

**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 May 8, 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:

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:

Carrie Adams, Silver Creek High School Leadership Academy Program Director
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
Michelle Bourgeois, Director of Learning Technology
Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Toni Hoehn, Digital Curriculum Support Specialist
Kristin Holtz, Silver Creek High School Teacher/Speech and Debate Coach
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Jeremy LaCrosse, Principal of Altona Middle School
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Programs and Academic Support
Joe McBreen, Chief Information Officer
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Patrick Mount, Director of Information Technology
Rick Olsen, Principal of Longmont High School

William Pankonin, Niwot High School Teacher/Forensics Advisor
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School
Matt Romig, Coal Ridge Middle School Music Director
Genadine Toves, Erie High School Science Teacher
Kim Watkins, Altona Middle School Music Director
Nathan Wubbena, Sunset Middle School Music Director

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Vaughn Bigelow, Longmont land and business owner, 4045 Specialty Place, Longmont – present to support the Aquatic Center/Ice Facility.
Cherese Montgomery, 1920 Andrew Alden Street, 80504 – present to support the Aquatic Center/Ice Facility.
Jurij Deputat, 1183 Trout Creek Circle, Longmont – present to support the Aquatic Center/Ice Facility.
Sharon O’Leary, 504 Emery Street, 80501 – present to support the Aquatic Center/Ice Facility.
Bob Norris, 532 Rider Ridge Drive – Board Member of the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (CSPC) – present to update the Board on CSPC progress of parent leadership training that the District supports financially.

VISITORS (4.0)

Rob Berry introduced Sunset Middle School Music Director Nathan Wubbena who recognized all the Middle School Music Directors that were unable to come to the Board Meeting, but who were wonderful colleagues who did a tremendous job with their All State Choir students. Nathan then had the All State Sunset Middle School Choir students introduce themselves. Coal Ridge Middle School Music Director Matt Romig had his All State Choir students introduce themselves, and Altona Middle School Music Director Kim Watkins had her All State Choir students introduce themselves. The students introduced their parents in the audience. None of the High School Music Directors were able to attend the Board Meeting, but Niwot High School All State Choir senior Liam Benson introduced himself and shared his experiences with the All State process. He was proud to share his future plans for college, and that his father is a Niwot High School teacher.

Mark Mills introduced Eric Rauschkolb and Eric introduced Niwot High School Forensics Advisor William Pankonin. William introduced Niwot High School state champion Forensics students Ben Goff and Nick Valin who won in the Public Forum Debate category. AJ Metlay was the winner of the Maggie Long Award, where students are nominated by a coach other than their own. This award recognizes a student whose personality best embodies the Forensics community. The students introduced their

parents and shared their future plans. Laura Guentchev, who won in the Creative Story Telling category, and Braden Wade and Jayden Johnson who won in the Public Forum Debate category could not attend the Board Meeting.

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Erick Finnestead and Erick introduced Silver Creek High School Speech and Debate Coaches Kristin and James Holtz. Kristin thanked the Board, Erick Finnestead and Athletic Director Kyle Schuyler for their constant support of their programs. Kristin then introduced state champion Speech and Debate students Katie Lam, 1st Place Impromptu Speaking and 6th Place Informative Speaking; and Jasmine Kabiri, 1st Place Informative Speaking. Erick then introduced Silver Creek students Aidan Rooney who was the National Champion Academic Games League of America for the Propaganda Division, and Evan White who was the State Champion of Program Networking for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). The students introduced their parents, and shared their plans for the future.

Mark Mills introduced Longmont High School Principal Rick Olsen. Rick introduced Longmont High senior Emily Sanchez who was awarded the Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship for \$20,000. Each year, Coca Cola selects 150 scholars in the United States. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Emily has also been awarded a full-ride scholarship to Harvard University, and plans to become a physician.

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced City of Longmont Community Relations Specialist Adriana Perea. Adriana described her work with the Longmont Multicultural Action Committee (LMAC), and honored Silver Creek High School Principal Erick Finnestead and Silver Creek Leadership Academy Program Director Carrie Adams with an award for their support of the LMAC. LMAC supporters Carla Stein, Sam Seyfi, Glenda Robinson, Madelyn Woodley, and Rose Hopman were also in attendance to thank Erick and Carrie.

Patrick Mount introduced Toni Hoehn, Digital Curriculum Support Specialist. Dr. Haddad honored her with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award for being one of five female educators nationwide to be named "NextGen: Emerging EdTech Leader" by the Consortium for School Networking at their Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Chase McBride as the future Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts. Chase was honored and excited to follow in the footsteps of Rob Berry.

Dr. Damon Brown announced Quinn O'Keefe as the future Principal of Fall River Elementary School and read about his qualifications, as Quinn was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Dr. Damon Brown announced Kristine Keel as the future Assistant Principal of Mead High School and read about her qualifications, as Kristine was unable to attend the Board Meeting.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Chris Frank as the future Assistant Principal of Altona Middle School. Chris was honored to be chosen by Jeremy LaCrosse, Dina Perfetti-Deany, and Drs. Kapushion and Haddad, and is excited for the challenge at Altona. Chris introduced his fiancé, Genadine Toves, who is a Science teacher at Erie High School.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Update on the joint District and City of Longmont Aquatic Center/Ice Rink – a Letter of Intent has been drafted with the City of Longmont Mayor and Manager that will allow the District usage of the facility and assistance with maintenance, but does not include capital construction funding from the District. Four City of Longmont administrators will attend the Board Study Session on May 15, 2019 to discuss the matter further.

REPORTS (6.0)

Full-Day Kindergarten Update (6.1)

Dr. Jackie Kapushion gave the Board an update and presentation on the Full-Day Kindergarten initiative. During the 2019 legislative session, HB19-1262 provided funding for universal full-day Kindergarten in Colorado. During the past several months, St. Vrain administration has been monitoring the progress of this bill and planning for the implementation of free, full-day Kindergarten in every District elementary school for the 2019-2020 school year.

Dr. Kapushion reported to the Board that the District was prepared for a larger number of Kindergarten students now that the state is providing full funding. Parents may opt out of afternoon classes, but will be encouraged to send their children to the morning session where core classes will be taught. Class sizes will be in the range of 17-25 students, and paraprofessionals will assist the teachers. Smaller class sizes would present a classroom shortage issue in some schools. Any families that have prepaid for Kindergarten for the 2019/2020 school year will be reimbursed by mid-June.

Dr. Haddad and the Board members thanked Dr. Kapushion and her team for the enormous undertaking and swift action implementing this initiative.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.12. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves

2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting and the April 24, 2019 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Athletics, Activities & Fine Arts
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Fall River Elementary School
6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Mead High School
7. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Altona Middle School
8. Approval: Approval of Selection & Contract Award to Hertz Furniture for Furniture for APEX Home School
9. Approval: Approval of Selection & Contract Award to OfficeScapes for Furniture for Main Street School
10. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Landscape Maintenance Contract for Elementary Mowing Project
11. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Mead Elementary School Replacement Project
12. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Westview Middle School Settlement Stabilization and Lifting Project

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 (8.0)

Approval of School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Contract (8.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with the Colorado Department of Education to support funding for the School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP). Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that SWAP is a partnership between the St. Vrain Valley Schools, the Colorado Department of Education, Department of Human Services, and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. This program supports the development of job seeking, work skills, and employment for students with disabilities ages 15 through 21.

St. Vrain Valley Schools has participated in SWAP for the past 21 years, and has one of the highest closure rates for students seeking, securing, and maintaining employment for students with disabilities in the state. A program coordinator and three specialists are supported through this grant funding. The program is supported and implemented entirely through grant funds.

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 (9.0)

Board Reports (9.1)

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Enjoying all of the celebratory events for the end of the school year.
- Enjoyed being part of the inaugural year of Boys' Lacrosse and their run for the state championships – had a great coach and Erie High School was the host school but the team was made up of athletes from seven high schools. Congratulations to all the Erie High School sports teams for the successful year, and for Girls' Soccer and Tennis teams that are still working towards state championships.
- Congratulations to Erie High School senior Emmilee Fischer who competed in statewide National History Day where her group exhibit earned 1st Place and was selected to represent Colorado on the national level in Washington D.C. in June.
- Congratulations to Soaring Heights PK-8 teacher Anna Mills for receiving Apple's Distinguished Educator Award – incredible accomplishment.
- Attended Silver Creek High School's Leadership Academy Evening of Excellence – thanked staff leaders who helped him with his speech, and thanked the teachers and families who mentored the students.

Chico Garcia –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley's Tribute to Teachers event – was an honor to be amongst those teachers, and is so thankful for his children's teachers.
- Attended Choir concerts, carnivals, and awards ceremonies – thanks to everyone involved with the work that goes into hosting those events.
- Attended the Latinx Conference at the Innovation Center – thank you to Olga Cordero and Patrick Kilcullen.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Shakespeare in the Park with more than a dozen elementary schools presenting a variety of plays – tremendous opportunity to celebrate the Arts and recognize the efforts of teachers who volunteer to make it possible.
- Participated in Longmont High School Medical and BioScience Academy event at the Innovation Center where 30 graduating seniors showcased their college-level posters describing their internship projects.
- Participated in the 10th annual Doing Democracy Day at the Innovation Center – wonderful opportunity for high school students to come together to meet with

community leaders, work on real community challenges, and develop solutions to issues facing our community.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Skyline High School Capstone Project and STEM Night – amazing talented and creative students.
- Attended Doing Democracy Day involving middle school students this year for the first time – such a great experience for those kids. Thanked Kent Willmann for everything he does each year to keep that experience going for students.
- Privileged to attend Teachers Guild event that showcased the teachers' own STEM projects – fascinating to watch their work which underscored all the work they do, in and out of the classroom, to improve their students' lives.
- Attended Student Advisory Council Breakfast – so wonderful to get to know them for the last two years and to hear their plans for the future and their experiences in our schools. So proud of the impact they make, and how supportive they are of each other.
- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers event – Dr. Haddad and Joie Siegrist did an excellent job interviewing the student panel, and it was nice to hear from their perspective.
- Wish the best of luck to all the students heading into AP and IB exams. Thanks to everyone for a great year.

Karen Ragland –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Great to see Longmont Multicultural Action Committee at the Board Meeting tonight – great group of people, and proud to represent the Board on that Committee.
- Attended Longmont's Branding & Identity Initiative Workshop.
- Attended the Student Advisory Breakfast – expressed her appreciation for the food the students prepared, and their message to embrace your teachers because they are so important and can change a student's life.
- Reported that Niwot Elementary School parent Paige Wilson was recognized for her dedication/volunteerism in the local Niwot paper.
- Attended Sunset Middle School's IB Community Project Showcase – play about sex trafficking that raised hundreds of dollars and awareness of a serious issue. Another project was an interview with a District employee that shared her experience of being a homeless mother which raised money and awareness for the OUR Center.
- Attended Niwot High School Awards Ceremony – \$14 million dollars in scholarship money given to Niwot seniors this year and three different military academies were present to welcome three Niwot High students to their class of 2023. Theresa Ewing was recognized by CU Boulder, and Cassandra Longo for being awarded Teacher of the Year for Niwot High School.
- Attended Niwot High student Jack Maroney's Capstone Project – Vance Brand Air Show in Longmont where Chairman Emeritus of Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington D.C. attended and was very impressed.

- Attended Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Tribute to Teachers event – wonderful evening.
- Looking forward to the St. Vrain Retirement Dinner Thursday night.
- Thank you to all staff as the countdown to graduation begins.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Northern Colorado Self-Insurance Pool Board Meeting – thanked Heather Keith for her leadership. The investment portfolio was reviewed – no concerns.
- Thanked John Ahrens for representing the Board and District at Silver Creek High School’s Leadership Academy Evening of Excellence.
- Thanked all teachers for guiding the students through the testing phase of the year.
- Looking forward to the St. Vrain Retirement Dinner Thursday night.
- Wished everyone a Happy Mother’s Day.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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 June 12, 2019.