

**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 June 12, 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
Robert J. Smith, Vice President, Director District C

Board Members Absent:

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts
Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Chad Eisentrager, Mead High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
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
Gene Kath, Westview Middle School Math Teacher
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Programs and Academic Support
Jason Maguire, Lyons M/S Dean of Students
Anna Mills, Soaring Heights PK-8 Innovation Teacher
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent

Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School
Pete Scheck, Longmont High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Kyle Schuyler, Silver Creek High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Andrea Smith, Principal of Lyons M/S
Mark Spencer, Principal of Westview Middle School
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
Cyrus Weinberger, Principal of Soaring Heights PK-8
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget & Finance

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Mark Mills introduced Mark Spencer and Mark introduced Westview Robotics Coaches Daniel Hernandez and Gene Kath. Daniel recognized the parents' dedication and support for the Robotics Program. He thanked Mark Mills, Dr. Haddad, and the Board for their ongoing support of Westview Middle School and the Robotics Program. Gene Kath provided a teacher's perspective of the skills students are learning by being in Robotics. Parents provided a parent's perspective of the opportunities their children were having and the value of the Robotics Program. The students demonstrated their robots and described some of the issues they encountered creating them. The students shared why they like Robotics, and introduced their parents. Board members congratulated the group of middle school students that were present, and thanked Daniel and Gene for their extraordinary leadership. Dr. Haddad presented them with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award.

Bryan Krause introduced Cyrus Weinberger and Cyrus introduced Soaring Heights K-8 Innovation Teacher Anna Mills. Anna received a 2019 Apple Distinguished Teacher Award, and Dr. Haddad honored her with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Catrina Estrada as the future Principal of Thunder Valley K-8. Catrina thanked Dr. Haddad and Dr. Kapushion for their leadership and mentorship. She introduced her husband and son.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Susana Wittrock as the future Assistant Principal of Thunder Valley K-8. Susana was honored and humbled for the opportunity, and was impressed how the District supports business and community leaders.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Melissa Lettis as the future Dean of Students at Prairie Ridge Elementary School. Melissa was honored to be given the opportunity, and has already started to plan for the new school year. She appreciated her warm welcome to Prairie Ridge by Principal Jill Lliteras.

Lisa Fallon, Member of the Finance & Audit Committee – present to address the Board regarding Report Item 6.2 Finance & Audit Committee Update.

Heather Parrish, Member of the Finance & Audit Committee – present to address the Board regarding Report Item 6.2 Finance & Audit Committee Update.

Caitlin Quander, Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP – present to address the Board regarding Discussion Item 9.2 Town of Lyons Urban Renewal Authority – Eastern Corridor.

Victoria Simonsen, Lyons Town Administrator – present to address the Board regarding Discussion Item 9.2 Town of Lyons Urban Renewal Authority – Eastern Corridor.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at IBM celebrating the solar panel farm that will, when finished, power the entire facility with renewable energy – students and teachers from the Innovation Academy and P-TECH were in attendance.
- Updated the Board on Project Launch – currently serving over 1,700 students through June, and could foresee extending the school year through June in 2020.
- Commended Dr. Diane Lauer for the Professional Development opportunities she provides the teachers all summer long.
- Commended Brian Lamer and his construction team for all the projects and renovations happening through the summer.
- Commended Joe McBreen, Michelle Bourgeois, Kahle Charles, Zac Chase and Patrick Mount for being honored by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) for the 2019 District of Distinction Award. Joe McBreen was also honored by Colorado Association of Leaders in Educational Technology (CALET) with the 2019 CALET Dan Maas Technology Leadership Award.

REPORTS (6.0)

Spring Athletics/Fine Arts Report (6.1)

Rob Berry introduced Mead High School AP/AD Chad Eisentrager who introduced his track state champions Abbey Glynn and Amanda Polansky. Rob introduced Lyons M/S Dean Jason Maguire, and Jason introduced his track state champions Colton Jonjak-Plahn, Hannah Paton, Quin Gregg and Katie Fankhouser. Jason announced that Track Coach Mark Roberts had just received the CHSAA 2A Coach of the Year, and Colton Jonjak-Plahn had received the CHSAA 2A Co-Runner award. Rob introduced Longmont High School AP/AD Pete Scheck, and Pete shared the accomplishments of Tara Hitchcock who was the state champion in the Girls' Long Jump event. He also shared the many accolades awarded to all LHS sports this season. Rob introduced Niwot High School Principal Eric Rauschkolb, and Eric congratulated all the St. Vrain high schools

for their accomplishments. Eric honored the Niwot High School state champions in Boys' and Girls' Track, Girls' Tennis, and Girls' Swimming. Rob introduced Silver Creek High School AP/AD Kyle Schuyler, and Kyle honored Silver Creek High School Track students Hunter Potrykus and Sam Dirkes who were unable to attend the Board Meeting. The students thanked their coaches and administrators for their support. The students introduced their parents, and the seniors shared their plans for college. Board members congratulated the students for their accomplishments at state competition, and for the recognition they brought to their individual schools and the District for those accomplishments.

Rob Berry retires from his position of Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Fine Arts, effective June 13, 2019. Board members expressed their appreciation to Rob for his years of leadership in the District. They greatly respect him for promoting student excellence athletically, musically and academically, and recognized his leadership as being largely responsible for the level of consistent excellence in each of our schools.

Finance & Audit Committee Update (6.2)

Greg Fieth introduced Finance & Audit Committee Chairperson Heather Parrish and Lisa Fallon who explained that the primary function of the Finance and Audit Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities to the public. The Committee reviews financial information provided by the District, reviews the District's financial systems and associated internal controls, reviews the projected and amended budget, and reviews the District's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Heather gave an overview of the work accomplished by the Finance & Audit Committee in the 2018-2019 School Year. Board members expressed their appreciation to Heather and Lisa for their support of the District.

Public Hearing of Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY2020 (6.3)

Tony Whiteley provided the Board of Education with the Superintendent's Proposed Budget – All Funds, for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and conducted a Public Hearing. There were no questions or concerns received from the public.

The Proposed Fiscal Year 19-20 Budget was introduced to the Board of Education on May 22, 2019. The final budget adoption is scheduled for June 26, 2019. This timing complies with all rules and regulations of the State of Colorado.

Board members thanked Tony and the Finance team for their financial expertise and dedication to their responsibility to the taxpayers.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Items 7.1 through 7.5 and 7.7 through 7.18. Consent Item 7.6 was pulled. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the May 8, 2019 Regular Meeting, the May 15, 2019 Study Session, and the May 22, 2019 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval to Accept Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Federal Grant Funds for the 2019-2020 SY
5. Approval: Approval of Meal Price Increase for the 2019-2020 SY
6. Approval: Approval of Acquisition of Land in Erie for Future Elementary School
7. Approval: Approval of Fuel Purchases for the 2019-2020 SY
8. Approval: Adoption of Resolution to Appropriate Funds for Superintendent's Contract
9. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Cisco Flex Enterprise Agreement Subscription
10. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Check Point Hardware and Software Support
11. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Thunder Valley K-8
12. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Thunder Valley K-8
13. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Prairie Ridge Elementary School
14. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 for Additional Abatement at Main Street School Renovation Project
15. Approval: Approval of District Transport Gas Contract with Centerpoint
16. Approval: Approval of Change Order 4 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Niwot High School Renovation Project
17. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Burlington Elementary School RTU Replacement Project
18. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Renovation of Main Street School Cafeteria

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, yes].

Consent Item 7.6 was pulled for further discussion. Scott Toillion answered questions about the parcel of land in Erie that the District is interested in buying for a future school site. Bob Smith moved that Consent Item 7.6 be approved, and John Ahrens seconded.

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, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Exhibit B in the Charter School Contracts (8.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the updated Exhibit B for all charter school contracts. Karen Ragland seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that Exhibit B of all charter school contracts lists the Board of Education (BOE) policies that charter schools are exempt from because they do not apply to charter schools. The BOE had extensively revised and realigned the Board policies in 2015, so charter staff requested legal counsel to update the list of exempt policies to align with current policies.

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, yes].

First Reading, Discussion, Board Policies DJ/DJA – Purchasing/Purchasing Authority; DJCA*-R – Purchasing Procedures, and DJE – Procurement Procedures (8.2)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Policies DJ/DJA – Purchasing/Purchasing Authority; DJCA*-R – Purchasing Procedures, and DJE – Procurement Procedures. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that revisions to these policies and the accompanying regulation are necessary in order for them to be in alignment with current practice, procedure, and applicable statutes and have been reviewed by the administration and legal counsel. These Board policies will have a second reading at the June 26, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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, yes].

First Reading, Discussion, Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees (8.3)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees. Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that fees to be charged for various courses and activities provided within the District are recommended by District leadership annually. These fees are to be used for consumable products and equipment necessary for the success of the students enrolled or participating in those particular courses and activities.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Lauer for her work on analyzing the fee structure and reducing the fees where possible. Dr. Lauer thanked teachers and staff who participated in the review of the Board policy. This Board policy will have a second reading at the June 26, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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, yes].

Adoption of Resolution to Accept Colorado State Model Evaluation System (8.4)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education adopt the resolution presented for the St. Vrain Valley to accept the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for the 2019-2020 school year. Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Damon Brown reported that school districts must provide annual assurance to the Colorado Department of Education that each district's Board of Education is either adopting the Colorado State Model Evaluation System or implementing its own evaluation system by July 1 of each year.

The Resolution recommended for adoption declares our District's intent to implement the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for the 2019-20 school year. This evaluation system is in alignment with the new language of the Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association and St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J that was approved at the May 22, 2019 Board Meeting.

Even though SB 10-191 does not require a formal resolution, it is recommended that the Board take public action annually to confirm the intent of the District and to serve as direction for the required annual assurance.

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, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Extension of Board Meeting

A motion by John Ahrens to extend the Board Meeting by 15 minutes was seconded by Karen Ragland at 8:29 p.m.

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, yes].

Charter School Contract Renewals (9.1)

Terry Schueler provided the Board of Education with information related to the contracts with the following charter schools: Aspen Ridge Preparatory, Carbon Valley Academy, Flagstaff Academy, Imagine of Firestone Charter, St. Vrain Community Montessori, and Twin Peaks Charter Academy.

Terry reported that the District negotiated a standard contract with its six charter schools in 2013. In 2016, each of the charter schools negotiated a three-year contract that is set

to expire June 30, 2019. She worked with District and charter representatives to update that contract for a new three-year period beginning July 1, 2019, with two one-year extensions, if desired. The contracts provided this evening have been previously approved by each charter school board, and will be presented for approval at the June 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Dr. Haddad and the Board members expressed their appreciation to Terry Schueler for her many years of working with charter school administration on their contracts. Dr. Haddad updated the Board on the conversations he has had this past year with each of the charter school administrative teams. Board members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Haddad for maintaining a positive relationship with each of the charter schools and for viewing charter school students in the same manner as all students in the District.

Extension of Board Meeting

A motion of unanimous acclamation to extend the Board Meeting by 15 minutes was conducted at 8:48 p.m.

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, yes].

Town of Lyons Urban Renewal Authority – Eastern Cooridor (9.2)

Victoria Simonsen provided the Board of Education with information related to the development of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Lyons Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure future local school district mill levy and bond revenues approved by the voters will not be impacted by the tax increment financing (TIF) of the URA.

District staff has been working with Victoria and legal counsel to both parties to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement to protect the District from some of the negative impacts of Urban Renewal Authorities on school funding.

Victoria expressed her appreciation for the amount of time that Board President Joie Siegrist invests as a representative to the Lyons Urban Renewal Authority Board.

Greg Fieth reported that the meetings between Lyons and the District were very positive, and he appreciated their willingness to work with the District to assure compliance with voters' intent regarding the Mill Levy Overrides and the Bonds that have been approved. The finalized IGA will be on the June 26, 2019 Board Agenda for approval.

Board Reports (9.3)

Rescheduled to the June 26, 2019 Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 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, 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 August 14, 2019.