

**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 December 11, 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:

Jim Berthold, Member, Director District C
Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Vice President, Director District F
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Michelle Bourgeois, Chief Information Officer
Traci Burtnett, Purchasing Director
Renee Collier, Principal of Hygiene Elementary School
Deanna Dykstra-Lathrop, Assistant Principal of Longmont High School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jim Hecoeks, Principal of Central Elementary School
Sandy Heiser, Principal of Longs Peak Middle School
Laura Hess, Executive Director of Special Education
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Rick Olsen, Principal of Longmont High School
Kimberly Peebles, Assistant Principal of Longs Peak Middle School
Lori Peebles, Principal of Sanborn Elementary School

Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Piccone, Principal of Mountain View Elementary School
Lorynda Sampson, Principal of Northridge Elementary School
Mark Spencer, Principal of Westview Middle School
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget & Finance

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Board members welcomed Longmont High School student Kayla Gumeson who was attending the Board Meeting as the student representative for the High School Student Advisory Council.

AJ Euckert, Town of Dacono City Manager – present regarding Action Item 8.3 Adoption of Intergovernmental Agreement for Economic Development Authority of Dacono.
Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Education Association – did not address the Board.
Carolynne White, Town of Dacono legal counsel, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck – present regarding Action Item 8.3 Adoption of Intergovernmental Agreement for Economic Development Authority of Dacono.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Very proud of the District leadership team that presented several sessions at the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Convention in Colorado Springs – was a wonderful experience. The District Mobile Lab was on display at the Convention, and great connections were made with school districts throughout the state.
- Congratulated Board member Richard Martyr on his re-election to a second term on the CASB Board of Directors.
- Reminders to everyone about the Legislative Dinner at Soaring Heights PK-8 on Thursday, December 12; the Thomas Friedman event on Thursday, December 19; and that the convocation in August 2020 will be held at Flatirons Community Church in Lafayette for all staff members.
- Board member Richard Martyr announced that former Board President Robert Smith was awarded the CASB McGuffey Award that is given to distinguished members of local school boards. Dr. Martyr updated the Board on the history behind the award and the characteristics that are sought after to honor Board members with this award. Board members congratulated former President Smith, in his absence, for his Board

service and leadership and announced that the CASB Board presented the award to former President Smith in person.

REPORTS (6.0)

Longmont High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Mark Mills expressed his appreciation for the administrators of the schools in the Longmont feeder system, and thanked the Board for attending school events frequently enough to be familiar with school functions on a daily basis. Mark introduced Longmont High School Principal Rick Olsen who then introduced Longmont High School (LHS) Advisory students Bryan Saenz and Kayla-Marie Gumeson. LHS Student Advisory members Emmelia Ashton, and Jenna Johnson were unable to attend the Board Meeting. Bryan and Kayla introduced the Board members to the interactive game of Kahoot. LHS teachers use Kahoot as a learning strategy and Board members enjoyed the experience of the gameshow-type quiz. The students shared the academic and extracurricular opportunities they were involved with at Longmont High. Administrators present from the Longmont feeder system included Hygiene Elementary Principal Renee Collier; Central Elementary Principal Jim Hecoeks; Mountain View Elementary Principal Jennifer Piccone; Longs Peak Middle School Principal Sandy Heiser; Northridge Elementary Principal Lorynda Sampson; Sanborn Elementary Principal John Wahler; Westview Middle Principal Mark Spencer; Longs Peak Assistant Principal Amy Peebles; and Longmont High Assistant Principal Deanna Dykstra-Lathrop. Board members commended the students for their presentation, and recognized the building leaders for their commitment to their schools and students.

Superintendent's Excellence in Education Awards to Operations & Maintenance Employees

Brian Lamer introduced Operations employees Taylor Pruss, Tim Thomas, Mark Butler, Jesse Watson, David Hemken and Jeff David. These employees were honored with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award for the work that they did during the November 26, 2019 snowstorm. They cleared two feet of snow off of the school parking lots and the Frederick High School football field in preparation for football playoffs. Dr. Haddad shared that other Colorado school districts were calling St. Vrain to see if they could use Frederick High's football field for their playoff games because their fields were not cleared. Dr. Haddad and Board members appreciated the employees' dedication and hard work during Thanksgiving break.

Annual School Enrollment/October Count Report (6.2)

Scott Toillion provided the Board of Education with an update of the school enrollment and current October count numbers and the overall purpose of the annual report and the many uses for the data that is collected. Scott shared that the information starts to be gathered in August and detailed the biggest changes in the report from past years and

projections for the future. 32,855 students were enrolled and reported to the state in October 2019 which is an increase of 171 students from October 2018.

Board members expressed appreciation for Scott's work and noted the remarkable accuracy of his predictions.

Safety and Security Report (6.3)

Dr. Kapushion provided an annual report on the safety and security measures that were accomplished last year. Board members thanked Stacy Gahagen for the comprehensive nature of her safety and security report. Dr. Haddad thanked the Assistant Superintendents for striking a fine balance addressing individual situations in their work with law enforcement, and thanked Laura Hess and her team for the great support they provide for our students in times of crisis.

Board members expressed their appreciation for Stacy Gahagen's leadership and asked Dr. Kapushion to pass on their best wishes to Stacy in her new role in Adams 12 School District.

1st Quarter Financials Fiscal Year 2020 (6.4)

Greg Fieth reported on the first quarter financials for Fiscal Year 2020. Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 22-45-102(1)(b)(I-IV) requires the Board of Education to review the financial condition of the school district at least quarterly during the year. In addition to first and second quarter reports, the District has elected to present monthly financial statements during the next six months of the year.

At the work session prior to this Board meeting, information related to the financial statements for the quarter ending September 30, 2019 were provided to the Board in compliance with all aspects of CRS.

Purchasing Department Update (6.5)

Greg Fieth introduced Traci Burtnett who reported the achievements of the Purchasing Department this past year.

Traci announced that St. Vrain Schools is a 2019 recipient of the Excellence in Achievement Sterling Agency Certification Award – the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Sterling Agency Certification Award. This award is an advanced level of recognition reserved for those agencies that apply for and achieve UPPCC Agency Certification Award recognition for three consecutive years. St. Vrain's professional procurement team achieved fully certified public procurement status from 2017 to 2019.

Through its Agency Certification Award program, the UPPCC identifies organizations that have earned the distinguished honor of achieving and/or maintaining a high percentage

of qualifying staff that are UPPCC Certified. This program was developed to recognize organizations that have made a concerted effort to achieve procurement excellence. The Purchasing Department certified staff consists of Traci Burtnett, CPPO, CPPB, Director; Tim Wellmann, CPPB, Purchasing Manager; Diana Cantu, CPPB, Senior Buyer; and Bill Oliver, CPPB, Senior Buyer.

Board members commended Traci and her team on their commitment to professional excellence and for helping to ensure the District receives the best value for every dollar spent.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.6 and 7.8. Consent Agenda Item 7.7 was pulled for further discussion. Chico Garcia seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the November 13, 2019 Regular Meeting and November 20, 2019 Study Session
4. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 to Construction Manager/ General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Longmont High School Addition & Renovation Project
5. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 for Asbestos Abatement Contract for Main Street School Renovation Project
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award for District-Wide Classroom Door Security Enhancements Project
7. Approval: Approval of Purchase and Trade-In of Dell Servers
8. Approval: Approval of Closure of District Buildings/Activities on November 26 and November 27, 2019

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

Board members pulled Consent Agenda Item 7.7 to be discussed. Michelle Bourgeois stated that this purchase of data storage was needed to ensure District needs were met, and that this would mean a 30% increase in storage capacity for a 30% reduction in cost over the next three years. Technical support for this equipment was also negotiated for the following two years. Dr. Haddad recognized Michelle and her team for being invited to speak at several prestigious national technology conferences to help other school districts and organizations. Paula Peairs moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7.7. Jim Berthold seconded.

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Certification of 2018 Mill Levies (8.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education certify the 2019 mill levies to the Counties of Boulder, Weld, Larimer, and the City and County of Broomfield as presented, and further authorize the appropriate Board member to sign the certification documents. Karen Ragland seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that Colorado Statute requires school districts to annually certify mill levies for the above-named funds to the four respective county commissioners by December 15 of each year. Compared to last year, the District's Net Assessed Valuation (AV) increased by 21.4% to \$4.2 billion. Boulder County makes up 53% of the District's AV and Weld County makes up 46%. Broomfield and Larimer combined make up less than .4% of the District's AV.

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

Approval of RFP for Specialized Services for Main Street School (8.2)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Sierra School to continue to deliver specialized services at Main Street School. Paula Pears seconded.

Greg Fieth and Laura Hess reported that the District is required to provide the provision of Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for students receiving special education services. In September of 2019, the District created a RFP for specific organizations that could meet this need. Sierra School was the only respondent to the RFP and is the District's current provider of these services. The services provided by Sierra School teach students who require a high level of support based on their Individualized Education Program. This service is in alignment with IDEA, and Sierra School has provided this service for the past four years with great success.

Board members thanked Laura for her leadership.

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

Adoption of Intergovernmental Agreement for Economic Development Authority of Dacono (8.3)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Economic Development Authority of Dacono (EDAD) and the St. Vrain Valley School District to ensure the 2008 and 2012 mill levy overrides, bond redemption mills, and all future local school election revenue will be returned to the District from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in the area referred to as the Dacono II Urban Renewal Plan. Jim Berthold seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that District staff worked with AJ Euckert, City Manager of the Town of Dacono and their legal counsel, Carolynne White, to develop the IGA to ensure that the District voters' expectations are met with regard to bond and mill levy override ballot approvals. The District has several Urban Renewal Authority IGA's with other cities within the District boundaries, and this IGA includes the same provisions as the others. Attached are the EDAD Dacono II Urban Renewal Plan, the Tax Impact Study, and the respective IGA for review. Carolynne was available for questions from the Board. Dr. Haddad and Board members thanked AJ and Carolynne for their collaboration throughout the process.

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

Adoption of Resolution to Change Board Member Representation on the Economic Development Authority of Dacono (8.4)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to approve Board member Chico Garcia as the representative for the Economic Development Authority of Dacono (EDAD). Jim Berthold seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that when Chico Garcia was officially elected to Director District G for a four-year term, District administration requested his appointment as the Board member representative for EDAD.

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

Adoption of Resolution to Change Board Member Representation on the Firestone Urban Renewal Authority (8.5)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to approve the change in Board member representation for the Firestone Urban Renewal Authority (FURA) to Chico Garcia, Director District G. Chico Garcia seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that, currently, John Ahrens serves as the Board Member Representative for the FURA. John served FURA in lieu of Chico being newly appointed to the Board in January 2019. Now that Chico has been officially elected to Director

District G for a four-year term, District administration requested his appointment as the Board member representative for FURA.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board Reports (9.1)

John Ahrens (absent-Joie Siegrist relayed his Report) –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Announced that District Unified Bowling took 2nd in State competition, and Erie High School Cheerleading took 1st in State.
- Appreciated that the District Mobile Lab visited Erie Middle School.
- John suggested creating a District Unified Robotics team.
- Congratulations to Erie High School student Cassie Mahakian for qualifying as a semifinalist for the Boettcher scholarship.

Jim Berthold –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Appreciated attending the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Convention for the first time – comradery with the rest of our Board members made him feel very welcome and being with the phenomenal St. Vrain students were the highlights.
- Looks forward to contacting the Board members he met from different school districts after the first of the year.

Chico Garcia –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Appreciated attending the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Convention for the first time – inspired by being surrounded by other Board members from across the state. He particularly enjoyed the time with the students – thank you to all staff members that accompanied the students. Dr. Haddad and other District speakers represented our District so well.
- Congratulations to the Frederick High School football team – best season in the history of the school to make it to the State semifinals and is very proud of them.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB Convention – tremendous job by Dr. Haddad in his inspiring keynote speech “Inspiring the LEAD Back into LEADership.” Dr. Haddad’s message resonated with large and small districts, and gave an example of an experience at the Convention that demonstrated the impact Dr. Haddad’s message had on a small Colorado school district.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended CASB Convention – had a noticeably different tone this year and appreciated the long-term discussions. Very proud of all St. Vrain speakers, and how collaborative our District was with all other districts.
- Impressed with how much of an impact Dr. Haddad has on Colorado school districts.

Karen Ragland –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Dr. Martyr for serving on the CASB Board of Directors for another term and for contributing to the success of the Convention.
- Impressed with Niwot High School and District staff for the professional way they handled unexpected events this last few months.
- Thanked Greg Fieth and the Finance & Audit Committee for their care handling taxpayers' money through every financial situation they encounter.
- Looking forward to attending the Niwot Elementary School (NES) Holiday Luncheon – NES and Nutrition Services' staff always does such a great job.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Announced that the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (EFSVV) Board toured the Innovation Center and presented \$40,000 in teacher grants. Thanks to EFSVV for their hard work and partnership.
- Attended Northern Colorado Self-Insurance Pool Board Meeting – thanked Heather Keith for her leadership. The investment portfolio was reviewed – no concerns.

Kayla Gumeson –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked all staff that has a part in assuring student and staff safety – feels most students have a positive relationship with Campus Supervisors and SROs and students feel safe at Longmont High School.
- Liked the idea of the District creating a Unified Robotics team.
- Thanked the Board for all that they do for students and for playing Kahoot with them this evening.

Board Committees (9.2)

Every two years, Board members discuss the needs of civic/municipal committees and choose assignments for each member to participate on those various committees. Board members discussed which committees they would like to serve on and decided to keep the same committee assignments. Jim Berthold will take the assignments that Robert Smith participated in and Chico Garcia will take the assignments that concern the Frederick, Firestone, and Dacono area.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m., and Jim Berthold seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ragland, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on January 8, 2020.