

**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 August 8, 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:

Amory Siscoe, Secretary, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Betsy Ball, Principal of Mead Elementary
Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Laura Hess, Executive Director of Special Education
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support
Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Nancy Pitz, Principal of Niwot Elementary School

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Josh Atherton, Executive Director of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (EFSVV) promoted the 33rd Annual Sunrise Stampede which will take place on Saturday, August 11, at Silver Creek High School. This is a 10k/2mi Community Run put on by the EFSVV. Proceeds from the event benefit St. Vrain students with special needs. Due to a generous gift from Longmont United Hospital, St. Vrain students are invited to participate for free. Josh thanked Longmont United Hospital for their generosity, and Board member Joie Siegrist for her tireless work behind the scenes.

Damon Brown introduced Kathrynne Green, the new Principal for Main Street School. Kathrynne appreciated the warm welcome she received and is thrilled to be part of St. Vrain.

Damon Brown introduced Kylea Winka, the new Dean of Students for Mead Elementary and Niwot Elementary. She appreciated being part of the St. Vrain family for 10 years, and looks forward to building partnerships with Niwot and Mead communities.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Thanked Josh Atherton for sharing information about the Sunrise Stampede.
- Updated the Board on the safety meetings that have been held, the number of counselors/SROs being added in each school, and the meetings he's conducted with the safety/security leadership in each of the surrounding municipalities.
- Thanked Jackie Kapushion and her team for the Pre-K through 12 strong social and emotional support in every school.
- Thanked Stacy Gahagen for her outstanding work being active in safety/security conferences that helps our District stay on top of critical safety/security issues.
- Thanked Damon Brown and his team for the incredible hiring season through an intense growth period.
- Thanked the Technology Department that is working hard transitioning from iPad minis to full-sized iPads. He's looking forward to a visit from Apple representatives, and our District's visit to Apple in California to advance the District's partnership.
- Thanked Dr. Diane Lauer and her team on the great job they did on the New Teacher Orientation and Welcome Back event for classified staff. Announced there were 230

new teachers hired, and 1,400 teachers participated in professional development during the summer – true testament to the commitment they have to our students.

- Thanked Brian Lamer and his team for the incredible work they did to open Grand View Elementary, Soaring Heights PK-8, the Innovation Center, and all the renovations to existing buildings.
- Thanked Jackie Kapushion and her Learning Services team for comprehensively preparing for students in every classroom, i.e., “Strive for Five” attendance initiative that will push hard to get kids involved in co-curricular programs, the eCredit recovery program, and the work that will go into supporting students in their transition from 8th to 9th grade.
- Shared that St. Vrain high school students were recognized in a MIT video clip.
- Attended CASE Conference where Kerri McDermid, Brandon Shaffer, Tony Whiteley, Damon Brown, and Laura Hess were recognized for their presentations.
- So proud of administration, the staff, and the parent community for an exciting start to the new school year.

REPORTS (6.0)

4th Quarter Gifts to Schools, 2017/2018 School Year (6.1)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fourth quarter of the 2017-2018 school year totaling \$116,685.86. The total of all gifts given to the District for the 2017-2018 school year totaled \$648,646.55.

Summary of Summer 2018 Construction Activities (6.2)

Brian Lamer provided the Board of Education with a summary of the summer of 2018 construction activities.

Brian reported that, on February 14, 2018, the Board approved the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with Haselden Construction LLC for the District-Wide Track Resurfacing project for \$871,036. Change Orders 1-3 were approved and increased the total contract value \$1,269,640.

Change Order 4 included the scope of work to correct the unforeseen deterioration of the Erie High School track asphalt surface during resurfacing operations due to failing subgrade conditions. The work will improve the de-watering system, stabilize the failing subgrade, and install a new asphalt surface. This effort will reduce exposure to future deterioration of the asphalt surface and extend the useful life of the track. This Change Order for the amount of \$550,000 brings the total contract value to \$1,819,640. Change Order 4 is funded under the Capital Reserve Fund.

Brian’s team is consulting with the District’s insurance company to see if some of the repair costs could be covered by insurance.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joe Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.10. Consent Agenda Item 7.7 was pulled for further discussion. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 13, 2018 and June 27, 2018 Regular Meetings
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Main Street School
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Mead Elementary/Niwot Elementary
6. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policy BEDH – Public Participation at School Board Meetings; Board Policy DAB* – Financial Administration; Board Regulation EEAEAA*-R – Drug and Alcohol Testing for CDL Drivers; New Board Policy IHBD – Equivalence of Services (Title I); New Board Policy JKA-E-2 – Complaint Procedures and Regulations Regarding the Use of Restraint or Seclusion; Board Policy JLCD – Administering Medications to Students
7. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees
8. Approval: Approval of Amendment to the CMGC Contract for ESC RTU Replacement Project
9. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection for Main Street School Renovation Project
10. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Architect Agreement for Lyons Elementary Addition and Renovation Project

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].

7.7 First Reading, Adoption, Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees. It was suggested that there be a comprehensive review of fees at a Study Session to ensure they are aligned with our priorities to promote student achievement and to keep costs as low as possible for families.

Dr. Richard Martyr moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.7 and Karen Ragland 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)

First Reading, Discussion, Board Policy BE – School Board Meetings (8.1)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the change to Board Policy BE to reflect that the new start times for Regular Board Meetings will be 6:00 p.m. and the new end times for Regular Board Meetings will be 9:00 p.m. John Ahrens seconded.

Board members discussed and agreed to change the start time of Regular Meetings to 6:00 p.m. and the end time to 9:00 p.m. Board Policy BE will be revised according to this outcome.

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 Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contactor Contract for Career Development Center Renovation Project (8.2)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 1 for \$768,818 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with Golden Triangle Construction, Inc., for the Career Development Center Renovation for a \$1,198,523 contract value. 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 May 9, 2018, the Board approved the Amendment to the CMGC Contract for \$1,100,000. To facilitate the start of construction, the CMGC Amendment was established based on Phase 1 pricing of \$429,705 for the interior renovations of the Horticulture and Prostart areas, and various building preservation items. Change Order 1 includes the Phase 2 scope of work for the renovation of the Welding area vacated by the Innovation Center, renovation of the SVOGA building vacated by Horticulture, and various building preservation items. Change Order 1 is funded under 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 State Statute Waiver Requests for Imagine Charter School (8.3)

This item was postponed until the August 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting so that more in depth information on the subject could be gathered before the Board voted on it.

Approval to Request a Change to the 2018-2019 District Calendar (8.4)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve a change to the 2018-2019 District Calendar. Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the Colorado Department of Education has designated Wednesday, October 3, 2018 as the official student count day. In order for the District to comply with a full day of instruction requirement, as per state policy on October Count day, District administration requested to change the District calendar so that October 3, 2018 is a full day rather than a late start day.

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)

Board Reports (9.1)

John Ahrens –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Schools haven't been closed for the summer – amazing to see the number of events.
- Innovation Academy with IBM is a big success – raising the bar in St. Vrain.
- 230 new teachers and more hires on the way – love to see hiring from within.
- Attended CASE Conference where St. Vrain showed up in force in their “Storm” shirts. Talked with Jefferson County Superintendent, Dr. Jason Glass, who confessed he was implementing new ideas in Jeffco based on St. Vrain methods – proud that our District was sharing ideas that work to improve education for students across Colorado and beyond.
- Construction projects in Erie look fantastic – true show of trust the community has in our District.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Attended New Teacher Orientation and Welcome Back event for classified staff. Expressed his appreciation for the way Dr. Haddad connected to each of those groups of employees. Expressed heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Diane Lauer and her staff for creating those two extraordinary events.
- 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. The last public meeting will be August 28, 2018, and then a report will be submitted on recommendations to support teachers and leaders. Thanked Dr. Haddad for being personally engaged with the legislators in the process.
- Announced to the Board that Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Executive Director Ken Delay is resigning after 19 years, and that CASB will be seeking a successor in the spring.

Paula Peairs –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Attended a high school graduation in Boston, and is amazed to compare what our District has to offer our students compared to others. She loves to explain to people how our students can choose which school they would like to attend, and how our students compete on a national and international level. Thanked everyone for the work they do to deliver a top notch education for our students.
- Amazed at the amount of work the District does through the summer – her own kids' summer schedules are really full and they have so many events to choose from. St. Vrain students are very fortunate to have so many resources to take advantage of.

Karen Ragland –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Attended the District Technology Services team-building activity – great to see how they work together.
- Attended the New Teacher Orientation and Welcome Back to classified staff events – impressed with Dr. Haddad's speech to both groups of employees. Thanked Dr. Diane Lauer for the incredible job her and her team did to put these events together.
- Thanked the Transportation Department for their school bus obstacle course event, and thanked them for the immense amount of planning that must have gone into it.

Joie Siegrist –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Thanked all the District bus drivers that helped her on the school bus obstacle course.
- Best of luck to everyone across the District dedicated to student success as we start a new academic year.
- Welcomed the students back to a new school year.

Bob Smith –

Recognitions/Comments:

- Congratulated Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent, on their new positions in the District.
- Attended the final project displays at the Innovation Academy. Board members were impressed by the children's creative and inspiring projects.
- Thanked everyone for their hard work to begin the new school year.
- Toured Grand View Elementary and will be touring Soaring Heights PK-8 – amazing schools and so much thought went into their construction.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on September 12, 2018.