

**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 January 10, 2018 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F
Karen Ragland, Member, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A
Amory Siscoe, Secretary, Director District G
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School
Dennis Daley, Interim Principal of Lyons M/S
Stacy Davis-Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Kim Lancaster, APEX Home School Enrichment Program Coordinator
Kerri McDermid, Director of Communications
Jason McGuire, Lyons M/S Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Patrick Mount, Director of Technology
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Mark Roberts, Lyons M/S Cross Country Coach
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir of Legal & Govt Affairs/Community Outreach/P-TECH
Connie Syferd, Interim Principal of Lyons M/S
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Susan Burnett, 3421 Larkspur Drive, Longmont – presentation on Cielo Scholarship Fund. Cielo Scholarship Fund provides up to \$8,000 for certificate programs for those students seeking a technical education. Contact information: 658 Gunpark Drive, Boulder, Colorado, 80301, Phone: 303-449-4707, email address is cieloedu@aol.com, website is cielosch.org.

Danette Tye, 7182 Mt. Meeker Road, Longmont – presentation on Cielo Scholarship Fund.

Mark Mills introduced Ixchel Leeuwenburgh, Lyons M/S High School Advisory Council Student Liaison to the Board for the month of January.

VISITORS (4.0)

Brandon Shaffer introduced Josh Atherton, New Executive Director of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (EFSVV). Josh introduced EFSVV Board President Ben Bigelow. Board members, Josh, and Ben all praised Brandon Shaffer for the extraordinary work he did for six months as Interim Executive Director of EFSVV.

Bob Norris, 532 Rider Ridge Drive, Longmont; German Zarate Bohorquez, Co-Executive Director, and Scott Filippini – presentation on the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition. Information can be found on coparentcoalition.org.

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

Scott Converse, Reporter for Longmont Observer – did not address the Board.

Richard Garcia, Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition founder – did not address the Board.

Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal of Niwot High – 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

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Visited Erie Middle School – thanked Principal Kim Watry for the tour and the excellent teachers at Erie Middle and throughout the District.

- Recognized Longmont High Basketball Coach Jeff Kloster for his 400th win and referenced that award in the Daily Times-Call newspaper article of January 10, 2018. Acknowledged that co-curricular activities help our students learn important life lessons. Shared that Jeff Kloster had 42 of his basketball players go on to play basketball in college but, more importantly even than that, Jeff prepared every one of his students for success in life. Recognized the work of all District Fine Arts' staff who are accomplishing similarly impactful work.
- Appreciates the District's forward looking partnership with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association that coordinates with our District to attract and keep the best teachers – thanked Steve Villarreal for his leadership.
- Recognized the District's two alternative education programs – Olde Columbine High School and St. Vrain Online Global Academy – important for everyone to recognize the variety of opportunities our District has to provide paths for every student possible to earn a high school diploma.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Shared the trip she took last week with eight St. Vrain Valley Innovation Center students. As part of her outreach with Vanderbilt University, a group of students and administrators visited the Sterling Ranch Project in south Denver that the Vanderbilt students are creating for their senior design project. She was particularly impressed with how the St. Vrain Valley students were at almost the same level intellectually about the project as the college students. She will give the Board periodic updates on the project.
- Encouraged Lyons M/S High School Student Advisory Council student Ixchel Leeuwenburgh to update the Board/audience on some Advisory Council Meeting topics of conversation.
- Recognized the High School Student Advisory Council – appreciates the forum and what a wonderful opportunity it is for students and administrators alike to come together for answers to common issues.

Karen Ragland –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Met with many District leaders since joining the Board and is so impressed with how dedicated everyone is to our students' success.
- Looking forward to the Niwot High Booster Social.
- Attended a celebration at Sunset Middle School where a surprised teacher said yes to a marriage proposal.
- Having fun getting used to working on the Board and is excited about being part of the Board.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Looking forward to a tour of District Technology Services, participating in the Longmont Estates Elementary School's Design Fair, and recognized that this was the first day of the 2018 Colorado General Assembly legislative session.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the Aspen Ridge Preparatory School groundbreaking.
- Planning with her employer to help the students attending Coal Ridge Middle, Indian Peaks Elementary and possibly Main Street School with food and financial support.
- Looking forward to being part of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Board of Directors.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Quoted Stephen Jay Gould, an American paleontologist and evolutionary biologist regarding the importance of helping every student reach their highest potential, and feels his work embodies the mission of the school district.
- Invited Ixchel Leeuwenburgh, Student Advisory Council's Liaison to the Board, to ask questions during this evening's Board Meeting, and looks forward to her feedback.
- Thanked Board member Paula Peairs for her comments regarding the High School Student Advisory Council – loves the impactful conversations and solutions to issues that come out of Council.

Ixchel Leeuwenburgh –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Described the three larger topics that High School Advisory Council discussed at this morning's Advisory Council meeting which are: future planning, academic support, and extracurricular involvement.
- Thanked the administration/Board for creating and supporting the High School Advisory Council – it means so much to the students to have a voice at the Board level.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

REPORTS (6.0)

Fall Activities Report (6.1)

Rob Berry reported on the successes of the fall activities in St. Vrain Valley. Rob introduced Lyons M/S Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jason Maguire. Jason introduced Lyons Cross Country Coach Mark Roberts, and Mark introduced the State Champion 2A Boys' Cross Country Team. Jason introduced Lyons 2A State Champion Volleyball Team and Coach Mason Johnson along with Lyons student Sarah Stevelinck who was the 2A Colorado Volleyball State Player of the Year, and Lyons student Gabe Paznokas who is a nationally ranked "Long Snapper" on the Lyons football team.

Rob gave each of the Board members two medals to hand out at basketball games to the students that presented the best sportsmanship behavior during a particular game. Board members thanked him for those medals and for his leadership.

October Enrollment Report (6.2)

Scott Toillion reported that the District continues to experience regular growth in enrollment. Over the last 10 years the District has added an average of 645 students per year. The St. Vrain Valley School District is the 7th largest District in the state. Enrollment now stands at 31,371, up from 31,104 in 2016, for a gain of 267 students from the 2016 October Count. The overall count including all pre-school students and other District programs has risen to 32,421 students.

The District neighborhood schools/programs enrollment came in at a -0.62% error from the anticipated projection (Projected: 28,307 Actual: 28,133). Including the charter school projections, the projection error was -0.78%. (Projected: 31,616 Actual: 31,371). Charter schools provide their estimate of growth to the District.

The 2017/2018 October Report additionally details the changes in enrollment at a school-by-school level, provides information on birth numbers, free/reduced lunch counts, ethnic breakdowns, English language learners, private school and home school enrollment, the impacts of choice, enrollment projections, building permit activity by community and a variety of other indicators.

Board members thanked Scott for his astoundingly close-to-actual results.

2nd Quarter Gifts to Schools (6.3)

Greg Fieth reported that the public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the second quarter of the 2017-2018 school year totaled \$162,123.24.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Paula Peairs moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.5 and 7.7 through 7.9. Consent Agenda Item 7.6 was pulled for further discussion. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Designated Posting Locations for Notice of 2018 St. Vrain Valley Board of Education Meetings
5. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Regulations KHB-R – Advertising and Sponsorships and KHC-R – Distribution/Posting of Non-Curricular Materials
6. Approval: Approval of APEX Home School Enrichment Program Rental Payment

7. Approval: Approval of Access License Agreement with the City of Longmont
8. Approval: Approval of Sole Source Purchase for Networking Hardware & Software to Complete Networking Projects
9. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Lighting Upgrades at Central Elementary and Clover Basin

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

Consent Agenda Item 7.6 was pulled for more discussion. Brian Lamer reported that discussions with the property owner for a purchased location were unsuccessful, so the District needed to rent space for the APEX Home School Enrichment Program. The price increase for the rental of Vinelife Church was due to the fact that APEX needed 11-month access and dedicated space in the church.

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.6 and Amory Siscoe seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Kim Lancaster thanked Brian Lamer, Dr. Haddad and the Board for their commitment for APEX to have a permanent home. Board members commended Kim for her leadership.

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of School Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plans (8.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education adopt the School Priority Improvement UIP. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Tori Teague reported that the Education Accountability Act of 2009 requires the School Board to adopt UIPs for any schools identified for a Priority Improvement or Turnaround UIP. Olde Columbine High School developed and is implementing a Priority Improvement UIP this year. The deadline for Board adoption is January 15, 2018.

Deniece Cook reported on the 18 action steps her staff are working on to improve Olde Columbine's UIP assessment. Board members thanked Deniece for her incredible work and expressed their full confidence that the proposed plan will significantly and steadily improve student success at Olde Columbine.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m., and Karen Ragland seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Amory Siscoe, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on February 14, 2018.