

**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 August 14, 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 (arrived 6:20 pm)
Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Karen Ragland, Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A
Robert J. Smith, Vice President, Director District C

Board Members Absent:

Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Matt Buchler, Principal of Erie High School
Kahle Charles, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
Stacy Gahagen, Director of Security and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Sandy Heiser, Principal of Longs Peak Middle School
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Chase McBride, Exec Dir of Athletics, Activities & Fine Arts
Kerri McDermid, Chief Communications & Global Impact Officer
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir of Legal/Govt Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Bob Smith read the District's Mission Statement.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Bill Meier from United Power was unable to attend the meeting.

Dr. Haddad introduced Josh Atherton, Executive Director of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley. Josh introduced his staff and volunteers. Dr. Haddad praised Josh and his team for the extraordinary work they've been doing on behalf of the District, and honored them with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Patrick Decamillis as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Silver Creek High School. Patrick thanked his wife, Erick Finnestead, and Dina Perfetti-Deany for their support and for this opportunity.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Karin Blough as the Assistant Principal of Longs Peak Middle School. Karin thanked Dr. Haddad and Dr. Kapushion for their leadership and mentorship and the opportunity to work with Longs Peak Middle School Principal Sandy Heiser and new Assistant Principal Jarrett Henson.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Jarrett Henson as the Assistant Principal for Longs Peak Middle School and Longmont High School. Jarrett was honored to be given the opportunity to be an educator in the community where his children attend. He introduced his wife and two children, and thanked Mark Mills for the opportunity.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Kim Peebles as the Assistant Principal of Erie High School. Kim thanked Mark Mills, Bryan Krause, and Matt Buchler for their leadership. Kim thanked her husband for his support of her career and was thankful for this new challenge.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Joe Brown as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Niwot High School. Joe thanked the Board for their service, as well as Chase McBride, Mark Mills, and Eric Rauschkolb for the opportunity to serve at Niwot High School.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Ronnie Maynes as the Dean of Students of Mead High School. Ronnie was honored and humbled for the opportunity, and proud and excited to work with Rachael Ayers and to be part of the Mead community.

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)

- Commended Brian Lamer and his team for ensuring the facilities were all in incredible shape for a great start to the new school year.
- Commended every department in the District for their part in starting the school year off in a great way, and appreciated all the work that goes on behind the scenes.
- Visited all Lyons, Erie, Mead, Silver Creek and Niwot feeder system schools.
- Will be visiting Frederick, Longmont, and Skyline feeder system schools within the week.
- APEX Homeschool Program got off to a great start in their new facility.
- St. Vrain Online Global Academy is off to a great start.

REPORTS (6.0)

Summer eCredit Update (6.1)

Kahle Charles provided the Board of Education with an update on the eLearning Summer School for both middle and high school students. He is currently recruiting teachers for next summer. Next year, summer school programs will be offered at Sunset Middle School, Lyons Middle/Senior High School, Silver Creek High School, and Olde Columbine High School. Kahle was proud to report a 96% completion rate, and that 90% of the parents showed up for the initial parent meeting. Overall, credit for 1,740 courses were recovered at the high school level, 751 of those courses were for seniors that were able to graduate and get their diplomas on time.

Board members and Dr. Haddad thanked Kahle for this amazing program that helps to close the achievement gap, and allows students to start the new school year up-to-date with their course credits and able to graduate on schedule. Kahle thanked the dedicated staff that went above and beyond to ensure the students' success, and thanked the Board for their support.

Current Legislation/Ballot Initiatives (6.2)

Brandon Shaffer provided the Board of Education with an update on the 2019 legislative session that concluded on May 3, 2019. A total of 72 bills affecting PK-12 policy and funding were considered by the General Assembly. Several of them include new mandates for school districts. He provided a high-level review of the major legislation passed and an overview of new requirements for school districts. Brandon reported on the referred measure 2019 Colorado Proposition CC, Retain Revenue for Transportation and Education TABOR Measure.

Dr. Haddad and Board members thanked Brandon for his legislative work on behalf of the District, and conveyed how extremely fortunate the District is to have his expertise representing our District and on behalf of public education statewide.

4th Quarter Gifts to Schools – 2018/2019 School Year (6.3)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fourth quarter of the 2018-2019 school year totaling \$276,871.32. The total of all gifts given to the District for the 2018-2019 school year total \$1,192,588.09.

During the course of the year, the District receives many cash and gift donations for its programs. These gifts are accepted by the principal, the superintendent, or the Board of Education according to Board Policy KCD, Public Gifts to Schools. For the 2017-2018 school year, fourth quarter gifts totaled \$116,685.86 and total gifts for that school year totaled \$648,646.55.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

John Ahrens moved to approve Consent Items 7.1 through 7.20. Karen Ragland seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 12, 2019 and June 26, 2019 Regular Meetings
4. Approval: First Reading, Approval to Delete Board Policies JM – Student Awards, Honors and Scholarships; and JM-R – Student Awards, Honors and Scholarships
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Erie High School
6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Longs Peak Middle School/Longmont High School
7. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Longs Peak Middle School
8. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Niwot High School
9. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Silver Creek High School
10. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Mead High School
11. Approval: Approval of District Vehicle Purchases
12. Approval: Approval of Furniture Purchase for Niwot High School
13. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Proposed New Elementary #28 Project
14. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Skyline High School Addition & Renovation Project
15. Approval: Approval of Change Order 5 to CMGC Contract for Niwot High School Renovation Project

16. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to CMGC Contract for Burlington Elementary School RTU Replacement Project
17. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 & 2 to CMGC Contract for Black Rock Elementary School Renovation Project
18. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to CMGC Contract for Mead Elementary School Replacement Project
19. Approval: Approval of Change Order 5 to CMGC Contract for Soaring Heights PK-8 Project
20. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for Spark! Discovery Preschool Renovation Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

First Reading, Discussion, Board Policy DJB – Federal Procurement (8.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve proposed revisions to Board Policy DJB – Federal Procurement and move this policy to its second reading in Consent Items on August 28, 2019. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the micro-purchase limit for Federal purchases was changed from \$3,500 to \$10,000. The District could change the micro-purchase limit to \$10,000; however, District administration believes that setting the limit at \$5,000 to match District procurement policy is in the best interest of the District. Board Policy DJB has been revised to reflect this change in dollar amount limit.

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

First Reading, Discussion, New Board Policies EGADA* – Intellectual Property (Students); EGADA*-E-1 – Intellectual Property (SVVSD Waiver of Rights); EGADA*-E-2 – Intellectual Property (Student Waiver of Rights); EGADAB* – Intellectual Property (Employee & Mentor); and EGADAB*-E – Intellectual Property (Mentor Acknowledgement and Release) (8.2)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve new Board policies EGADA* – Intellectual Property (Students); EGADA*-E-1 – Intellectual Property (SVVSD Waiver of Rights); EGADA*-E-2 – Intellectual Property (Student Waiver of Rights); EGADAB* – Intellectual Property (Employee and Mentor); and EGADAB*-E – Intellectual Property (Mentor Acknowledgement and Release) and move these policies to its second reading on August 28, 2019. John Ahrens seconded.

Brandon Shaffer reported that students and their mentors in St. Vrain Valley Schools have been encouraged to design and develop original solutions to real-world problems. An increasing number of students engage in work that results in original ideas, designs, and products that have the potential to be copywrited or patented, produced, and marketed. The purpose of new Board Policy EGADA is to make District technology and other resources available to students in a setting that fosters creativity and innovation while protecting the students' ideas and original work. New Board Policy EGADAB identifies and reserves the proprietary rights of the District to intellectual property.

Board members appreciated Brandon's comprehensive approach to creating policies that are rational and fair to the District, its employees, volunteers and students, not only setting the guidelines, but allowing for case-by-case review of every situation.

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

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements with the Counties of Boulder, Weld, Larimer and the City and County of Broomfield for the 2019 Coordinated Election (8.3)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Intergovernmental Agreement for Conduct of Coordinated Elections with Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, and the City and County of Broomfield, and further authorized Greg Fieth as the Designated Election Official to sign the agreement documents. Bob Smith seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Uniform Election Code requires that these intergovernmental agreements, which set forth the terms and conditions under which the respective counties will conduct coordinated elections, be approved by the participating parties. These agreements have been reviewed by legal counsel. According to the election timeline, the last day for the District to sign the intergovernmental agreements is August 27, 2019.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Services Over \$100,000 for FY 2020 (Updated) (8.4)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the updated list of vendors who are anticipated to provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2020. John Ahrens seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that some companies had been inadvertently left off of the list of approved vendors providing purchased services from the original list that was provided to the Board at the June 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

This updated information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ/DJA – Purchasing/Purchasing Authority. This is specifically to address vendors who provide goods that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY2020 newly-awarded contracts.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Goods Over \$100,000 for FY 2020 (Updated) (8.5)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the updated list of vendors who are anticipated to provide purchased goods over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2020. Chico Garcia seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that several companies had been inadvertently left off of the list of approved vendors providing purchased goods from the original list that was provided to the Board at the June 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist summarized the Board Meeting from the positive feedback on the reports of the evening, and thanked Dr. Haddad and his administrative team for the measures of success that were provided.

Dr. Martyr appreciated the addition of the strategic priority categories for each of the agenda items in the Board packet. He commended Dr. Haddad and his administrative team for the high quality of each of the feeder convocation meetings highlighting the

importance of public education, celebrating past achievements, and looking forward to future accomplishments.

Dr. Haddad commended Dr. Jackie Kapushion for her strong, inspirational leadership that, together with her administrative team, created a smooth start to the school year.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and Bob Smith seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, absent; 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 September 11, 2019.