

**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 December 12, 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 5:59 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:

Michelle Bourgeois, Director of Learning Technology
Renee Collier, Principal of Hygiene Elementary School
Deanna Dykstra-Lathrop, Assistant Principal of Longmont High School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jim Hecoeks, Principal of Central Elementary School
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
Patrick Mount, Director of Information Technology
Rick Olsen, Principal of Longmont High School
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation

Kimberly Peebles, Assistant Principal of Longs Peak Middle School
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Piccone, Principal of Mountain View Elementary School
Ann Reed, Principal of Longs Peak Middle School
Lorynda Sampson, Principal of Northridge Elementary School
Johnny Terrell, Executive Director of Student Services
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
John Wahler, Principal of Sanborn Elementary School
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget/Finance

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

Dr. Haddad recognized Jackie Kapushion for completing her Doctorate, for her level of commitment and for her quality of work. Board members expressed their appreciation and pride in her accomplishments, and honored her with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Bob Norris, 532 Rider Ridge Drive, Longmont, was present to encourage the Board to support the Colorado Statewide Parents Coalition and early childhood intervention.

VISITORS (4.0)

Board members welcomed Longmont High School student McKenzie Brown who was attending the Board Meeting as the student representative for the High School Student Advisory Council.

Catherine Hildreth, Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority Attorney and Town of Erie Economic Development Manager Ben Pratt – shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding Discussion Item 9.1 I-25 Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Erie.

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

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Presented a poster showing that the District earned 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll recognition from the College Board for the District's increase in students taking AP courses – the District administered 4,000 AP exams last year. Thanked the students, teachers, and all building leaders for their great work.
- Announced official graduation rates exceeded the 90% mark for the first time ever in all the District's traditional high schools while simultaneously having one of the highest graduation requirements in the state, and for lowering the dropout rate to 1.5%. Graduation rates for Hispanic students also increased by 3%.

- Commended Kerri McDermid and her Communications team for the most recent High School and Middle School Options documents, and announced the annual publication will be sent to every taxpayer in the communities we serve after the winter break.
- Announced that the District is hosting a dinner for state legislators representing our District for an opportunity to share our successes and challenges.
- Continues to meet with new corporate business partners – to date, over 90 businesses.
- Congratulated the remarkable amount of our students winning All-State and state championships in athletics, music, forensics, and drama resulting from an unprecedented number of parents and teachers working to support them.
- Congratulated Skyline High School student Andrea Soto Garcia for being selected to meet Michelle Obama in Denver based on Michelle's work with P-TECH, and the fact that our District has the leading P-TECH initiative in Colorado.

REPORTS (6.0)

Longmont High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Mark Mills introduced Longmont High School Principal Rick Olsen who then introduced Longmont High School Advisory students McKenzie Brown, Anna McConahy, Ashley Dillow, Quinn McCain, Maria Solis, and Jenna Johnson. Quinn was recognized for being instrumental in creating the video the students presented. The students shared the academic and extracurricular opportunities they were involved with at Longmont High, and introduced their parents. Administrators present from the Longmont feeder system included Hygiene Elementary Principal Renee Collier; Central Elementary Principal Jim Hecoeks; Mountain View Elementary Principal Jennifer Piccone; Longs Peak Middle School Principal Ann Reed; Northridge Elementary Principal Lorynda Sampson; Sanborn Elementary Principal John Wahler; Westview Middle Assistant Principal Sandy Heiser; Longs Peak Assistant Principal Amy Peebles; and Longmont High Assistant Principal Deanna Dykstra-Lathrop. Board members commended the students for their presentation, and recognized the building leaders for their commitment to their schools and students.

Annual School Enrollment/October Count Report (6.2)

Scott Toillion provided the Board of Education with an update of the school enrollment and current October count numbers. Scott detailed the biggest changes in the report from past years and projections for the future.

Board members expressed appreciation for Scott's presentation at the CASB Conference, for his work, and continue to be amazed by the remarkable accuracy of his predictions.

Safety and Security Report (6.3)

Stacy Gahagen provided the Board of Education with a report on the safety and security measures that were accomplished last year. She introduced the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Bob Johnson. Board members welcomed him, and commended him on his vast safety and security background. Stacy shared what was learned from the Table Top Exercise at Lyons M/S High on November 19, 2018.

Board members commended Stacy for the respect she earned from her presentation at the CASB Conference and from leaders across the state. Board members would like to invite the SROs to a Board Meeting this year to recognize them for their work.

Wellness, Culture & Safety Inventory Update (6.4)

Dr. Diane Lauer provided the Board of Education with an update of the Wellness, Culture & Safety Inventory and noted the mostly positive results from the 2017-2018 school year. Johnny Terrell and Patrick Mount assisted in presenting data. Board members thanked them for their thorough presentation, and would like the actual report to be shared with the Board members.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.13. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the November 14, 2018 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval to Extend Contract for myON Reader Program
5. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest-Lindsay Gahn
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Gym Floor Refinishing
7. Approval: Approval of Selection and Contract Award for CMGC Contract for Skyline High Addition & Renovation Project
8. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Central Elementary School Roofing Project
9. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Sanborn Elementary School Roofing Project
10. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Westview Middle School Roofing Project
11. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Architect for the Mead Elementary School Replacement Project
12. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to Environmental Contract for Niwot High School Renovation Project
13. Approval: Approval of EMC (SAN) Hardware/Software Maintenance

Board members discussed 7.6 and 7.7 and thanked Brian Lamer for adding contract awards to the Consent Items to reflect best efficient practice.

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)

Approval of Amendment to Apple Master Lease Purchase Agreement (8.1)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve an amendment to a Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple, Inc., in the amount of \$2,939,770.31 payable in four annual installments of \$734,942.58 in support of the Learning Technology Plan, and further authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all necessary documents. Karen Ragland seconded.

Michelle Bourgeois reported that, beginning in 2015, the Learning Technology Plan has provided teaching staff with laptops and display adapters to support instruction with one-fourth the fleet scheduled for replacement this school year.

Analysis of this proposal determined it is in the District's best interest to enter into a financial agreement to provide all associated services and equipment to the entire St. Vrain teaching staff.

This opportunity moves our entire teacher laptop fleet to the new MacBook Air with Retina Display at one time. The benefits include increased storage capacity, a more modern, faster processor and an improved display that will serve the needs of our staff well for the next four years. This agreement also includes engineering and support services so that laptops will be prepared prior to shipment and will be delivered directly to each school site. It will significantly improve the current laptop refresh process by reducing administrative workloads for both school and IT support staff, thereby expanding capacity to focus on other District initiatives.

Board members thanked Michelle for her work on the laptop refresh 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].

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to appropriate funds to meet the future financial obligations of this Lease Purchase Agreement. 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].

Approval of Bus Purchases (8.2)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of four (4) 2020 International 66-passenger Type C diesel wheelchair school buses with air conditioning, three (3) 2020 77-passenger Type C diesel International school buses, and one (1) 2020 72-passenger Type D diesel International school activity bus from McCandless International Trucks of Colorado. The total cost of these buses is \$960,847.92. The funds for this purchase shall come from 2018/2019 Capital Reserve Funding approved by the Board of Education in the spring of 2018. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the average age of the District's bus fleet is now 10.7 years, and pricing is established through a solicitation issued by Cherry Creek School District #5, containing cooperative language. The Cherry Creek School District's solicitation number is "ITB BUSES 10-14". The awarded vendor is McCandless International Truck of Colorado.

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 Certification of 2018 Mill Levies (8.3)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education certify the 2018 mill levies to the Counties of Boulder, Weld, Larimer and the City and County of Broomfield as presented, and further authorize the appropriate Board member to sign the certification documents. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Colorado Statute requires school districts to annually certify mill levies for the above-named funds to the respective county commissioners by December 15 of each year. This action will satisfy this requirement.

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 Re-Adoption of the 2018-19 Superintendent's Adopted Budget (8.4)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education re-adopt the 2018-2019 Superintendent's Adopted Budget. Paula Peairs seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that, at the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year, the St. Vrain Valley Schools Financial Services Department executed the closure of the Student Activities Agency Fund (Fund 74). This closure occurred after the adoption of the 2018-19 Superintendent's Adopted Budget on June 27, 2018.

Due to this closure, there will be no activity, budget, or appropriation for the Student Activities Agency Fund (Fund 74) in the 2018-19 fiscal year. This resolution re-adopts

the 2018-19 Superintendent's Adopted Budget, which has been revised to reflect this fund closure, removing the corresponding budget and appropriation.

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)

I-25 Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Erie (9.1)

Greg Fieth updated the Board on the discussion with the Town of Erie about the I-25 Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Ben Pratt, Town of Erie Economic Development Manager and Town of Erie URA attorney Catherine Hildreth shared a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed changes.

Board members reminded the audience that this subject was a topic of conversation at the last Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, and the Committee had no concerns about the IGA. Board members thanked John Ahrens for his representation on the Urban Renewal Authority Boards, and the Board expressed their appreciation for how thoroughly the Finance team studied these issues.

Extension of Meeting

Board President Robert J. Smith proposed a vote to extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m. Board members unanimously voted to end the meeting before 9:00 p.m.

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].

Board member Paula Peairs praised the outstanding accomplishments of the Niwot High Cross Country Team.

Board Reports (9.2)

In the interest of time, Board reports were cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m., and Joie Siegrist 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 January 9, 2019.