

**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 February 14, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary, Director District D
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
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Amory Siscoe, Secretary, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Damon Brown, Executive Director of Human Resources and Risk Management
Eddie Cloke, Principal of Trail Ridge Middle School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Fredman, Assistant Principal of Timberline PK-8
Jill Fuller, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Dr. Jennifer Guthals, Principal of Fall River Elementary
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement
Bryan Krause, Executive Director of Student Services
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support
Josh Lemon, Technology Teacher at Trail Ridge Middle School
Amber Marsolek, Principal of Alpine Elementary
Kerri McDermid, Director of Communications
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent

Patrick Mount, Director of Information Technology
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation
Heidi Ringer, Principal of Skyline High School
Audrey Seybold, Principal of Columbine Elementary

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Bob Smith introduced Lena Weisman, Skyline High School Advisory Council Student Liaison to the Board for the month of February. The Board welcomed her and encouraged her to ask questions.

VISITORS (4.0)

Ella Padilla introduced Damon Brown to the Board as the new Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources that will succeed her when she retires. Damon is very excited to fill this role, and is eager to continue to support employees of the District.

Ella introduced Bryan Krause to the Board as the new Area Assistant Superintendent to succeed Jackie Kapushion. Bryan looks forward to working with the principals and all other great leaders of the District.

Ella introduced Johnny Terrell to the Board as the new Executive Director of Student Support Services to succeed Bryan Krause. Mr. Terrell is excited about his move to St. Vrain Valley Schools. He is humbled for this opportunity to work for and represent St. Vrain and looks forward to serving the students and families of SVVSD.

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

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

Lena Weisman, Skyline High School Advisory Council – representing the High School Advisory Council as Board Liaison for February.

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

Board Reports

Dr. Richard Martyr –
Recognitions/Comments:

- Teacher excellence – visited Thunder Valley K-8 and Silver Creek High School, and appreciated the high level of engagement of our students with and without technology. With our highly skilled teachers, every student has an opportunity to reach their potential.
- Leadership excellence – commended Dr. Haddad and his senior staff for a tremendously successful Day of Excellence – connected with community; it was very well organized with 26 separate workshops including a great Board listening session with the public. Thanked Kerri McDermid for her tireless efforts.
- Partnerships – announced he was elected to CASB Executive Committee and hopes to build on the strong foundation Debbie Lammers established.
- Alternative education – visited Main Street School and appreciated the tour by Principal Heidi Weekley to meet many of the dedicated teachers and to learn about the diverse programs housed there that support the special needs of 100 -150 students who fall outside our regular programs.

Paula Peairs –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Awarded sportsmanship medals to Mead and Skyline basketball players.
- Thanked the teachers, staff and administrators for their extra time and effort during Parent/ Teacher Conferences, and thanked all that supported them.
- Attended High School Student Advisory Meeting – really appreciates the high quality of student contributions and the relevance of the topics discussed.

Karen Ragland –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Honored to present a sportsmanship award to two Niwot High basketball players.
- Tonight's presentation by Skyline feeder students was a perfect demonstration of the result of holding our students to the highest achievement and moral distinction, and showcasing how the District's whole educational system is set up to support every student.

John Ahrens –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Congratulated the newly promoted and hired senior staff – a great reflection on the District that we are able to promote and hire the best leaders.
- Congratulations to all who worked to make the first annual Day of Excellence such a success.
- Erie feeder choir was fascinating – wonderful example of the tremendous support by the community for sports and music programs.
- Attended VEX Robotics – 133 teams encompassing 33 schools – applauded efforts of parents/community for their support of student programs.
- Announced that Erie High student Christian Palumbo scored a perfect score on the College Board of AP Research Exam – 4.7 million students took the test in the world and only 176 scored a perfect score.

Joie Siegrist –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Recognized Longmont Estates Innovation Fair – wonderful to witness students' design-thinking process.
- Thanked Patrick Mount and Joe McBreen for the tour of District Technology Services – appreciates the work they do.

Bob Smith –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Thanked Dr. Martyr for his commitment to the CASB Executive Committee.
- Commended Finance team for budget forecasting at the January Study Session.
- Attended PTO meetings – observed that parents are really there to support staff and teachers.
- Welcomed Josh Atherton, new Executive Director of Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley.
- Appreciated efforts of all staff for the tremendous Day of Excellence event.

Lena Weisman –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Enjoyed presenters from Communications Department on District website uses.
- Learned a lot about how student test scores are reported on transcripts.
- Highlighted a year-long leadership program for juniors.
- Enjoyed singing Valentine's event at Skyline High School.
- Announced a student-led, District-wide program called Cinderella's Closet that provides prom dresses – would like to expand to offer suits in the future.
- Highlighted the District Theatre programs and Honors feeder program for Choir.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Update on hiring administrative positions: Principal of Lyons M/S and Principal of Sunset Middle in March, and Executive Director of Human Resources in April.
- Announced Longmont High Girls' Swim Team won 3A state championship; wrestling tournament where 40 wrestlers qualified for state competition; continue with a strong winter athletic season.
- Silver Creek's Debate Team has three teams headed to state competition.
- Erie had a feeder-wide choir concert – extremely well attended.
- Attended VEX Robotics Tournament.
- Attended a luncheon with Colorado Succeeds – showed a video with highlights of students from Innovation Center and quote from Patty Quinones.
- Attended American Heart Association symposium centered on how having a positive outlook creates well-being.
- Will be visiting Colorado School of Mines as part of the District's leadership outreach with colleges and universities.
- Negotiations sessions are scheduled and going well.
- Announced Brian Lamer solidified the annexation of the Innovation Center land.
- Jackie Kapushion announced grants the District is pursuing that will benefit the 0-3 age group to support a mobile lab for language development.

REPORTS (6.0)

Skyline High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Skyline High School Principal Heidi Ringer and Heidi introduced the Skyline High Student Advisory Council students Lena Weisman, Hailey Johnson, Kenneth Frederick, and Diego Chavez. Students from each school told the Board of the things that makes their school special to them. Additional Skyline feeder staff in attendance were Jeff Fredman, Assistant Principal of Timberline PK-8; Amber Marsolek, Alpine Elementary; Audrey Seybold, Columbine Elementary; Dr. Jennifer Guthals, Fall River Elementary; Eddie Cloke and Josh Lemon, Trail Ridge Middle School; and Jill Fuller, Rocky Mountain Elementary. Dina appreciated and thanked them all for attending the Board Meeting. Advisory students told of what they would like to do after high school. Board members commended the students for their presentation, and recognized all the building leaders for collaborating on this project. Dina recognized all the parents that were present and thanked them for their support and participation.

Wellness, Culture & Safety Inventory Report (6.2)

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the Wellness, Culture & Safety Inventory (WCSI) is an online, anonymous inventory which replaces the Youth Risk Behavior Survey/Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (YRBS/HKCS) that was previously administered in our District.

All high schools administered the WCSI in grades 9-12 in order to assess the climate within St. Vrain Valley Schools. The WCSI is generated in partnership with Panorama Education, a company that has successfully worked with numerous school districts across the country and specializes in surveys.

Patrick Mount and Bryan Krause discussed the data from the inventory results, and reminded the Board that the District is beginning the third year of this survey. Bryan Krause commended Patrick and his team on the creation of the custom data dashboard that is unique to Colorado and our District. The survey is available on the District website.

The District hopes to expand mental health early intervention program InFocus to all elementary and middle schools, and the Sources of Strength program to all high schools. Participation in both of these programs is voluntary. The District also hopes to win the Counselor Corps Grant that would provide \$690,000 in state funds to increase counseling staff in all schools.

Skyline High School Advisory Council student Lena Weisman shared her insight into the WCSI from a student's perspective.

Board members and Dr. Haddad were impressed with the results of the WCSI, and hope even more disaggregated results for individual schools will be readily available. They thanked Dr. Lauer, Mr. Krause and Mr. Mount for their thorough report.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist 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. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting, the January 17, 2018 Study Session, and the January 24, 2018 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Network Switches, Access Points, Controller Licenses and Phones
5. Approval: Approval of Selection & Contract Award-Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for District- Wide Track Resurfacing Project
6. Approval: Approval to Accept BEST Grant Funds for Main Street School Renovation
7. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
8. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Area Assistant Superintendent
9. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Student Support Services

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

Consent Agenda Item 7.6 was pulled for further discussion. Brian Lamer discussed the details regarding the BEST Grant Funds for Main Street School within the context of the significant capital needs of the building. Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve Consent Agenda Item 7.6. John Ahrens seconded.

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Sale of District-Owned Land (8.1)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the sale of District-owned land in Frederick, and further, authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the Resolution. Karen Ragland seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the District owns 12 parcels of land located in Section 31, Township 2N, Range 67W, Town of Frederick, Weld County, Colorado that are no longer necessary to the functions and operations of the District, and will not be needed within the foreseeable future for any educational purposes. The District has obtained appraisals

on such lands. This Resolution will declare the land surplus and allow for the sealed bid selling process as described in Board Policy DN-R – School Properties Disposition.

The District will publish a legal notice in the newspapers of general circulation within the District and the Longmont area listing the land for sale. The Purchasing Department will administer the bid process. Any contract for sale and purchase shall be presented to the Board of Education for approval and execution upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Operations. The Resolution was reviewed by District legal counsel.

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

Approval of Contract Increase to Architect Agreement for the Niwot High Renovation Project (8.2)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve a contract increase of \$938,330 for a total contract amount of \$1,022,796 with Anderson Mason Dale Architects PC for the design of the Niwot High Renovation Project, and further authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents. Karen Ragland seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the contract increase includes architectural fees associated with the project design for the interior renovation associated with the learning commons, auditorium updates and classroom improvements. Also included is the design of post-tensioned tennis courts. Funding for the contract increase is available in the 2016 Bond program.

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

Approval of Contract Increase to Architect Agreement for the Mead High Addition & Renovation Project (8.3)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve a contract increase of \$36,464 for a total contract amount of \$1,017,383 with DLR Group, Inc., for the design of the Mead High Addition & Renovation Project, and further authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the contract increase includes architectural fees associated with the project design for the south drive improvements. Funding for the contract increase is available in the 2016 Bond program.

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

Approval of Selection & Contract Award-Construction Manager/General Manager (CMGC) Contract for Lyons Elementary Addition & Renovation Project (8.4)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract award to Adolfson & Peterson Construction for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) services for \$1,300,000, including contingency, for the Lyons Elementary Addition and Renovation Project. Further, that the Board authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents and initiate scope changes in accordance with Board of Education policy. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the CMGC interview committee reviewed responses to RFQ 2017-027 for Construction Manager/General Contractor services. Adolfson & Peterson Construction was selected as the most qualified for the project based on their experience, proposed team, cost and availability.

The project includes a classroom addition to help with capacity and interior renovations to accommodate program needs in Art. Funding for the project is available in the 2016 Bond program.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Robert J. Smith reminded Board members of the Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce Member Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 17, at 5:00 p.m.; the Wednesday, February 21, 2018 Study Session being held at Mead Middle School at 6:00 p.m.; and the free concert at Longmont High School on February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. where Longs Peak and Westview Middle School students will be performing an original piece of music created just for them by Colorado Springs composer Erin Paton Pierce.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., and John Ahrens seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, absent; 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 March 14, 2018.