

**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 27, 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  
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

**Board Members Absent:**

Robert J. Smith, Vice President, Director District C

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Michelle Bourgeois, Director of Learning Technology  
Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management  
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Daniel Hernandez, Westview Middle School Technology Teacher  
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent  
Jason Kelsall, Niwot High School Curriculum Specialist  
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support  
Joe McBreen, Chief Technology Officer  
Chase McBride, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal of Niwot High School  
Kerin McClure, Principal of Burlington Elementary School  
Kerri McDermid, Executive Director of Communications  
Zach Pinkerton, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School

Nancy Pitz, Principal of Niwot Elementary School  
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School  
Andrea Smith, Principal of Lyons M/S High School  
Mark Spencer, Principal of Westview Middle School  
Elizabeth Towlen, Niwot High School IB Coordinator  
Kathi Jo Walder, Principal of Indian Peaks Elementary School

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

Agenda was accepted as presented.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

None

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

Board members welcomed Niwot High School student Savannah Parrot who was attending the Board Meeting as the student representative for the High School Student Advisory Council.

Stacy Gahagen introduced Boulder County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Bill Crist, Lyons M/S High School SRO Mitch Rosebrough, Niwot High SRO Eric Underwood, Elementary School SRO Ken Rosales, Erie Police Chief Kim Stewart, Sergeant Chris Muzzipapa, Erie High SRO Shannon Crow, Erie Middle and Elementary School SRO Cara Thoen, Soaring Heights PK-8 SRO Brandon Ohnstad, Firestone Police Chief Montgomery (unable to attend meeting), Commander Bryce Borders (unable to attend meeting), and Coal Ridge Middle School SRO Luke Dunker (unable to attend meeting), Frederick Police Chief Nowis, Sergeant Bob Bedsaul, Frederick High School SRO Andy Fairbanks, Thunder Valley K-8 SRO Aaron Herbert, and Frederick Elementary Schools' SRO Steve Walje, Mead Police Chief Newbanks (unable to attend meeting), Mead Elementary, Middle and High School SRO Jennifer Fine-Loven (unable to attend meeting), Longmont Police Deputy Chief Jeff Satur, Sergeant Craig Mortensen, Silver Creek High School SROs Staci Stallings and Ryan Douglas, Timberline PK-8 and Trail Ridge Middle School SRO Chris Borchowiec, Altona and Sunset Middle Schools' SRO Scott Pierce, Longmont High SROs Jason Kierstein and Jared Goecke (unable to attend meeting), Longs Peak and Westview Middle Schools' SRO Brett Rimsky, and Skyline High School SRO Bill Clark. Stacy recognized them all for their hard work protecting students and staff in all the schools and presented them with a St. Vrain Valley Gold Star. She thanked the Board and Dr. Haddad for their support of the SRO Program. Dr. Haddad honored each Police Department with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award, and commended Stacy for the relationships she has developed with the students, staff, and SROs. Board members expressed their appreciation to Stacy and the officers for creating a sense of security and friendship in all the schools.

Dr. Jackie Kapushion introduced Westview Principal Mark Spencer who introduced Westview Middle School STEM Robotics Instructor Daniel Hernandez. Mark thanked Daniel for all that he has done to create the robotics program from the ground up at Westview. Daniel thanked Dr. Haddad and the Board for the opportunity to work with the students and for their support of his program. Dr. Haddad honored Daniel for his leadership with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award. Board members thanked Daniel for all that he has done to advance STEM education at Westview.

Damon Brown introduced Sandy Heiser as the next Principal of Longs Peak Middle School. Sandy is humbled by the opportunity, and excited to begin her new position at Longs Peak Middle School. She thanked Mark Spencer for his mentorship, and Mark Mills for his support of Westview. She introduced her husband, Marc. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on her new position.

Damon Brown introduced Kevin Clark as the next Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Niwot High School. Kevin was thankful for the opportunity, and is excited to join Eric Rauschkolb and his leadership team. Board members welcomed him and congratulated him on his new position.

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)**

### **Niwot High School Feeder Report by Student Advisory Council (5.1)**

Dr. Jackie Kapushion introduced Niwot High School Principal Eric Rauschkolb who then recognized all the Niwot feeder system staff that was in attendance to support the students that were giving the presentation. He thanked Niwot staff member Jason Kelsall for creating the presentation. Students from each school in the Niwot feeder system shared what made their school special. Eric introduced Niwot Advisory students Savannah Parrot, Aidan Peairs, Rayan Elahi, and Joelle McDonald. Advisory student Abbie Shaw was unable to attend the meeting. The senior Niwot High students shared the academic and extracurricular opportunities they were involved with at Niwot, their future plans, and introduced their parents. Staff present from the Niwot feeder included Burlington Elementary School Principal, Kerin McClure; Indian Peaks Elementary School Principal Kathi Jo Walder; Niwot Elementary School Principal Nancy Pitz, Chase McBride Niwot High AP/AD, and Elizabeth Towlen, Niwot High IB Coordinator. Board members commended the students for their presentation.

### **District Financial Statements – January Fiscal Year 2019 (5.2)**

Greg Fieth reported on the January 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.

**CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)**

John Ahrens moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.8. Karen Ragland seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Longs Peak Middle School
2. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Niwot High School
3. Approval: Approval of Change Order 4 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Soaring Heights PK-8
4. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for New Fire Alarm System at Erie Elementary School
5. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Alarm Monitoring and Maintenance Services
6. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Niwot High School Renovation Project
7. Approval: Approval of Leasing and Services Agreement for Wide Area Network and Support
8. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Apple Technology Products

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

**ACTION ITEMS (7.0)**

**Approval of Purchase of Network Switches, Access Points, Controller Licenses and Phones (7.1)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Network Switches, Access Points, Controller Licenses and Phones for a net bid amount of \$1,448,053.53 to Venture Technologies. Chico Garcia seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that this purchase will replace end-of-life network switches at 38 sites as part of a planned refresh cycle along with network switches, access points, controller licenses and phones for the new APEX school site. The funding for this is from bond and mill levy dollars dedicated to technology.

The Purchasing Department issued Bid No. 2019-044 on December 20, 2018. Three (3) responses were received by January 24, 2019. All responses were reviewed for minimum qualifications, equivalency of products, and compatibility with the existing network. Award is recommended to the lowest qualified, responsive and responsible bidder Venture Technologies.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (8.0)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT (9.0)**

Board President Joie Siegrist thanked High School Advisory Council student Savannah Parrot for attending the Board Meeting.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m., and John Ahrens seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, absent].

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 March 13, 2019.