

**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 23, 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 Joie Siegrist at 5:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F
Karen Ragland, Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A
Robert J. Smith, Vice President, Director District C
Director District G, Vacant

Board Members Absent:

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Kristen Brohm, Innovation Center
Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Tom Darcy, Innovation Center
Kim Doering, Lyons Elementary Administrative Assistant
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Colleen Ford, Assistant Principal of Lyons M/S
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Thom Ingram, Innovation Center
Dr. 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
Jeff Lund, Innovation Center
Jason Maguire, Dean of Students/Athletic Director of Lyons M/S

Jake Marshall, Innovation Center
Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Moore, Principal of Lyons Elementary School
Becky Peters, Innovation Center
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation Center
Axel Reitzig, Innovation Center
Dr. Andrea Smith, Principal of Lyons M/S High School
John Steckel, Innovation Center
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget and Finance

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

Board President Joie Siegrist read the District Mission Statement.

Dr. Haddad reported that the District will continue to pursue its goal of moving toward later start times for high schools, and explained the challenge of start time changes for teachers, parents and students.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Board members welcomed Lyons Middle/High School student Colton Jonjak Plahn who was attending the Board Meeting as the student representative for the High School Student Advisory Council.

Dr. Jackie Kapushion honored Innovation Center (IC) staff with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award: Patty Quinones, John Steckel, Thom Ingram, Becky Peters, Axel Reitzig, Jeff Lund, Kristen Brohm, Jake Marshall, and Tom Darcy. Patty recognized these staff members for their hard work in starting all the IC classes from ground zero, and thanked the Board, Dr. Kapushion and Dr. Haddad for their support. Board members expressed their appreciation to the IC staff for creating a model of excellence for Colorado and the nation.

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

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

REPORTS (5.0)

Lyons Middle/High School Feeder Report by Student Advisory Council (5.1)

Bryan Krause introduced Lyons Middle/Senior High School Principal Dr. Andrea Smith who then introduced Lyon's Advisory students Olivia Cope, Harrison Abernathy, Colton Jonjak Plahn, and Kylen Christiansen. Andrea announced that Colton is a semi-finalist for the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship. Additional students present from the Lyons feeder were Brody McCue, Alayna Quinn, Hadley Larson, and Marc Andresen. The students played a Jeopardy-type game show with the Board members that involved information about the Lyons feeder system. The students shared the academic and extracurricular opportunities they were involved with at Lyons and introduced their parents. Staff present from the Lyons feeder included Lyons Elementary Principal Andrew Moore, Lyons Elementary Administrative Assistant Kim Doering, and Lyons M/S Dean of Students/Athletic Director Jason Maguire. Andrea and Andrew commended Bryan Krause for his leadership. Board members commended the students for their remarkable poise and energetic game show presentation.

District Financial Statements-2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2019 (5.2)

Greg Fieth reported on the second quarter financials, and highlighted the status and trends that were most relevant. There were no concerns with the approved spending plan at this time, and Greg reminded everyone that financials are available on the District website.

Continuous Improvement Strategies: Project Launch & Seal of Biliteracy (5.3)

Dr. Jackie Kapushion and Dr. Diane Lauer provided the Board of Education with a report on two key initiatives that will support improvement in the area of literacy, and that appear in the *Continuous Improvement* document provided at the Study Session of January 16, 2019.

Jackie reported that the objective of Project Launch is to ensure all elementary students are reading by 3rd grade, and Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the Seal of Biliteracy objective is to encourage students, beginning in 2020, to pursue the skills of Biliteracy that are attractive to future employers and colleges.

Board members commended Jackie and Diane on these forward-thinking initiatives, and noted how valuable they will be for students to compete on a global level.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.4. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Cleaning Services
2. Approval: Approval of Selection and Contract Award for CMGC
Contract for Lyons Elementary ADA Ramp Project

3. Approval: Approval of Amendment to the Contract for the East Bus Facility Modular Project
4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, GBEE*-R – Staff Responsible Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications Guidelines; and Repeal of Board Exhibits GBEE*-E-1 – Staff Responsible Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications Agreement, and GBEE*-E-2 – Non-Staff Responsible Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications Agreement

Board members discussed 6.1, and Brian Lamer explained why a switch in cleaning services was needed, and affirmed the District's goal of hiring more custodial staff to progressively reduce its reliance on contract cleaning services. Board members discussed 6.2 and whether incremental changes in contract awards needed to be approved by the Board. They concluded that these changes in contract awards should continue to be approved by the Board to ensure transparency to the public.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of Adjustment to the 2019-2020 District Calendar (7.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve a change to the 2019-2020 District Calendar. Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the Colorado Department of Education has designated Wednesday, October 2, 2019, as the official student count day. In order for the District to comply with a full day of instruction, as required by state policy on October Count day, District administration requests changing the District calendar so that October 2, 2019 is a full day rather than a late start day.

Board Policy IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time states "Any change in the calendar except for emergency closings or other unforeseen circumstances shall be preceded by adequate and timely notice of no less than 30 days." Having approval by the Board on January 23, 2019 more than satisfies that policy rule, so that the District is able to communicate this change to parents and students.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Adoption of Superintendent's Amended Budget, All Funds, for the Fiscal Year 2019 (7.2)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt the Amended Fiscal Year 2019 Superintendent's Budget, as presented. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to review and change the budget with respect to both revenues and expenditures, at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted.

The FY 2019 Superintendent's Proposed Budget was introduced at the May 23, 2018 Board Meeting, including questions and discussion. On June 13, 2018, the Proposed Budget was available to the public for questions. On June 27, 2018, the Board adopted the FY 2019 Superintendent's Budget. Since that date, there have been some revisions and new information; therefore, the Amended Budget was presented for the Board's approval.

Board members reminded the audience that the amended budget was reviewed in detail at the Finance and Audit Committee meeting of January 14, 2019, and at the Board Study Session on January 16, 2019.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Approval of Superintendent's Contract (7.3)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's contract extension and salary increase. Paula Peairs seconded.

Board President Joie Siegrist reported that the purpose of this contract is to set forth the terms and conditions of Superintendent Don Haddad's employment with the District. Dr. Haddad will receive a 2.46% salary increase to \$291,100/year beginning in July. Board members recognized Dr. Haddad's commitment to continuous improvement and excellent leadership.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Appointment of Director District G Candidate (7.4)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education appoint Reynaldo "Chico" Garcia to the Director District G Board seat. Bob Smith seconded.

The Board of Education interviewed four applicants for the Director District G Board seat at a public work session before tonight's Regular Meeting – Reynaldo "Chico" Garcia at 4:00 p.m.; Mike Guilkey at 4:20; George Heath at 4:40; and Brian Norwood at 5:00. After interviewing all candidates and reviewing the candidates' background and experience, the Board unanimously appointed Reynaldo "Chico" Garcia. Board President Joie Siegrist thanked each of the candidates for their willingness to complete the application process, for their commitment to their community, and reminded them and the audience that the Director District G Board position will be open in the November 2019 election.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist thanked High School Advisory Council student Colton Jonjak Plahn for attending and contributing to the Board Meeting and congratulated and wished him good luck, on behalf of the Board, in his quest to become a finalist for the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship, and hopefully to win one of this year's Boettcher Scholarships.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., and 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; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

John Ahrens, 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.