

**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 June 13, 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 7:01 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:**

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary, Director District D

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE & Health  
Michelle Bourgeois, Director of Learning Technology  
Damon Brown, Executive Director of Human Resources/Risk Management  
Maurice Enrique, Niwot High Head Coach Track  
Chad Eisentrager, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Mead High School  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School  
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent  
Aimee Keronen, Niwot High Head Coach Tennis  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support  
Jason Maguire, Lyons M/S Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Joe McBreen, Chief Technology Officer  
Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications

Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent  
Patrick Mount, Director of Technology  
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent  
Nikki Peterson, Mead High Head Coach Girls' Track  
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation  
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High  
Axel Reitzig, Robotics & Computer Science Coordinator  
Jacy Riel, Silver Creek Head Coach Boys' Track  
Mark Roberts, Lyons M/S Head Coach Track  
Kyle Schuyler, Silver Creek High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir Legal/Govt Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH  
Andrea Smith, Principal of Lyons M/S  
Tyler Swanson, Mead High Head Coach Boys' Track  
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction  
Tony Whiteley, Budget Executive Director

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

Action Item 8.4 Approval of Amended and Restated Reserved Conservation Easement Agreement with Boulder County was pulled by Dr. Haddad.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

None

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

Ella Padilla introduced Lindsay Zimmerman as the new Dean of Students for Timberline PK-8. Lindsay was excited to start in this new role in St. Vrain Valley, and introduced her infant son.

Axel Reitzig gave the Board an overview of the 2017-2018 robotics season. This is the sixth year of competition and there are currently 575 robotics students – a 600% growth rate over the last five years. Students that formed teams from Westview, Northridge, and a combined Red Hawk/Erie Middle School team presented, and each honored Dr. Haddad with a plaque. Axel acknowledged the support of District Warehouse staff, Technology Services, Community Schools, Professional Development, Finance, Patty Quinones, building staff, the students of the robotics leadership team, Educational Foundation of the St. Vrain Valley, Dr. Haddad and the Board of Education. Pictures were taken of each group with the Board members. Board members thanked all the robotics students and their parents for their hard work and dedication.

Rob Berry introduced Lyons AP/AD Jason Maguire who nominated Lyons Boys' Track Coach Mark Roberts for a John Lynch Foundation Coach of the Year award for the entire State of Colorado. Jason described the mission of the award, and introduced Mark

Roberts. Mark was humbled and felt privileged to receive the Award and thanked the Lyons' parents, administrators, students on the track team, and his wife and children. Board members congratulated him on his award, and thanked him for his leadership and dedication to his students in every aspect of their lives.

Dr. Haddad introduced Michelle Sulek and honored her with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award for her leadership and dedication to Leadership St. Vrain and her volunteer work with the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley and overall tremendous support to the District. Kerri McDermid thanked Michelle for her work as the parent liaison for Leadership St. Vrain this year. Board members thanked her for her many contributions and support of all St. Vrain Valley Schools.

Mark Mills honored John Zielinski for his 50 years of service as a teacher, coach, athletic director and 30 years as the SVVSD Drivers' Education Program Coordinator. John was very appreciative for the opportunity to serve the people and students of the District. He was very proud to have four successful children that had graduated from Longmont High School. Board members thanked him for his loyalty and service to the District.

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

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Vice President-Elect, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – present for any questions from the Board on Action Item 8.3 2018-2019 Negotiated Agreement. Susie introduced herself and stated that she served on the Negotiations Committee. She reported that negotiations went smoothly and everyone worked collaboratively for the benefit of staff and students. Board members thanked Susie for her work on the Committee.

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

### **Board Reports**

Dr. Richard Martyr –  
Recognitions/Comments:

- Teacher excellence – Recognized Longmont High Music Teacher David Merrill for his love of music that he passes on to all his aspiring musicians. Thanked all music teachers District-wide for helping students develop to their highest potential.
- Leadership excellence – Recognized graduation ceremonies. Attended four graduations and two graduation walks, and each was extraordinarily successful due to the leadership and careful planning of Jackie Kapushion, Dina Perfetti-Deany, and Mark Mills. Thanked Brian Lamer and his entire crew for their part in supporting a ceremony students will remember for the rest of their lives.
- Partnerships for Excellence – Member of the Teacher & Leaders Subcommittee of the Governor's Colorado Education Leadership Council whose goal is to develop a vision and strategic plan for all levels of education. Thanks to Brandon Shaffer for lending his experience and perspective to guide decision-makers for years to come.

Paula Peairs –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Thanked everyone involved in getting the graduation ceremonies together – tremendous event.
- Thanked Dr. Haddad and staff for coordinating the two community meetings about the rifle pilot program. Appreciated the collaboration and efforts of the Boulder County Sheriff's Office.

Karen Ragland –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend Olde Columbine and Niwot graduations – everything was perfect.

Joie Siegrist –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Honored to be part of graduation ceremonies to celebrate student success – thanks to the fantastic teachers. Thanks to the staff that set everything up to make graduation ceremonies happen.

Amory Siscoe –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Enjoyed well-organized Frederick graduation and graduation walk with Mead and Frederick – great to see them come together to celebrate with the younger students.

Bob Smith –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Impressed with the number of volunteer hours, and the academic, athletic, and arts accomplishments of the Silver Creek graduates – so much hope for the future.
- Thanks to those that arranged and conducted the two community meetings.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Invited Board members to the Leadership Council Meeting on Thursday, June 14, at Timberline PK-8 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

## **REPORTS (6.0)**

### **Spring Athletics/Fine Arts Report (6.1)**

Rob Berry introduced Mark Roberts who introduced Lyons' state track and field state champions. Rob introduced Chad Eisentrager from Mead High, and he introduced Girls' and Boys' state champions in track and field from Mead. Rob introduced Kyle Schuyler from Silver Creek, and he introduced the Silver Creek track and field state champions. Kyle then introduced Boys' Track Head Coach Jacy Riel from Silver Creek. Rob introduced Eric Rauschkolb, and Eric introduced Tennis Head Coach Aimee Keronen (4A

Tennis Coach of the Year) from Niwot High. Aimee introduced state champion tennis players from Niwot High. Pictures were taken with each of the high school state champions and their parents. Rob announced the combined team GPA averages from all the high school teams. Board members thanked Rob for his 20 years of gold standard service, as he prepares for the last year in his position with the District. Dr. Haddad thanked Rob for his leadership and mentorship to thousands of coaches and students.

### **Technology Update (6.2)**

Joe McBreen introduced Patrick Mount who reported on the District Learning Technology Plan (LTP) successes and what they hope to improve upon in the future. Michelle Bourgeois reported on parent connections and the results of the parent survey on the LTP. Board members expressed their appreciation for the technology team's vision, leadership, and professionalism.

### **Public Hearing of Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY2019 (6.3)**

Tony Whiteley introduced the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget to the Board of Education on May 23, 2018. He presented a brief overview of the 2019 Budget and answered questions from Board members, then the Board conducted a Public Hearing. The Finance Department has not received any feedback on the 2019 Proposed Budget from the community. The final budget adoption is scheduled for June 27, 2018.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

Joe Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.13. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the May 9, 2018 Regular Meeting, the May 16, 2018 Study Session, and the May 23, 2018 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval to Accept Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Federal Grant Funds for the 2018-2019 SY
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Timberline PK-8
6. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policy DD – Grants Management
7. Approval: Approval of Amendment to Superintendent Contract
8. Approval: Adoption of Resolution to Appropriate Funds for Superintendent's Contract
9. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Cleaning Services
10. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase to Architect Agreement for Prairie Ridge Elementary Renovation Project
11. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase to Architect Agreement for Fall River Elementary Addition & Renovation Project
12. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Niwot High Environmental Services

### 13. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Niwot Elementary Playground Structure

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].

7.4 Dr. Lauer described in detail the support in each Title group that the District benefits having ESSA Consolidated Federal Grant Funds.

7.9 Brian Lamer reported that the District's intent is to supplement current custodial services by having high school custodians assist the elementary custodians where the need is greater. Brian stated that assistance from an outside vendor in the high schools will only be needed for the first six months of the new school year.

## **ACTION ITEMS (8.0)**

### **Approval of 2018/2019 Fuel Purchases (8.1)**

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of fuel for the 2018 – 2019 school year, and further authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent, to sign appropriate documents. Karen Ragland seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the cost of fuel is determined using the MAPO bid through Arapahoe County. The funds to purchase fuel are budgeted in the General Fund. The estimated amount for fuel for the year will be approximately \$1,200,000 based on fuel pricing.

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].

### **Adoption of Resolution to Accept Colorado State Model Evaluation System (8.2)**

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution for the St. Vrain Valley School District to accept the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for the 2018-2019 school year. Karen Ragland seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that school districts must provide annual assurance to the Colorado Department of Education that the local Board of Education is either adopting the Colorado State Model Evaluation System or implementing its own evaluation system by July 1 of each year.

The Resolution recommended for adoption indicates the District's intent to implement the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for the 2018-19 school year. This evaluation system is in alignment with the new language of the Agreement between

the St. Vrain Valley Education Association and St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J that is scheduled for approval at the June 13, 2018 Board Meeting.

Even though Senate Bill 10-191 does not legally require a resolution, it is being recommended that the Board take public action annually to confirm the intent of the District and to serve as direction for the required annual assurance.

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].

### **Approval of the 2018-19 Negotiated Agreement with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (8.3)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the changes to the Negotiated Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (SVVEA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J, as outlined in the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), effective July 1, 2018, upon approval by the Board of Education. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that the negotiation teams for the District and for SVVEA met for several months in the spring for discussions regarding proposed language changes in the existing Agreement, including compensation matters. SVVEA has formally notified the District that their membership has voted to approve these changes to the Agreement for the 2018-19 contract year.

Board members and Dr. Haddad thanked Ella, David Burnison and team involved in the Negotiations Committee for the collaborative negotiations process. They also thanked Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, Vice President-Elect of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association for serving on the Negotiations Committee. She reported that negotiations went smoothly and everyone worked collaboratively for the benefit of staff and students.

Dr. Haddad reported that there were no annual leave changes, but that that would be a conversation the Negotiations Committee will need to have next year. Of particular concern of the Board members are the probationary teachers (1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching).

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].

### **Approval of Amended & Restated Reserved Conservation Easement Agreement with Boulder County (8.4)**

This item was pulled by Dr. Haddad and rescheduled for the June 27, 2018 Regular Meeting.

**Approval of Change Orders to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contracts for Alpine, Fall River, Legacy and Prairie Ridge Addition & Renovation Projects (8.5)**

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve Change Orders for the amount of \$259,412 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contracts with FCI Constructors for the addition and renovation projects at the referenced schools, for a total contract value not to exceed \$5,822,272, 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. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that, on December 13, 2017, a total contract value of \$5,280,000 was approved by the Board. On April 25, 2018, Change Orders for a total contract value of \$5,532,860 were approved. These Change Orders include adding air conditioning for Main Distribution Frame rooms to protect equipment, and replacement of all failing flooring in toilet rooms at Alpine, Fall River, Legacy and Prairie Ridge Elementary Schools.

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].

**Approval of Change Order 2 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Innovation Center Project (8.6)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 2 for \$1,000,000 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with FCI Constructors, Inc., for the Innovation Center Project for a \$19,000,000 total contract value, including contingency. 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. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that this Change Order includes City of Longmont mandated changes per the Annexation Agreement, additional technology, and building enhancements to support Innovation programs. On August 9, 2017, the Board of Education approved Change Order 1 for \$10,000,000 for the Innovation Center project with FCI Constructors, Inc., for a contract value of \$18,000,000. This project is funded under the 2016 Bond.

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].



**Approval of Fee Adjustment to Architect Agreement for Innovation Center Project (8.7)**

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve a contract increase of \$63,600 for a total contract amount of \$1,515,012, including contingency, with Anderson Mason Dale Architects for the design of the Innovation Center Project, and further authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that, on December, 13, 2017, the Board approved \$1,451,412 total budget allocation for this project. The contract increase includes architectural fees associated with design, construction administration, and coordination of the annexation process into the City of Longmont. This represents an increase over the original Board-approved contract amount. Funding for the contract increase is available in the 2016 Bond program.

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].

**Approval of Change Order 2 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for District-Wide Track Resurfacing Project (8.8)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 2 for the amount of \$141,448 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with Haselden Construction LLC for the District-Wide Track Resurfacing project for a \$1,269,640 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. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that, on February 14, 2018, the Board approved the CMGC Contract for \$871,036. On April 11, 2018, Change Order 1 was approved for a total contract value of \$1,128,192, including contingency. Change Order 2 includes accepting proposed alternate to repair and replace existing asphalt at Lyons Middle/Senior High School to better extend the useful life of the track surface. Change Order 2 is funded under the Capital Reserve Fund.

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].

**Approval of Amended & Restated Reserved Conservation Easement Agreement with Boulder County (8.9)**

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve a contract increase of \$20,350 for a total contract amount of \$1,043,146, including contingency, 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, on February 14, 2018, the Board approved a total contract value of \$1,022,796, including contingency. This contract increase includes architectural fees covering the engineering, design and construction administration services for the installation of two (2) modular classroom units to accommodate students during the construction phase. Funding for the contract increase is available in the 2016 Bond program.

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 9:11 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 August 8, 2018.