

**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 January 8, 2020 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:

Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8
Shannon Brennan, Eagle Crest 3rd Grade Teacher
Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Joe Brown, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Niwot High School
Matt Buchler, Principal of Erie High School
Justin Carpenter, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Erie High School
Kelly Christiansen, Niwot High School Cross Country Coach
Deniece Cook, Principal of Olde Columbine High School/Career Development Center
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Colleen Ford, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Lyons Middle/Senior High
Sheila Freehill, Eagle Crest ESL Teacher
James Garcia, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Aimee Keronen, Niwot High School Boys' Tennis Coach
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support
Chase McBride, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities, Fine Arts, PE & Health
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
ToniJo Niccoli, Assistant Principal of Olde Columbine High School/CDC
Amy Peebles, Assistant Principal of Erie High School
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School
Dr. Ann Reed, Executive Director of Assessment
Mark Roberts, Lyons Middle/Senior High School Track Coach
Dr. Andrea Smith, Principal of Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Keith Wilcox, Niwot High School Boys' Tennis Coach

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Board members welcomed St. Vrain Online Global Academy student Elora Youngs who attended the Board Meeting as the student representative for the High School Student Advisory Council. Board members thanked her for her important role in the Council. Elora shared her postsecondary plans.

Josh Atherton, Executive Director for the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley (EFSVV), introduced Eagle Crest teachers Shannon Brennan and Sheila Freehill. They were the Eleanor Venture Travel Grant recipients who spent two weeks last summer in Monteverde, Costa Rica, on the Nicoya Peninsula. The teachers each shared a PowerPoint presentation of their experiences and thanked the Board, Dr. Haddad, and the EFSVV for the teaching opportunity abroad.

Dr. Damon Brown introduced Richard Peebles who is the new Executive Director of Security & Safe School Environment. Richard thanked the Board members and Dr. Haddad for the opportunity to serve the District. He introduced his wife Kim, the Assistant Principal at Erie High School, and his daughter Megan.

Josh Atherton, Executive Director, Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley – present to introduce Eleanor Venture Travel Grant Recipients.
Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Education Association – did not address the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Met with District Technology Services administration and representatives from IBM to develop new Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security Programs for high school students.
- Planning new community meetings with follow-up information from the Fall 2019 community meetings with the topic of “what is the purpose of public education.”
- Announced a visit by a representative from the U.S. Department of Education on Thursday, January 16, 2020, to the Career Development Center and the Innovation Center. Any Board members that would like to attend should talk to Dr. Kapushion.
- Excited about increased enrollment in Project Launch this summer.
- The District will be adding Algebra to 8th and 9th grade curriculum to help with the transition from middle to high school. Thanked Dr. Kapushion and her team for putting together new standards for those new classes.
- Announced the Grand Re-Opening of Niwot High School on Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm – appreciates Eric Rauschkolb’s leadership and thanked Kerri McDermid and her team for their help in decorating the renovated areas.
- New Mead Elementary School is coming along nicely – thanked Brian Lamer and his team.
- Visited Sanborn Elementary, Alpine Elementary, and Northridge Elementary – very impressed by teachers, staff, and students.
- Vex Robotics underway – 155 vex robotics programs in the District now.
- Impressed by the students of the High School Student Advisory Council – very proud of the students for their level of thoughtful insight and compassion.
- A very active legislative session has begun – will keep the Board up-to-date on bills.
- Thanked Steve Villarreal for his leadership and deep level of commitment to all students and teachers.

REPORTS (6.0)

Olde Columbine High School Student Advisory Council Report (6.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Olde Columbine High School Assistant Principal Tonijo Nicolli. Tonijo thanked Dina, the Board, and Dr. Haddad for their support of Olde Columbine students. She introduced Olde Columbine High School Student Advisory Council students Alexia Alvarado Mejia, Baylie Anderson, Fernando Zavala Aguilar, Daniela Zavala Aguilar, Elora Youngs, and Angel Ross. The students presented a PowerPoint presentation and shared the academic opportunities they were involved with at Olde Columbine High and of their future plans. Board members commended the students for their presentation, and thanked the administration for their work with these students.

Fall Activities Report (6.2)

Chase McBride provided the Board of Education with an update of the 2019/2020 Fall Athletics/Activities – 12 state championships with 9 of those all in one day, and four other teams in the Final Four or better. He thanked the Board and Dr. Haddad for their support, and Brian Lamer and his team for taking such good care of the fields. Chase introduced Lyons Middle/Senior High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Colleen Ford and Lyons' Track Coach Mark Roberts. Mark introduced the Lyons M/S High Boys' and Girls' State Cross Country champions. Chase introduced Niwot High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Joe Brown. Joe introduced the Niwot High School State Gymnastics champion Mia Curry, Coach Aimee Keronen with the State Boys' Tennis champion Neil Wilcox; and Coach Kelly Christiansen with State Girls' Cross Country champion Samree Dishon. State Boys' Cross Country champion Cruz Culpepper was ill and couldn't attend the Board Meeting. Chase introduced Erie High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Justin Carpenter, and Justin introduced the Erie High School Cheer Team and Girls' Softball coaches. Those coaches introduced the State Cheer Team champions and the Erie High State Girls' Softball champions.

2nd Quarter Gifts to Schools (6.3)

Greg Fieth provided Board members with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year totaling \$222,409.60. The total of all the gifts given to the District for the 2019-2020 school year is \$375,061.47. For the 2018-2019 school year, second quarter gifts totaled \$425,861.12.

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.

Board members, Dr. Haddad, and Greg Fieth discussed donation equity among the schools.

School Board Recognition (6.4)

Dr. Haddad thanked Board members for all that they do for the students of the District. He read the Colorado Governor's and the National School Board resolutions proclaiming January 2020 as Board of Education Recognition Month.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.7. Jim Berthold seconded.

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

4. Approval: Approval of Designated Posting Locations for Notice of 2020 St. Vrain Valley Board of Education Meetings
5. Approval: Approval to Grant Exception to Board Policy KF – Community Use of Facilities – Central Elementary
6. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy-Samantha Benner
7. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of District-Wide Security & Safe School Environment

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)

Adoption of School Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plan (8.1)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education adopt the School Priority Improvement UIPs for Timberline PK-8 and Rocky Mountain Elementary School. Chico Garcia seconded.

Dr. Ann Reed reported that, per the Education Accountability Act of 2009, the Board must adopt UIPs for any schools identified for a Priority Improvement or Turnaround UIP. Both Timberline PK-8 and Rocky Mountain Elementary School are adopting a Priority Improvement UIP this year. The deadline for adoption is January 15, 2020. Board President Siegrist reminded everyone that this was the sole topic of conversation for the December Study Session. She also reminded everyone that, even though each Board member is elected to their specific Director District, all of the schools are of equal importance to each Board member.

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].

Adoption of Resolution to Change Board Representation on the Frederick Urban Renewal Authority (8.2)

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

Greg Fieth reported that John Ahrens currently 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 is requesting a change in Board member representation.

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)

None

Board President Joie Siegrist reminded everyone of the January 15, 2020 Study Session and that photos will be taken of the Board before the January 22, 2020 Regular Meeting. She felt it was important to recognize the benefits of each student having a great coach/mentor in their lives. She noted that participating in athletics and music is so important for each student and their school building's culture.

St. Vrain Online Global Academy Student Advisory Council student Elora Youngs:

- Really enjoyed seeing all the athletes and feeling their school/team spirit.
- Announced that registration for St. Vrain Online Global Academy (SVOGA) is January 16, 2020, and thanked the Board and Dr. Haddad for creating SVOGA.
- She and her SVOGA classmates have enjoyed helping the Olde Columbine High School (OCHS) students with their studies, and expressed pride in each OCHS students' accomplishments.
- Thanked the Board and Dr. Haddad for their time and was very proud to be part of the Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., and Chico Garcia 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, Treasurer & 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 February 12, 2020.