

**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 October 11, 2017 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
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):

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Scott Bergamo, St. Vrain Online Global Academy Counselor
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
Matt Buchler, Principal of Erie High School
Keri Campbell, Third Grade Teacher at Erie Elementary School
Luis Chavez, District Homeless Education Liaison
Lauren Eker, Principal of Erie Elementary School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
David Frick, Skyline High School Language Arts Instructor
Tim Garcia, Principal of Red Hawk Elementary
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Tina Harris, History Teacher at Erie Middle School
Laura Hess, Executive Director of Special Education
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Asst Supt of Priority Programs and Academic Support

Steve McNichols, Silver Creek High School Social Studies Instructor
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Shelley Neher, Assistant Principal of Red Hawk Elementary
Cathy O'Donnell, Principal of Black Rock Elementary
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Jenny Rhoadarmer, Language Arts Teacher at Westview Middle
Heidi Ringer, Principal of Skyline High School
Michael Sardinia, Silver Creek High School Counselor
Lisa Shuttleworth, Preschool Teacher at Erie Elementary
Mark Spencer, Principal of Westview Middle School
Linda Videll, Skyline High School Counselor
Kim Watry, Principal of Erie Middle School
Cyrus Weinberger, Principal of New Erie PK-8

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Dr. Haddad introduced Silver Creek High School Principal Erick Finnestead and Skyline Principal Heidi Ringer who then introduced the staff members that were nominated by their students for helping them obtain their Boettcher Scholar Award. Staff members honored were: David Frick, Skyline High Language Arts Instructor; Steve McNichols, Silver Creek High Social Studies Instructor; Linda Videll, Skyline High Counselor; and Michael Sardinia, Silver Creek High Counselor. Dr. Haddad awarded each of the honored staff members a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award.

Mark Spencer introduced Westview Middle School Language Arts Instructor Jenny Rhoadarmer. The Board honored her for winning the 2017 CU Boulder Best Should Teach Award. Dr. Haddad gave her a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award.

Jackie Kapushion introduced St. Vrain Online Global Academy (SVOGA) Counselor Scott Bergamo as he was awarded the 2017 Colorado Outstanding Online & Blended School Counselor Recognition Award by the Colorado Department of Education, and a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award from Dr. Haddad. Scott was accompanied by his wife. Dr. Haddad congratulated him on SVOGA being awarded a "School of Distinction" assessment this year.

Heidi Ringer introduced District Homeless Education Liaison Luis Chavez. Heidi honored him for his extensive support to Skyline, to the District, and to the community. He was

honored with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award by Dr. Haddad. Luis was accompanied by his wife.

Board President Robert J. Smith deeply appreciates and is continually inspired by all that teachers, counselors, and staff members do for students.

Mark Mills introduced Longmont High School senior Adam Pena who is the Student Advisory Council Liaison to the Board for October. Adam thanked the Board for allowing him to speak on behalf of all students. Board members thanked Adam for representing the voice of the students.

Jim Berthold, Retired District Bus Dispatcher – did not address the Board.

Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board.

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

Board Reports

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended St. Vrain Band Night – really enjoyed it and thanked all that were responsible for putting it together and, mostly, scheduling it so that Board members were able to attend it.
- Attended a Flagstaff Charter Academy Board of Directors Meeting to introduce Karen Ragland who will take the Oath of Office to become Director District B Board member on the evening of November 8, 2017.
- Attended Colorado School Safety Resource Center Advisory Board Meeting on behalf of CASB – appreciated the opportunity to meet her successor from the Adams 12 Board. Debbie reported that Stacy Davis is involved in a state-wide Advisory Council being formed around safety. There is a student group that reports to this Advisory Council called “Youth Engaged in School Safety,” and Jacob Boettcher from Silver Creek High School serves on that student group.
- Attended a CASB Board Meeting – interesting to be part of the new member transition process.
- Attended a City of Longmont Multicultural Action Committee (LMAC) Meeting which supports multicultural events and organizations in Longmont. They just had a very successful “Inclusive Communities Celebration” on September 22, 2017, at the Longmont Museum, and will have the annual Martin Luther King Day and the Chinese New Year events at Silver Creek High School in 2018.
- Debbie has appreciated having the opportunity to participate in the “Board Reports” section of Board Meetings in order to talk about the events that she participates in individually each month. She feels very honored to have been able to represent St. Vrain Valley School District, the Board, and the staff, and will be watching from a distance when she leaves the Board. It has also been her pleasure to work with her

colleagues at CASB – she reports that there are hints of jealousy from her CASB colleagues because St. Vrain Valley has been a great model for schools all over the state.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Congratulations to Scott Bergamo from St. Vrain Online Global Academy for his award from the Colorado Department of Education – the program went from a low level of accreditation in the past to this year being a “School of Distinction” – it’s been a privilege to tutor them. Congratulations to Joann Dawe and her entire team.
- Congratulations to Centennial Elementary – received an accreditation that has gone up two levels. Inspirational to witness staff having such pride in their students’ accomplishments.
- Attended the LENA Conference with leaders from all over the world – Conference was dedicated to exploring ways to provide enhanced language acquisition for children 0-3 years old. District Early Childhood Coordinator Shela Blankinship attended the Conference, and we are excited about the pilot program for the OUR Center.
- Recognized the work of the District staff that creates the Leadership St. Vrain program, and of the 2017-2018 Parent Liaison Michelle Sulek – tremendous accomplishment by senior leadership team to be such an inspiration to the parents.
- Thanked Erick Finnestead for sponsoring a day-long Rachel’s Challenge event at Silver Creek High School where 250 students worked all day with a team designed to encourage kindness and openness to assure a welcoming community at Silver Creek.
- Recommended the Board read a Community Foundation of Boulder County report called **Trends**; particularly, the chapter on Our Education in Boulder County. Jeff Hirota is off to a strong start as the Foundation’s new CEO. Contact the Foundation via their website <http://www.commfound.org/trends> to read the report.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meeting – CAFR going smoothly. Vicki Mair gave an overview of benefit changes. Jane Frederick, as a member of the task force on transparency, gave an overview on the state-wide financial transparency project – Committee is very impressed with her work which is available on the District website.
- Attended Student Advisory Council Meeting – great conversations with the students. Adam Pena stated he would like to see more clubs/programs District-wide that would involve more students with special needs in school activities because he feels that there is a huge disparity in social interaction between students with and without special needs.
- Thanked juniors and sophomores that took the PSAT (national merit qualifying exam) – good luck to all students involved in testing.
- Recently visited most of the schools in her Director District – thanked the principals for hosting her visits.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked everyone involved in creating the Special Education/Transportation Meeting and the Community Meetings – very positive meetings.
- Recently went on a personal trip – wherever she travels she likes to ask the locals what their experiences are with their child's education. Most definitely has deducted from those conversations that she is very proud of our education system here in St. Vrain – thanked all staff and the Longmont community for making everyone proud to be a part of the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Coal Ridge Middle School Choir Concert – marvelous job by sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.
- Attended a Frederick High football game – exciting to see the community come together for those events.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Dr. Lauer for her support on the first graduation of the OUR Center early childhood education (LENA) students.
- Thanked Longmont High Student Advisory Council student Adam Pena for giving a voice to all 32,000 St. Vrain students – invited him to talk to Dr. Haddad about his idea about including special education students in more activities with non-special education students.
- Attended 60th Anniversary celebration at Mountain View – well attended by parents, students and staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- October count update – finished the window. Thanked Amber Muir, Scott Toillion, all the principals and their staff that really connected with the students.
- Community meetings were all successful with great feedback and new connections.
- APEX Home School – lease of new building will be discussed at the October 18, 2017 Study Session.
- Reminded the Board about the Education Foundation of the St. Vrain Valley 2017 Gala to be held in Westminster on November 11, 2017.

REPORTS (6.0)

Erie High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Mark Mills introduced Erie High School Principal Matt Buchler so that Matt could introduce the Erie High Student Advisory Council students Katie Huonder, Audra Alvarado, Christian Haakmeester, and Wes Cody. Student Patrick Cummings was unable to attend the Board Meeting. The students showed a video showcasing the Erie schools, and told the Board of the things that makes the Erie feeder of schools special. Additional Erie feeder principals in attendance were Cathy O'Donnell, Black Rock Elementary; Cyrus

Weinberger, New Erie PK-8; Lauren Eker, Erie Elementary School; Tim Garcia, Red Hawk Elementary; and Kim Watry, Erie Middle School. Other staff members present were Red Hawk Assistant Principal Shelly Neher, Erie Elementary Preschool Instructor Lisa Shuttleworth; Erie Elementary Third Grade Instructor Keri Campbell; and Erie Middle School History Instructor Tina Harris. Mark appreciated and thanked them all for attending the Board Meeting. Students told of what they would like to do after high school. In Board member John Ahrens' absence, Joie Siegrist wanted the Erie students to know that John is very proud of them. Board members commended the students for the special theme they used for their presentation of the importance of community partnerships. Board members recognized all the building leaders for collaborating on this project.

1st Quarter Gifts to Schools, 2017-2018 School Year (6.2)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year totaling \$88,564.68, and highlighted a few of the donations.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.8. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting, the September 20, 2017 Study Session, and the September 27, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Phase II, Building Automation System Upgrade Project
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Director of Human Resources
6. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policy CC-E – St. Vrain Organizational Chart
7. Approval: Adoption of Resolution to Approve Additional Allocation from General Fund to Capital Reserve and Risk Management Funds
8. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policies AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity; JICDA – Code of Conduct; and JICDE – Bullying Prevention and Education

Ella Padilla introduced Jessica Stitz who is the candidate Human Resources is recommending for hire for the Director of Human Resources position. Jessica was honored to work with St. Vrain Valley, the Human Resources team, and the Longmont community and hopes to add value to 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].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Resolution Approving 2017-2018 District Employee Membership in Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) (8.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution approving 2017-2018 District employee membership in CHSAA. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Rob Berry presented a resolution detailing the District employees and the membership positions they hold in CHSAA. The Board of Education recognizes the services of the individuals listed in the resolution to be within the scope of employment of school district personnel and within the performance of those duties as employees of the school district, as members of the Board of Directors of the CHSAA or as a member of other CHSAA committees, Legislative Council or interscholastic activity league committees under CHSAA. Rob confirmed that the purpose of the resolution and approval by the Board covers these employees for liability purposes.

Board members and Dr. Haddad congratulated Rob on his leadership, an amazing fall athletics/activities season, and his excellent work in hiring great coaches.

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 Proclaiming Classified School Employees Week, October 16-20, 2017 (8.2)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve a Resolution proclaiming October 16-20, 2017 as "Classified School Employees Week". Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that proclaiming this date as Classified School Employees Week will help to promote public awareness of the importance of classified employees in the public school system. As much as any other group of employees, classified school employees are a valued and integral part of the school system and their work is vital to the success of children.

Board member Dr. Richard Martyr read the resolution. He commended Brian Lamer and his team for the quality of all District facilities.

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 Accreditation Recommendations for District Schools (8.3)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the accreditation recommendations for schools within the St. Vrain Valley School District. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Tori Teague reported that the District Accountability/Accreditation Committee is made up of parents and community members, an elementary principal, a secondary principal, and a teacher. She works with the Committee as the liaison from the District. The Committee met on September 12, 2017, to review the performance of the District's schools. As a result of the meeting, the Committee recommended the accreditation status for the schools, as presented.

The Committee follows the guidelines of SB 09-163 to recommend accreditation levels for schools and uses Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) School Performance Frameworks to identify accreditation levels of schools. The framework considers the following data areas to determine school accreditation levels; Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, and Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness. Olde Columbine High School and St. Vrain Online Global Academy are CDE approved alternative campuses and use different assessment data for the framework calculations. St. Vrain Online Global Academy was approved this August as an alternative campus, so the District is appealing their original rating to the rating for an alternative campus. The alternative campus rating is what is recommended in this report. Tori described the process the District must go through for their alternative school status.

The Committee recommends District Learning Services' personnel meet with schools that are accredited with an improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan. At those meetings, schools are asked to answer questions about their current performance, plans to improve that performance, for any additional data that the school might have collected, and what support needs to be provided by the District. The Committee may also request to meet with schools and/or District Learning Services to discuss school improvement plans.

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-The Wild Plum Center for Young Children and Families (8.4)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the service agreement between the District and The Wild Plum Center for the 2017-2018 school year. The District pays for these slots through the Colorado Preschool Program grant funds that are provided through the State of Colorado. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the District, through its Early Childhood Department and District Advisory Council, enter into this agreement with the Center in order to provide preschool services to eligible 4-year-old children. The District will pay a monthly tuition rate of \$290.00 per each child placed (not to exceed 48 children).

Dr. Lauer reported that there are other service providers besides The Wild Plum, but that the amount attached to the agreements do not warrant approval by the Board. The \$290 monthly tuition provides free entry to preschool for those 48 students, so there is no cost to the families.

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)

First Reading, Discussion, Board Policies JKA – Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint; and JKA-R – Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint (9.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that revisions to Board policies JKA – Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint; and JKA-R – Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint be adopted as presented. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the revisions to these Board policies were all mandated by newly enacted laws. Board members chose to approve them after one reading, per Board Policy BG – School Board Policy Process that states “Policy revision shall be accomplished in the same manner as policy adoption, except that revisions mandated by changes in law shall not require a second reading and may be adopted upon majority vote of the Board.”

Laura Hess was present to answer questions from the Board. The Board commended her for the work she has done to assure that these Board policies were in compliance with state and federal law.

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].

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m., and Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous 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, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on November 8, 2017.