

**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 28, 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:

Damon Brown, Executive Director of HR/Communications/Risk Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Paige Gordon, Principal of Spark! Discovery Preschool
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jessica Harbison, Spark! Early Childhood Special Education Instructor
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation Center
Regina Renaldi, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented. Board President Bob Smith thanked the administrative staff in the Board Room for their tremendous support of the bond initiative.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Spark! Discovery Preschool Principal Paige Gordon introduced Spark! Early Childhood Special Education Instructor Jess Harbison. Paige reported to the Board the reasons why Jess deserves all the accolades she is receiving. Jess was given a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award by Dr. Haddad because she received the "Best Should Teach Gold Award" from CU Boulder. She was one of only four public school teachers to receive the award and the only one from St. Vrain. Jess thanked the Board for inviting her to be honored at a Board Meeting.

SVVSD Designated Election Official Greg Fieth introduced Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, Hillary Hall. Hillary gave a presentation on current election requirements and processes. The legislative "Blue Book" can be found on the Colorado Legislative Council's website.

Boulder County ballots will be mailed out the week of October 17, 2016. To get notifications of where your ballot is in the process, voters can view information on the Boulder County elections website. Hillary encouraged anyone that wants to help with the election process to call her office at 303-413-7745. SVVSD participation rates in 2015 are also on the Boulder County elections website. Board members thanked Hillary for the commendable job that she does.

Trip Merklein, President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association. Mr. Merklein did not address the board.

REPORTS (5.0)

2016 CMAS: PARCC ELA and Math/Science/Social Studies; CMAS: PARCC ELA and Math Growth, ACT, PSAT, and ACCESS for ELLs Achievement (5.1)

Tori Teague reported that, during the spring of 2016, students in grades three through nine took the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math for the second time. These assessments were developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

These scores measure student achievement and are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards in English Language Arts and Math. The Colorado Academic Standards are more rigorous than previous standards and are designed to help all students graduate high school being college and career ready. This data cannot be compared to past scores on TCAP as the assessments measure different concepts and skills such as problem-solving and critical thinking. Scores are expected to continue to improve as instructional alignment with the new standards strengthens.

PARCC scores are reported as five levels of achievement: Exceeded Expectations, Met Expectations, Approached Expectations, Partially Met Expectations, and Did Not Yet Meet Expectations. Summaries of the scores are generally reported as the percent of students who Met or Exceeded Expectations.

Students in the St. Vrain Valley School District completed 29,755 PARCC tests. Participation rates do impact the validity and usefulness of the scores, especially in the upper grades where higher numbers of students did not take the tests.

Tori reported on the highlights, the comparisons with the state, outstanding achievements, and schools that are working toward improvements in their test scores. She also reported on the results of the PSAT and the ACT tests.

Board members had discussed the testing results in length at the September 21, 2016 Study Session. Dr. Haddad described to the Board participation rates and how they affected districts' accreditation levels and how performance does not necessarily factor into the accreditation formula. He commended Tori for the collaboration she has with the Colorado Department of Education to maintain St. Vrain's accreditation levels. Board members appreciated the work it takes for Tori to compile the assessment information for them, and thanked her for her excellent report.

Dr. Haddad discussed with the Board Senate Bill 10-191 and how teachers are being evaluated and measured based on certain grade-level scores. Board members recognized Trip Merklein, President of the St. Vrain Education Association, for the work that he and his team do with the best interests of the students and teachers in mind.

Bond Refinance Update (5.2)

Greg Fieth reminded the Board that, on September 14, 2016, the Board of Education adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of Series 2016B General Obligation Refunding Bonds, with an approximate principal amount of \$14,630,000.

The District was able to save \$2.8 million dollars by refinancing the Series 2016B bonds when the Moody's Investor Services affirmed the District's credit rating of Aa2. Greg reported that seven new bond investors came forward to buy St. Vrain's bonds. The Finance team has been able to save the taxpayers \$37.2 million since 2010 by refinancing existing bonds.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.4. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit BCAA-E – Giftings, Awards, Honorariums, and Sponsorships Guidelines
2. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit CC-E – St. Vrain Administrative Organizational Chart
3. Approval: Approval of School Closure-September 16, 2016
4. Approval: Approval of Learning Technology Plan iPad Purchases

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 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the Town of Lyons and the St. Vrain Valley School District (7.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the IGA with the Town of Lyons and further authorize the appropriate Board officers to sign the IGA. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that the IGA with the Town of Lyons is coming up on the 10-year renewal date identified in the IGA that was approved in 2006. There have been no substantial changes to the fees or the agreement itself.

The fees collected from new housing within Lyons will be kept in a specific fund for use within the Lyons Middle/Senior high school feeder. They will be used as specified in the IGA for “Acquisition, development, or expansion of public school sites or for capital facilities planning, site acquisition, or school site capital outlay purposes within the senior high school feeder attendance area boundaries that include the residential dwelling units for which the Fair Contribution for Public School Sites was paid.”

The Intergovernmental Agreements the District has with its municipalities are an important part of the planning process for acquiring and developing school sites to meet the demands created by growth. The Town of Lyons will review the IGA at their October 3, 2016 meeting.

The fees are \$551 for Single-Family; \$510 for Duplex/Triplex; \$353 for Multi-Family; \$215 for Condo/Townhouse; and \$475 for Mobile Homes.

Scott reported that land values are relevant and that counties use ordinances while cities use IGAs. His department is in the process of re-evaluating student yields from

the various types of residential development across the District. He stated that other cities are using our model of an intergovernmental agreement.

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)

None

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 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.