

**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 October 24, 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 5:29 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:

Carrie Adams, Silver Creek Leadership Academy Coordinator
Ryan Ball, Principal of Eagle Crest Elementary
Nelle Bottke, Dean of Students at Eagle Crest/Blue Mountain Elementary
Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Jane Frederick, Senior District Accountant
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Traci Haley, Principal of Longmont Estates Elementary
Stephen Hoel, Principal of Blue Mountain Elementary
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications
Karen Norris, Silver Creek High School Assistant Principal

Eric Ottem, Silver Creek High School Assistant Principal
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation
Kyle Schuyler, Silver Creek High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Jessicca Shaffer, Longmont Estates STEM Coordinator
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented. Board members welcomed Richard Keck, Silver Creek High School Student Advisory Council member, to the Board Meeting and encouraged him to actively participate and to ask questions.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

United Power's Senior Community Affairs Representative Bill Meier was in attendance to present two capital credit refund checks of \$56,164 and \$16,591.94 to the District. He indicated that, when two more projects he is working on with Grand View Elementary and Soaring Heights PK-8 are complete, there would be another capital credit refund of approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 more. Dr. Haddad expressed his gratitude to Bill for his many years of support to the District.

Jim Berthold, Retired District Bus Dispatcher – did not address the Board.
Richard Keck, Silver Creek High School Student Advisory Council Liaison to the Board.
Matthew Marino and Cheryl Wallace, RubinBrown, LLP – present to answer questions regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board.

REPORTS (5.0)

Silver Creek High School Advisory Feeder Report (5.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Stephen Hoel, Principal of Blue Mountain Elementary. Stephen announced the theme of their report this year as "Student Empowerment", and introduced the Silver Creek High School Student Advisory Council: Olivia Boettcher, Adrian Deputat, Colleen Tyrrell, Richard Keck, and Annicka Lewis. He then introduced Carrie Adams, Silver Creek Leadership Academy (SCLA) Coordinator the Silver Creek feeder system staff in attendance: Ryan Ball, Principal of Eagle Crest Elementary School; Traci Haley, Principal of Longmont Estates Elementary School; Jessicca Shaffer, Longmont Estates STEM Coordinator; Nelle Bottke, Dean of Students for Eagle Crest and Blue Mountain; Karen Norris, SCHS Assistant Principal; Eric Ottem, SCHS Assistant

Principal; and Kyle Schuyler, SCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. The students invited the Board and Dr. Haddad to the Silver Creek Leadership Academy Capstone Project Expo on Monday, December 10, 2018, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Board members conveyed their appreciation to the students for their presentation.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.3. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Contract Award – New Irrigation Pump Station for Longs Peak Middle School
2. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Digital Learning Academy
3. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policies AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity; AC-R – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity; AC-E-1 – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity; New Board Policy ACE – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability; GBA – Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity; GBAA – Sexual Harassment; JB – Equal Educational Opportunities; JBB* – Sexual Harassment

Damon Brown answered questions regarding the nondiscrimination Board policies and explained the reasons that extensive revisions were being recommended at this time.

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 (7.0)

Acceptance of the 2018 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (7.1)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education accept the 2018 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), as presented. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the 2018 Fiscal Year CAFR was audited by the certified public accounting firm of RubinBrown, LLP. At the worksession prior to this meeting, Cheryl Wallace from RubinBrown reviewed the 2018 CAFR with the Board in detail and responded to questions. Jane Frederick was recognized for her excellent work that contributed to the District receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District's award-winning Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Jane's leadership has been instrumental in earning this prestigious award for the District each of the past 14 years. Board members thanked Greg and Jane, and the auditors for their prompt review of the CAFR.

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 the Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Fair Contributions for Public School Sites with the Town of Firestone (7.2)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) concerning fair contributions for public school sites with the Town of Firestone, and further, to authorize the Board President to sign the Agreement. John Ahrens seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that this IGA provides a methodology that requires the dedication of land or cash-in-lieu of land for the future acquisition and development of school sites based on housing type, acreage requirements and student yield. This is a model that other communities and districts have followed for more than twenty years. The Town of Firestone and the District initially entered into a joint agreement in 1997. In 2008, it was renewed for another ten-year period. This year marks the next ten-year extension of the IGA. This remains a critical component for the District in planning for growth and providing funds for school site acquisition and development. In the Firestone community, this IGA has been instrumental in the acquisition and development of the Centennial and Prairie Ridge Elementary sites, and the Coal Ridge Middle School site.

There are no proposed changes to the IGA or the fees, except for the extension of the ten-year term to 2028.

The Planning Department is in the midst of a study of the components of the fee calculation including current student yields by housing type, sales of recent parcels of undeveloped land, and current estimates of costs associated with the development of land. If there are significant changes, the fee calculations may be modified in future updates to the IGA. The proposed fees are single-family \$970; duplex/triplex \$846; multi-family \$589; condo/townhouse \$347; and mobile home \$785.

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].

Adoption of Resolution Concerning Representation on the Firestone Urban Renewal Authority Board (7.3)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve a Resolution concerning Firestone Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Board representation by John Ahrens. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Firestone URA anticipates making a substantial modification to its urban renewal area in the near future and, through its representatives, has asked the two school districts located within Firestone (Weld RE-1 and St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J) to appoint a single elected member of one of their respective boards of education members to serve as a commissioner on the Firestone Urban Renewal Authority. John Ahrens has agreed to be the representative from St. Vrain Valley.

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 (8.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Board members thanked Silver Creek High School Student Advisory Council member Richard Keck for attending the meeting and for his leadership. Richard shared his academic and extracurricular interests with the Board, along with his plans for the future.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. 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,

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 November 14, 2018.