

**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 February 13, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G
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

Board Members Absent:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Carrie Adams, Silver Creek Leadership Academy
Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8
Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Grant Ellwood, Trail Ridge Middle School STEM Coordinator
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
James Garcia, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary
Mike Green, AP/AD Skyline High School
Dr. Jennifer Guthals, Principal of Fall River Elementary
Sarah Hollingsworth, Data Enrollment Analyst
Ben Kalb, Instructional Technology Coordinator
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Amber Marsolek, Principal of Alpine Elementary
Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications

Amber Muir, Data Quality Coordinator
Becky Peters, Innovation Center Program Director
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation Center
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Heidi Ringer, Principal of Skyline High School
Audrey Seybold, Principal of Columbine Elementary
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction
Kim Watry, Principal of Erie Middle School
Kim Wiggins, Assessment Coordinator

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

Board President Joie Siegrist welcomed new Board member Reynaldo “Chico” Garcia who was appointed at the January 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and was sworn in on January 31, 2019. She also welcomed Kenny Frederick, a senior at Skyline High School, who was present to represent the High School Student Advisory Council.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

LaVern Johnson, long-time advocate of the Town of Lyons, was present to thank the District for allowing the Red Rock Ramblers Summer Square Dance Club to use the Lyons Elementary gym for the last 60 years. LaVern thanked everyone in the District that has helped them through the years – principals, custodians, Dr. Haddad, Kristy Foster, Brian Lamer, Mark Mills and many other District staff. LaVern encouraged everyone to attend the 40th anniversary celebration for the Lyons Redstone Museum (formerly the original 1881 schoolhouse) on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

VISITORS (4.0)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced the students that attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) 2018 Annual Convention representing all District students on the High School Student Advisory Councils: Colton Jonjak Plahn, Lyons M/S; Adrian Deputat, Silver Creek High; Aiden Peairs, Niwot High; and Kenny Frederick, Skyline High. Sky Minsun Morales-Jimenez, Mead High; and Christina Uphoff, St. Vrain Online Global Academy were unable to attend the Board Meeting. Board members thanked the students for attending the CASB Convention, and appreciated the valuable insights they provided in representing St. Vrain Valley.

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Silver Creek Principal Erick Finnestead who encouraged everyone to visit Silver Creek for the Chinese New Year celebration on Saturday, February 16, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. He introduced Silver Creek student Grayson Stark to present his senior Capstone project to the Board, and thanked Carrie Adams and SRO Staci Stallings for their support of Grayson’s project. Grayson gave a presentation on Restorative Justice for the Leadership Academy program. He thanked School Resource

Officer Staci Stallings and Carrie Adams for all they have done for the Restorative Justice program, and introduced his parents. Dr. Martyr expressed his appreciation to Grayson for his excellent presentation of his project to the Board.

Bryan Krause honored Amber Muir with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award for her work on the centralized and online open enrollment process. Amber thanked the Board, Dr. Haddad and his administrative team, and all stakeholders at the schools for being extremely supportive of this project. She introduced and thanked her colleague Sarah Hollingsworth, Data Enrollment Analyst, for her support in getting this process off the ground.

Tori Teague honored Becky Peters and Ben Kalb with Superintendent's Excellence in Education awards for their very successful creation of the Vrain Waves podcast. Ben and Becky characterized the podcast as a radio show for educators, and educators can also receive professional development credit for tuning in. They shared a handout with the list of famous authors of educational content that have contributed to the podcast. It is currently downloaded in all 50 states and 77 countries at www.vrainwaves.com. Ben and Becky thanked Tori Teague and Patty Quinones for their support.

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

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

REPORTS (6.0)

Skyline High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany thanked all the Skyline feeder staff and parents that were present and stated that the students present represented 4,500 students of the Skyline feeder. She then introduced Skyline High School Principal Heidi Ringer. Heidi introduced Skyline AP/AD Mike Green who introduced Student Advisory Council student Kenny Frederick. Kenny introduced the students from each feeder school who each talked about the things that make their individual schools special. Skyline Advisory students Jessica Lucas, Ashwini Shrestha, Sara Davis, and Diego Chavez were also present. Skyline feeder staff in attendance: Timberline PK-8 Principal Karrie Borski; Trail Ridge Middle School STEM Coordinator Grant Ellwood; Alpine Elementary Principal Amber Marsolek; Columbine Elementary School Principal Audrey Seybold; Fall River Elementary Principal Dr. Jennifer Guthals; and Rocky Mountain Elementary Principal James Garcia. Board members commended the students for their wonderful presentation.

Damon Brown introduced Todd Fukai who was hired as an Executive Director of Human Resources. Todd thanked everyone for the wonderful opportunity to come "home" to St. Vrain Valley, as he grew up in the Erie, Niwot, and Longmont area and still has many family members here. Board members welcomed him to the District.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Bob Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.9. Paula Peairs seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2019 Regular Meeting, the January 16, 2019 Study Session, and the January 23, 2019 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Human Resources
5. Approval: Approval of Change Order 8 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Innovation Center
6. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment to Architect Agreement for the Niwot High Renovation Project
7. Approval: Approval of Amendment to CMGC Contract for the Clover Basin HVAC Improvement Project
8. Approval: Approval of Selection & Contract Award for CMGC Contract for Main Street School Renovation Project
9. Approval: Approval of Selection & Contract Award to CMGC Contract for Longmont High School Addition & Renovation Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board Reports (9.1)

Chico Garcia –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended a P-TECH information session at Frederick High School – very excited to have the P-TECH program at Frederick High next year.
- Thanked the Board and staff members for their warm welcome in his new role – happy and excited to be a Board member.
- Enjoyed and appreciated Student Advisory member Kenny Frederick's attendance at the Board Meeting and his questions.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Program Excellence – Encouraged everyone to attend the Chinese New Year celebration at Silver Creek High School on Saturday, February 16.
- Participated in OUR Center Board Strategic Planning Session – shared the District's focus on the importance of early childhood education and expressed appreciation for their partnership on the LENA pilot program.
- Hosted John Wittler, Board President of the Vilas School District RE-5, at the Innovation Center – thanked Patty Quinones for the personalized tour.
- Re-elected to the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Executive Committee and also serves on its Executive Director Search Committee. Current Executive Director Ken Delay retires in June, and the Committee hopes to have a candidate selected for his replacement the week of May 13, 2019.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Longs Peak Middle School 50th Anniversary – commended Joie on her speech, and enjoyed seeing former staff and students and the impact that Longs Peak had on our community.
- Enjoyed handing out the sportsmanship medals – wrote a note and went to the school and delivered them personally to thank them for their positive behavior.
- Attended Mead High School's first annual 4.0 GPA celebration breakfast as a speaker – wonderful to see students, their families and their sense of pride.
- Attended the Partners in Education breakfast and tour at the Innovation Center – wonderful to see the partnerships that are created between local businesses and the District.
- Attended a meeting with Apple representatives that introduced the programs they are developing on leadership in schools – great to see the higher level work we do with business partners.
- Attended CBOCES Board Meeting – inspiring to see outreach to rural schools.
- Impressed with Vrain Waves podcast and its impact on the District and the world – it's an honor to work with District staff and witness the work that they do.

Karen Ragland –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Being a Board member is such an uplifting experience – thanked everyone in the District for providing students such amazing life experiences.
- Welcomed Chico Garcia to the Board, and looks forward to working with him.
- Enjoyed giving out the sportsmanship awards to the basketball players at Niwot High.
- Attended the High School Student Advisory Council Meeting at Niwot High.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Planning to attend the Chinese New Year celebration at Silver Creek this Saturday.
- Encouraged everyone to attend Hygiene Elementary's Hawk Air Egypt annual Capstone project Open House on March 13, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Attended the Colorado Education Initiative two-day retreat at the Innovation Center, and thanked Patty Quinones for facilitating the tour – interesting to see what other

Districts are doing, and feels St. Vrain Valley is so fortunate to have so many educational experts.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Longs Peak Middle School 50th Anniversary – Joie Siegrist did an outstanding job of representing the Board, and enjoyed her recollection of experiences as a student there.
- Met with Interim Colorado Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway – shares everyone’s concern about the cost of health care insurance. Will bring that conversation forward to the February 20 Study Session.
- Answered Kenny Frederick’s questions about the costs of health care in the District and in Colorado.

Kenny Frederick – Comments:

- Dr. Martyr answered Kenny’s questions about the OUR Center, and explained the community services that the OUR Center provides in Longmont.
- Dr. Martyr answered Kenny’s questions about the District Mobile STEM Lab bus and how it will serve our District and rural areas in Colorado.
- Thanked Board member Bob Smith for his work to improve health care costs.

Signing of Board Exhibit BC-E-1 – Code of Ethics for School Board Members (9.2)

All Board members joined new Board member Chico Garcia to sign the Code of Ethics as a show of unity and commitment to the students of the District.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

High School Student Advisory Council member Kenny Frederick thanked the Board for inviting him to attend the CASB Convention, and for allowing him to participate in the Board Meeting. He felt very welcome, and thanked everyone for answering his questions. Board members thanked Kenny for the outstanding job he did representing St. Vrain Valley Schools at the Convention.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and Chico Garcia seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; 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 March 13, 2019.