

**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 January 9, 2019 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 6:00 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
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent:

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary, Director District D
Amory Siscoe, Secretary, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8
Matt Buchler, Principal of Erie High School
Justin Carpenter, Assistant Principal of Erie High School
Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Frederick, Assistant Principal of Timberline PK-8
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
David Glover, Olde Columbine High School English Teacher
Karen Gregg, Lyons M/S Music Director
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Jason Maguire, Lyons M/S Dean of Students
Chase McBride, Niwot High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Tonijo Niccoli, Olde Columbine High School Assistant Principal
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation Center
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School
Mark Roberts, Lyons M/S Teacher/Track Coach
Noro Roth, Erie High School Cheer Coach
Amy Schiers, Prairie Ridge Elementary School Teacher
Andrea Smith, Principal of Lyons M/S

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

Board President Robert J. Smith announced that he would step down as President. He recommended that Vice President Joie Siegrist become the President to assure a seamless transition in governance. He is term limited in November, and offered to mentor the new President until that time.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Damon Brown introduced Chris Gardner who will be a new Assistant Principal of Skyline High School. Chris thanked the Board members' and Dr. Haddad's leadership in the District. He also thanked Principal Heidi Ringer and the Skyline High School administrative team, and Principal Rick Olsen and his Longmont High administrative team. He pledges to work hard to serve the students and families in our St. Vrain communities.

Damon Brown introduced Jennifer Piggott who is the new Dean of Students for Skyline High School. She thanked the Board members, Dr. Haddad, Principal Heidi Ringer and the administration at Skyline High School for their faith in her abilities.

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

Ben Pratt, Town of Erie Economic Development Manager – present to answer any questions regarding Action Item 8.2 Adoption of I-25 Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Erie.

Mike Schiers, Former Board Member – did not address the Board.

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

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Visited each of the Erie, Mead and Lyons feeder system schools – so proud of the work of all staff members, parents and students.
- Will announce scheduled times to meet with all school communities by feeder to share thoughts and strategies for improvements.
- Negotiations with St. Vrain Valley Education Association representatives have begun – appreciates the partnership with them.
- Continuing to build new community partnerships, e.g., Boeing, CU-Anschutz, and they have responded very favorably to working with us.

REPORTS (6.0)

Olde Columbine High School Student Advisory Council Report (6.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Olde Columbine High School (OCHS) Principal Deniece Cook who then introduced OCHS Advisory students Tyler Peacock, Kyla Bornstein, Yaire Reyes, and Gustavo Castaneda, and recognized Assistant Principal Tonijo Niccoli. OCHS English Instructor David Glover was recognized for being instrumental in creating the video that the students presented. The students shared the academic and extracurricular opportunities they were involved with at Olde Columbine, and introduced their parents. They invited Board members to come see their projects at the end of each semester. Board members commended the students for their presentation. Dina expressed her appreciation for the determination of OCHS staff and students to improve.

Fall Activities Report (6.2)

Rob Berry introduced Lyons M/S Girls' Cross Country Coach Mark Roberts and Lyons M/S Dean of Students Jason Maguire; Niwot High Cross Country Coach Kelly Christiansen, Niwot High Girls' Gymnastics Coach Mallorie Lang, Niwot High Athletic Director Chase McBride, and Erie High School Cheer Coach Nora Roth. Coaches introduced the students and described the awards they won. Students shared their future plans, and introduced their parents. Rob provided the Board of Education with a report on the highlights of the fall semester athletics and activities, and gave Board members sportsmanship medallions to honor high school basketball players. Board members thanked the students for working so hard and for bringing these honors to the District. Coaches, school administrators, Board members, and Dr. Haddad thanked Rob for his many years of leadership.

2nd Quarter Gifts to Schools (6.3)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of gifts given to the District for the second quarter totaling \$425,861.12. Greg highlighted several of the larger donations.

School Board Recognition (6.4)

Dr. Haddad thanked Board members for all that they do for the students of the District. He read a resolution proclaiming January 2019 as Board of Education Recognition Month. Administrators each thanked the Board members for their service to the District.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.8. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the December 12, 2018 Regular Meeting and the December 19, 2018 Study Session
4. Approval: Approval of Designated Posting Locations for Notice of 2019 St. Vrain Valley Board of Education Meetings
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Skyline High School
6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Skyline High School
7. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Architect Agreement for Innovation Center Project
8. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Main Street School Auditorium Project

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of School Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plan (8.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education adopt the School Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plan, as presented. Paula Peairs seconded.

Tori Teague reported that the Education Accountability Act of 2009 requires the Board to adopt UIPs for any schools identified for a Priority Improvement or Turnaround UIP. Timberline PK-8 is adopting a Priority Improvement UIP this year. The deadline for adoption is January 15, 2019.

Board members thanked Karrie Borski and Jeff Frederick for their diligent work. Karrie and Jeff recognized the collective effort of the Timberline staff and students, and thanked the Board, Dr. Haddad, Dina Perfetti-Deany and Tori Teague for their support.

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of I-25 Urban Renewal Authority Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Erie (8.2)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Erie and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure the 2008 and 2012 mill levy overrides, bond redemption mills, and all future local school election revenue will be protected from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in the area referred to as the Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority (TOEURA) I-25 Urban Renewal Area TIF Subarea. In addition, all TIF funding generated from St. Vrain Valley School District mill levies from the remaining TOEURA I-25 Urban Renewal Plan TIF area will be returned to the District by the TOEURA. Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that District staff has worked with the Town of Erie and legal counsel to develop the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to protect the District from some of the negative impacts of Urban Renewal Authorities on school funding. This Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Erie on their I-25 Urban Renewal Plan was discussed at the December 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Ben Pratt of the Town of Erie confirmed that the term of this agreement is for 25 years. Board members believe that this agreement is beneficial to both parties.

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Adoption of Resolution Declaring Vacancy in Director District G (8.3)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education declare the Director District G Board position vacant and to proceed with steps to fill the vacancy. Karen Ragland seconded.

Board President Robert J. Smith reported that Amory Siscoe, duly-elected to Director District G, has not attended at least three consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Education, and the Board has not, by resolution, approved such absences. Under Colorado law, a school director's office shall be deemed vacant if the director does not attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Education. Ms. Siscoe has failed to attend the last three regular meetings of the Board, held October 24, 2018, November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018. Therefore, per statute, the school director's office for Director District G should be deemed vacant.

In compliance with Colorado law, the Board must adopt a resolution to officially declare a vacancy and begin the process to fill the Director District G position. The vacancy will be posted on the District website. Letters of interest and resumes from individuals interested

in the vacant position will be accepted from Friday, January 11, 2019 through 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 18, 2019, at the District administrative offices. The Board will review candidate's letters and resumes and conduct interviews with qualified candidates at their Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The Board will discuss the candidates at that Board meeting, and a candidate could potentially be appointed and sworn in Wednesday, February 13, 2019. The term of appointment for this position will be from the time the appointment is made until the November 2019 Coordinated Election. The position of Director District G will then appear on the official ballot for a four-year term, at which time the public will elect a candidate for this position.

Board members wanted to be clear that this process is not intended to reflect negatively on Amory or her service to the Board. Amory was very committed to the Board, was a pleasure to work with, and her commitment to the students of this District was very much appreciated. Nevertheless, the Board is required by law to ensure all Director Districts are represented.

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Election of Board President (8.4)

After a count of the confidential votes of the Board, Joie Siegrist was unanimously elected President of the Board. She accepted the responsibilities of this position.

Board members and Dr. Haddad thanked Bob Smith for 12 years of service to the District, his incredible commitment, and dedication to the staff and to the community.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Election of Board Vice President (8.5)

After a count of confidential votes by the Board members, Robert J. Smith was unanimously elected Vice President of the Board. He accepted the responsibilities of this position.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Appointment of Secretary of the Board (8.6)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education nominate John Ahrens as Secretary of the Board. Karen Ragland seconded.

John Ahrens accepted the appointment ahead of the meeting knowing that he was going to be absent at the January 9, 2019 Regular Meeting. Amory Siscoe was appointed Secretary of the Board in November 2017 when Secretary Debbie Lammers' Board term expired. Amory's Board seat was declared vacant at this January 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Appointment of Assistant Secretary of the Board (8.7)

Given the appointment of John Ahrens to the position of Secretary of the Board, the Assistant Secretary of the Board position was vacant.

Karen Ragland moved her interest in being appointed Assistant Secretary of the Board. Dr. Martyr seconded. She accepted the responsibilities of the appointment.

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board Reports (9.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Teacher Excellence – Visited classrooms at Timberline PK-8, Central Elementary, Columbine Elementary, and Rocky Mountain Elementary School – expressed appreciation for the teachers in all schools throughout the District.
- Leadership Excellence – Attended Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Annual Convention – very proud that SVVSD leaders were asked to present multiple workshops when CASB planners were looking for examples of successful best practices.

Paula Peairs –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB Convention.
- Honored to visit Apple, Inc., in Cupertino, California.
- Attended the Legislative Dinner.
- Honored and thankful to be on the Board of Education to witness the amazing work of the staff and students.

Karen Ragland –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the CASB Convention – great opportunity to network and spend time with fellow Board members.
- So proud of the commitment and passion of students and staff, and great to hear about the amazing achievements of student athletes from the coaches.
- Thank you to the Timberline staff and students for their genuine determination to be the catalyst for change and motivator for success.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Silver Creek High School Leadership Academy capstone projects – students were so inspiring.
- Thanked Dr. Haddad for the Legislative Dinner – hoping legislators reach out to St. Vrain staff as a resource for solutions.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Proud of all the St. Vrain workshops that were held at the CASB Convention.
- Thanked the legislators that participated in the Legislative Dinner.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and Bob Smith 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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ragland, 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 February 13, 2019.