds, there shall be a net present value savings of 3% or more; and
- the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed the amounts authorized at the election approving the original issuance of any such Refunded Bonds.

Greg also provided a summary explaining the benefits of refunding the bonds from Todd Snidow, Senior Vice President of George K. Baum & Company, the District’s bond underwriting firm. Greg reported that there is a cost issuance for refunding the bonds of \$89,000, and that the refunding of the bonds did not affect the financial rating of the District.

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)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Robert J. Smith announced a 5K Run at Legacy Elementary on September 17, 2016, and invited everyone to participate in the fundraiser.

Joie Siegrist moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. John Ahrens 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].

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 October 12, 2016.