

**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 October 9, 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 (arrived 6:06 pm)
Paula Peairs, Vice President, Director District F
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A
Robert J. Smith, Member, Director District C

Board Members Absent:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rachael Ayers, Principal of Mead High School
Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Kahle Charles, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Colleen Ford, Assistant Principal of Lyons M/S
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Jason Maguire, Athletic Director/Dean of Students of Lyons M/S
Chase McBride, Executive Director of Athletics, Fine Arts, PE and Health
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Moore, Principal of Lyons Elementary School
Dr. Ann Reed, Executive Director of Assessment
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir of Legal/Govt Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH
Dr. Andrea Smith, Principal of Lyons Middle/Senior High
Amber Vanzant, Mead High School Special Education Teacher

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist welcomed Lyons High School Student Advisory Council member Harrison Abernathy who attended the Board meeting as a student liaison. Harrison shared the academic and athletic programs he is involved with at Lyons High School. He was encouraged to ask questions and participate in the meeting whenever possible.

Bryan Krause introduced Mead High School Principal Rachael Ayers. Rachael shared how the Unified Program has made a positive impact on the culture of Mead High School during the five years since being implemented. Rachael introduced Mead High School Lead SSN teacher Amber Vanzant and commended her for being instrumental in bringing the Unified Program to Mead. Mead High School now has Unified bowling, football, soccer, basketball, and most recently added a percussion ensemble course. Rachael announced that the Mead High School Unified Program is one of 100 schools in the U.S. that have recently been recognized as a Unified Champion Special Olympics National Banner School. Amber credited the “Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign for raising awareness of the hurtful effects of the word “retard(ed)” and encouraged people to pledge to stop using it. Amber introduced Unified student Owen Hardenburg, and Ashlee VanHeesh, who serves as President of the Score a Friend Club. She shared her vision of an inclusive environment at Mead High School and thanked administration for helping to spread that vision. The weather prevented most of the Unified Sports Program students and parents from attending the meeting. Students/parents that were planning to attend included: Kaden and Jackie Merrill, Sierra and Savanna Noel, Cole Smith, Emma Maldoff, Maya Thompson, Ellie Angus, Thomas Zak, Jennifer Baumgardner, Terry, Sunny Longmeyer, and Kylee Mendez. Board members praised the students for their participation in the Unified Sports Program and recognized everyone in the audience who came to support them.

Board member Dr. Richard Martyr introduced Abby Pettinger, Administrative Assistant from the Vilas School District RE-5, who was a guest of his for a tour of the Innovation Center. John Wittler, the Board President of Vilas School District, serves on the Colorado Association of School Board Executive Committee with Dr. Martyr.

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

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

None

REPORTS (6.0)

Lyons Middle/Senior High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Bryan Krause recognized the attendance of Lyons M/S Athletic Director/Dean of Students Jason Maguire and Lyons M/S Assistant Principal Colleen Ford. He then introduced Lyons M/S High School Principal Dr. Andrea Smith and Lyons Elementary Principal Andrew Moore and thanked them for their leadership. Dr. Smith thanked Bryan for the ELM (Erie, Lyons, and Mead) acronym, and Brian Lamer and Conan Smith for their partnership in creating a plan for the new Lyons M/S auditorium that is expected to be completed in the spring of 2021. They presented a short video of feeder system highlights and then introduced two students in each of the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Lyons M/S High School Advisory students Olivia Cope, Harrison Abernathy, Cate Richardson, and Charlie Gau were all in attendance. The students shared why they loved the Lyons school feeder system and how it is preparing them for their future. Seniors shared their plans for the future and their parents were recognized.

Board members commended students for sharing their personal connection to their community and schools, and recognized the building leaders who were present. The students created a wooden replica of the Colorado flag and presented one to each Board member.

1st Quarter Gifts to Schools, 2019-2020 School Year (6.2)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year totaling \$152,651.87. For the 2018-2019 school year, first quarter gifts totaled \$161,436.55. Greg highlighted a few of the larger donations.

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.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Items 7.1 through 7.4. Bob Smith seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2019 Regular Meeting, the September 18, 2019 Study Session, and the September 25, 2019 Regular Meeting

4. Approval: Approval of Change Order 6 to Construction Manager/General Manager (CMGC) Contract for Niwot High School 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)

Approval of Accreditation Recommendations for District Schools (8.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the accreditation recommendations for schools within the St. Vrain Valley School District as presented. Bob Smith seconded.

Dr. Ann Reed reported that the District Accountability/Accreditation Committee is made up of parents and community members, an elementary principal, a secondary principal, and a teacher. Dr. Reed works with the Committee as the liaison from the District. The Committee met on September 16, 2019, to review the performance of the District's schools. Based on its review, the Committee submitted accreditation status recommendations for all District schools to the Board.

The Committee follows the guidelines of SB 09-163 to recommend accreditation levels for schools and uses Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) School Performance Frameworks to identify accreditation levels of schools. The frameworks consider the following data areas to determine school accreditation levels: Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, and Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness. Olde Columbine High School and St. Vrain Global Online Academy are CDE approved alternative campuses and use different assessment data for the framework calculations. Longmont High School is appealing its rating of Improvement Plan to CDE and requesting a rating of Performance based upon an increase in graduation rate. St. Vrain Community Montessori School is considering a request to reconsider due to insufficient data.

The Committee recommends District Learning Services' personnel meet with schools that are accredited with an improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan. At those meetings, schools answer questions about: current performance, plans to improve that performance, additional data that the school might have collected, and support needs from the District. The Committee also may meet with schools and/or District Learning Services to discuss school improvement plans.

Board members thanked Dr. Reed for her report and asked that she convey their gratitude to the District Accountability/Accreditation Committee.

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].

Adoption of Resolution Approving 2019-2020 District Employee Membership in Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) (8.2)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution approving 2019-2020 District employee membership in CHSAA. Karen Ragland seconded.

The Board of Education recognizes the services of the individuals listed in the resolution to be within the scope of employment of school district personnel and within the performance of those duties as employees of the school district, as members of the Board of Directors of the CHSAA or as a member of other CHSAA committees, Legislative Council or interscholastic activity league committees under CHSAA.

Board members thanked Chase McBride for his role in CHSAA and that of his coaching staff for going above and beyond their District positions to be involved in CHSAA, increasing the District's visibility.

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].

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Classified School Employees Week, October 14-18, 2019 (8.3)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve a Resolution proclaiming October 14-18, 2019 as "Classified School Employees Week". Chico Garcia seconded.

Proclaiming this date as Classified School Employees Week helps promote public awareness of the importance of classified employees in the public school system. As much as any other group of employees, classified school employees are a valued and integral part of the school system and their work is vital to the success of children.

Board members thanked Dr. Damon Brown for bringing this important resolution forward to publicly honor all District classified staff. Chico Garcia read the proclamation.

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].

Approval of Contract-The Wild Plum Center for Young Children and Families (8.4)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the service agreement between the District and Wild Plum (WP) Center for the 2019-2020 school year. The District pays for these slots through the Colorado Preschool Program grant funds provided through the State of Colorado. Paula Peairs seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer recommended that the District, through its Early Childhood Department and District Advisory Council, enter into this agreement with WP Center in order to provide preschool services to eligible four year olds. The District will pay a monthly tuition rate of \$290.00 per each child placed (not to exceed 90 children). Dr. Lauer confirmed that the District would need all 90 slots offered.

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].

Adoption of Resolution in Support of Proposition CC (8.5)

Chico Garcia moved to adopt a resolution in support of Proposition CC and to urge electors of the St. Vrain Valley School District to vote “yes” on the Proposition at the November 5, 2019 election. Karen Ragland seconded.

Brandon Shaffer reported that Proposition CC provides more money for critical investments in Colorado’s future without raising tax rates. By allowing the state to keep the money it already collects, the measure provides needed funding for K-12 education, higher education, and transportation. Brandon answered questions from the Board on the possible uses for the funds the District might receive and noted that this Proposition is statutory and does not change the Constitution. Karen Ragland read the resolution in support of Proposition CC.

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].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist thanked Lyons High School student advisory council member Harrison Abernathy for attending the Board Meeting. Harrison thanked the Board for the opportunity. He asked about how the District will determine how to spend the money it might receive if Proposition CC passes. Greg Fieth noted that there would be statutory parameters that would govern use of the money. He also noted that whether or not Proposition CC passes, the District will continue to offer new programming on a regular basis.

Board President Joie Siegrist announced the upcoming events.

Bob Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Karen Ragland 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, Treasurer and Asst Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on November 13, 2019.