

**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 April 11, 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:

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
Amory Siscoe, Secretary, Director District G
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent:

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rachael Ayers, Principal Mead High School
Betsy Ball, Principal Mead Elementary School
Josh Barnett, Principal Mead Middle School
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
Damon Brown, Executive Director of Human Resources/Risk Management
Valarie Brown, Mead High Biology Teacher
Kahle Charles, Executive Director of Curriculum
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Phil Hernon, Longmont High Social Studies Teacher
Laura Hess, Executive Director of Special Education
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement
Patrick Kilcullen, Priority Programs Coordinator
Dan Kloster, Silver Creek High Chemistry Teacher
Shannon Krack, Mead High Biology Teacher

Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support
Joe McBreen, District Information Officer
Kerri McDermid, Director of Communications
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Michael O'Toole, Science Coordinator
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Jennine Pettit, Social Studies Coordinator
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School
Kari Sturn, Secretary of Grand View Elementary
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
Jamie Vigil, Silver Creek High School Social Studies Teacher
Kim Wiggins, Assessment Coordinator

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Rob Berry introduced Longmont High Music Director Stacy Miller and Stacy introduced the high school All-State Choir members. Four of those students told of their experiences and the friendships they've made in Choir. Altona, Coal Ridge, Erie Middle, Lyons M/S, Sunset, Thunder Valley, Trail Ridge, Twin Peaks Charter, Westview, Erie High, Frederick High, Longmont, High, Mead High, Niwot High, Silver Creek, and Skyline students and Music Directors were represented. Twenty-three middle school Choir students performed for the audience.

Ella Padilla introduced Kate Rodriguez to the Board as the new Executive Director of Human Resources, effective June 30, 2018. Kate thanked Board members and Dr. Haddad for this opportunity, and introduced her two young sons.

Ella reported that Anthony Barela was chosen for the Principal of Sunset Middle School. Mr. Barela could not attend the Board Meeting, but he sent a video introducing himself and his family to the Board. He thanked Dr. Haddad and the interview team for the opportunity, and looks forward to meeting the families of Sunset Middle School.

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)

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Sent the *Superintendent Update* to 40,000 parents and businesses that highlighted awards, honors and recognitions in academics, music and sports in the District.
- Update on administrative hiring: Decision on Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary in the next two weeks.
- Testing has started – visited Mead Elementary and was shown CMAS results; high schools have started SAT and PSAT tests with high participation noted. Thanks to Tori Teague and her team for their work on the testing process.
- Attended the National School Board Association Conference with Board members Joie Siegrist, John Ahrens, and Amory Siscoe – they did a great job of working with Apple Inc. presenting sessions with other board members from around the country. Very proud of the job St. Vrain Board members did at the Conference.
- St. Vrain had visits from the Daniels Foundation and the Denver Chamber of Commerce, and the District will continue to cultivate as many partners as possible.
- Looking forward to the Hispanic Education Foundation Banquet on Thursday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. – former Niwot High graduate, Matt Zavala completes his 11th and final year as President of this organization.
- Met with two outstanding juniors from Mead High School who were selected to travel with a representative of the Morgridge Family Foundation, Bryan Krause and Patty Quinones to a special event hosted by Facebook. These students and staff will provide leadership at a District-level. Thanked Rachel Ayers for her leadership.
- Noted that Brian Lamer is working with the Boulder County Commissioners on the annexation of land near the new Innovation Center into the City of Longmont for the new St. Vrain Community Montessori site.
- Asked Board member Dr. Richard Martyr to report on the Longmont High SMART Team's activity: Dr. Martyr – The Students Modeling A Research Topic (SMART) Team program is a nationwide after-school program offered by select high schools across the country. On April 7, 2018, the Longmont High SMART Team organized a Colorado Regional SMART Team Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder. A SMART Team from Wichita, Kansas joined Longmont High's Team for a day-long conference that included keynote speakers, tours of CU's state-of-the-art biochemistry labs; and polished presentations by the two SMART Teams on the proteins they studied. Administrators and teachers from five of St. Vrain Valley's high schools were among the Conference's 45 participants. It is hoped that several other St. Vrain high schools will develop their own SMART teams.

REPORTS (6.0)

Mead High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Mead High School Principal Rachael Ayers. Rachael introduced Mead feeder principals Betsy Ball and Josh Barnett who worked with her to create an Energy Expo to promote Mead High's new Energy Academy. One student each from the elementary, middle and high school presented their Energy Expo projects, and then showed a video showcasing the Expo projects and Mead feeder schools. Rachael thanked Jeff Lund of the Innovation Center for creating the drone video footage of the Mead feeders. Rachael introduced Mead High Advisory Council students Ashley Andrews and KJ Jacobs, and they shared how important the Advisory Council was to them. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Energy Academy wing will be held at Mead High School, 12750 County Road 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. Board members thanked them for their incredible presentation, and thanked the parents for their support and attendance.

District Enrollment Report (6.2)

Scott Toillion reported on the projected student enrollment in the District for school years 2018 through 2022. He provided tables of information identifying a number of the factors reviewed by the Planning Department and the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee which impact enrollment in the District. Based on his review, a growth of an additional 344 students are expected for the 2018 school year, resulting in a total enrollment of 31,715 (not including pre-school students). By 2022, District enrollment is expected to grow by an average of 687 students per year and reach 34,808 students. His detailed report can be found on the District website.

Scott answered questions regarding his report. Board members appreciated the complexity of the work Scott does to predict the future enrollment of the District.

District Financial Statements – February 2018 (6.3)

Greg Fieth reported on the February financials at the work session before this Board Meeting. He highlighted the dashboard items, noted there were no financial concerns, and reminded everyone that Financials can be found on the District website. Board members that attend the Finance and Audit Committee meetings reported that the Financials had been thoroughly discussed, and praised Tori Teague for her department overview at the last Committee meeting. They commended Greg for having District departments visit the Committee meetings, and stressed how very valuable the Finance and Audit Committee is to them and to the District.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.11. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves

2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the March 14, 2018 Regular Meeting and the March 21, 2018 Study Session
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation JFBA/JFBB-R – Open Enrollment
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Human Resources
6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Sunset Middle School
7. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest
8. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Chromebooks and Management Licenses
9. Approval: Approval of Increase in Sole Source Purchase for Networking Hardware and Software
10. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-HVAC Upgrade Altona Middle
11. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase to Architect Agreement for Prairie Ridge Elementary Renovation Project

7.8 Approval of Purchase of Chromebooks and Management Licenses – Joe McBreen explained that 3,600 Chromebooks will be purchased for a total of \$651,807. He conferred with many elementary principals who thought it would be better to replace hard-wired physical computer labs with mobile Chromebook carts. Dr. Haddad thanked Joe for his highly respected work with the schools.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Tribute to Teachers Day, May 11, 2018 (8.1)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution proclaiming support for the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley's celebratory production entitled "You're the Top!" and declaring May 11, 2018 as Tribute to Teachers Day. John Ahrens seconded.

The Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (EFSVV) is an independent 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization established in 1985. The Foundation's primary mission is to support the Strategic Plan of the St. Vrain Valley School District. As a result, their goal is to supplement the education experience in ways that maximize the effectiveness of teachers and enhance student achievement in an increasingly complex and competitive worldwide environment.

Annually, EFSVV hosts a special event to honor St. Vrain Valley teachers. This celebration, in its eleventh year, includes an Encore Award Program, entertainment and dinner. This event, the 11th Annual "You're the Top!" Tribute to Teachers will not only

provide an opportunity to celebrate excellence in teaching but will help raise funds to enhance teaching and interactive learning technology in the classrooms. Dr. Martyr read the resolution.

Board members and Dr. Haddad thanked St. Vrain Valley Education Association President Steve Villarreal for his leadership and strong partnership.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-12, 2018 (8.2)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt the attached proclamations in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-12, 2018. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Each year, proclaiming these dates as Teacher Appreciation Week and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week helps to promote public awareness of the importance of the role of teachers in public schools. As much as any group of employees, the teaching staff is a valued and integral part of providing quality instruction for the students of the St. Vrain Valley School District. Joie Siegrist read the substitute teacher proclamation. Amory Siscoe read the teacher proclamation.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement Between City of Longmont and SVVSD Concerning Adequate School Capacity (8.3)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Longmont concerning adequate school capacity. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that the City of Longmont and the District entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) addressing the impact of development on schools ten years ago and renewed it again in 2013. This IGA replaced the previous city benchmark ordinance which prohibited development in areas with schools over 125% of capacity. The resulting IGA offered mitigation solutions for the District and the City which are further outlined in Board Policy (see Policy FC). This IGA provides for alternatives for development beyond the simple denial of projects and includes the ability to factor in funded and programmed capacity such as that planned for in recent bond elections (i.e. 2002, 2008, and 2016).

In addition, some of the cooperative benefits of the IGA include requirements for coordinated efforts in planning for new development and schools in the Longmont Planning Area (LPA). The IGA requires an annual meeting for staff from the City and the District to discuss issues regarding land use and school facilities planning, outlines the process for data and information sharing, as well as development referrals. The agreement defines the school capacity standards, the process for determining capacity, and other options for providing capacity where standards are exceeded.

The IGA before the Board is simply a renewal of the current agreement to continue the cooperative relationship between the City and the District, with the only significant modification being a 10-year renewal timeframe instead of the current five years. The City Council is expected to review and renew the agreement at their April 24th and May 8th meetings.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of High School Science Adoptions (8.4)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the adoption and purchase of the following science materials:

- Biology - Kendall Hunt - *BSCS Biology A Human Approach*
- Chemistry - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - *Modern Chemistry*
- Physics - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - *Modern Physics*
- Anatomy - Pearson - *Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology*
- Environmental Science - Cengage - *Environmental Science: Sustaining Your World*
- AP Biology - Pearson - *Biology in Focus*
- AP Chemistry - Cengage - *Chemistry*
- AP Physics - McGraw Hill - *5 Steps to 5 AP Physics*
- AP Environmental Science - Bedford, Freeman & Worth - *AP Environmental Science*

And, that the Board of Education approves a purchase contract to the educational vendors above for these materials not to exceed \$860,872 based on the estimated student enrollment for 2018-19. Karen Ragland seconded.

Kahle Charles reported that, during the fall of 2016/2017, an adoption committee made up of high school science teachers and administrators from across the District was formed to evaluate high school science programs, pilot the selected programs, and recommend programs for adoption by the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education. He thanked the coordinators and the teachers that piloted the textbooks. Kahle introduced Michael O'Toole and Michael introduced Mead High School teachers Valerie Brown and Shannon

Krack, and Silver Creek High School teacher Dan Kloster. Each of them shared their pilot experiences.

The committee reviewed the Colorado Academic Standards and current effective teaching practices in science. Utilizing these resources, the committee developed an evaluation form for high school science resources.

Materials that provided diversity in approaches and philosophy were solicited from multiple publishers for initial review and consideration. Publisher presentations were conducted for the final two candidate resources in each content area and a final selection was made for the pilots. Seventeen teachers volunteered to pilot for the 2017-2018 school year representing each of St. Vrain Valley School District's high schools.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of High School Social Studies Adoption (8.5)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the adoption and purchase of TCI for high school social studies; and, that the Board of Education approve a purchase contract to TCI for digital licenses and class sets of books not to exceed \$628,890 in FY18, based on the estimated student enrollment for 2018-2019. \$18,000 is budgeted \$18,000.00 for staff training for initial professional development to cover the estimated cost of teacher extra duty pay. John Ahrens seconded.

Jennine Pettit reported that, during the fall of 2016, an adoption committee made up of high school social studies teachers and administrators from across the District was formed to evaluate high school social studies programs, pilot the selected program, and recommend a program for adoption by the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education. The committee reviewed the Colorado Academic Standards and current effective teaching practices in social studies. Utilizing these resources, the committee developed an evaluation form for high school social studies programs. Jennine introduced Silver Creek High School teacher, Jamie Vigil, and Longmont High Social Studies teacher, Phil Hernon, who let Board members know that TCI was very responsive to addressing the one multimedia issue they experienced in the pilot process.

Materials that provided diversity in approaches and philosophy were solicited from six publishers for initial review and consideration. Publisher presentations were conducted for three of the candidate programs, and a final selection was made for pilot. Fifteen teachers volunteered to pilot for the 2017-2018 school year, representing district high schools that implemented TCI at every grade level.

Input was gathered from pilot teachers, students, parents, non-pilot teachers, and the community. After selecting a pilot program, piloting the program for a school year, and

gathering input about the selection, the committee recommends TCI to the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education for adoption.

Board members thanked the teachers for sharing their experiences.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Extended Meeting

At 9:27 p.m., Joie Siegrist moved to extend the Board Meeting by 15 minutes. Amory Siscoe 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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Adoption of District Unified Improvement Plan (8.6)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education adopt the District Unified Improvement Plan, as presented. Paula Peairs seconded.

Tori Teague reported that, in compliance with the Education Accountability Act of 2009, the School Board must adopt a District Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). The deadline for adoption and submission to CDE is April 16, 2018.

Board members thanked Tori for answering their questions thoroughly, and acknowledged the amount of work and time that Tori and her staff invested in creating the UIP report. Board members reminded the audience that the UIP information was discussed extensively at the March 21, 2018 Study Session.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Extended Meeting

At 9:44 p.m., Joie Siegrist moved to extend the Board Meeting by 15 minutes. Amory Siscoe 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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Selection and Contract Award-Educational Furniture Supplier-Bond Project for Innovation Center (8.7)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract award to OfficeScapes and for the Purchasing Department staff to move forward to develop a FF&E agreement to finalize the purchase of educational furniture for the Innovation Center bond construction project. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that ten supplier responses were received for consideration. All suppliers participated in a product demonstration and interview session with the evaluation team. Based on this extensive effort, the District pre-qualified a limited number of suppliers to receive an invitation to provide a pricing proposal according to all terms, conditions and evaluation criteria indicated in the RFQ process.

The District determined OfficeScapes to be the top finalist to negotiate a contract to provide, deliver and install the required furnishings in a cost-effective, competitive and timely manner. OfficeScapes is recommended for award for these projects based on their experience, proposed team, having resources available internally to provide the required products/solutions, delivery and installation within mandated time frames, and most advantageous pricing proposal.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for District-Wide Track Resurfacing Project (8.8)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 1 for the amount of \$233,778 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with Haselden Construction LLC for the District-Wide Track Resurfacing project for a \$1,128,192 contract value including contingency. Further, that the Board authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents and change orders up to the above referenced amount, in accordance with Board of Education policy. Karen Ragland seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that Change Order 1 includes installing an alternate material to upgrade track surfaces for Frederick High School, Thunder Valley K-8, Erie High School, and Lyons Middle/Senior High School in order to increase the useful life. This project is funded by Capital Reserve.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Charter School Mill Levy Allocation Plan (8.9)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the Mill Levy Override

Revenue Sharing Plan with the charter schools required by House Bill 17-1375. The administration is recommending the implementation of the basic 95% language for the 2019-20 fiscal year, with provisions for phase-in periods on an individual school basis. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Board of Education and St. Vrain Valley administrators met with the District's charter schools in a Board Study Session on March 21, 2018 regarding the sharing of Mill Levy Override (MLO) funds.

With the passage of HB 17-1375, the District must adopt a plan to either distribute at least 95% of the MLO revenue to each charter school in proportion to their current Funded Pupil Count or develop an alternative plan for distribution.

The District currently shares MLO revenues with the charter schools based on their Funded Pupil Count at the time the mill levy was passed by voters. The new plan realigns the revenue sharing to charter schools' current Funded Pupil Count in proportion to the total District Funded Pupil Count. Because the District has always shared MLO revenue with charter schools, the financial impact to the District is minimal.

Dr. Haddad assured the Board that he and Greg Fieth would work together to financially support the charter schools to enhance the District's portfolio of school choice. Board President Robert J. Smith thanked Dr. Haddad for his leadership putting the District ahead of the new state mandate largely because of his sense of equity and fairness in his dealings with the charter schools.

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, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

National School Boards Association Conference Follow-Up (9.1)

Board members Joie Siegrist, John Ahrens and Amory Siscoe attended the 2018 National School Boards Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas, with Dr. Haddad. Dr. Haddad thanked the Board members for expertly articulating St. Vrain's vision to their counterparts around the country.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m., and Karen Ragland 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, 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 May 9, 2018.