

**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 22, 2020 at the Innovation Center, 33 Quail Road, Longmont, Colorado. There was a suspected gas leak and the Board Meeting had to be moved from the Educational Services Center to the Innovation Center. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Joie Siegrist at 6:00 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:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Eric Berngen, Innovation Center (IC) Coordinator of Innovative Programs & Workforce Readiness
Kristen Brohm, IC STEM/Makerspace Coordinator
Dr. Damon Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Matt Buchler, Principal of Erie High School
Tom Darcy, IC Director of Innovation & Advanced Technologies
DeAnn Dykes, Assistant Principal of Black Rock Elementary School
Lauren Eker, Principal of Erie Elementary School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Michelle Kennedy, IC BioScience Teacher
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support

Jake Marshall, IC Aeronautics Coordinator
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Cathy O'Donnell, Principal of Black Rock Elementary School
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety & Secure Environment
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation
Axel Reitzig, IC Coordinator of Innovation
Kim Watry, Principal of Erie Middle School
Cyrus Weinberger, Principal of Soaring Heights PK-8

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Paula Peairs moved to approve that Discussion Item 8.1 Colorado Business Group on Health Letter of Intent be amended to Action Item 7.4 Approval of Letter of Intent with Colorado Business Group on Health. Karen Ragland 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].

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Twin Peaks Charter Academy (TPCA) Director Joe Mehsling and TPCA Board member Michelle Kieser submitted a letter to our Board, from their Board, confirming a conversation they had with Dr. Haddad and Dr. Martyr during a meeting in early January.

Board President Joie Siegrist welcomed Erie High School Student Advisory Council member Cassie Mahakian who attended the Board meeting representing the High School Student Advisory Council. Cassie shared the programs she is involved with at Erie High School. She was encouraged to ask questions and participate in the meeting.

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced the members of the High School Student Advisory Council that were part of the St. Vrain Valley's Student Strand that presented at the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Annual Convention in December. Those students are Jacey Fischer, Sara Davis, Elora Youngs, Olivia Cope, and Wyatt Schroth. Keegan Caldwell was unable to attend the Board Meeting. The students shared their memorable experiences from the Convention. Sarah Davis applied for and was hired for an internship with author Roselind Wiseman's company, and Olivia Cope hopes to receive an intern position this summer with Andrew Romanoff's U.S. Senator campaign. The students introduced their family in attendance. Dr. Haddad received a verbal report from the students on the status of the survey that was sent to all high schools on start times. Board

members thanked them for their excellent representation of St. Vrain Valley Schools at the CASB Convention and were impressed with their communications skills.

REPORTS (5.0)

Erie High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (5.1)

Bryan Krause introduced Principal Matt Buchler. Matt shared the theme students would report on as to how the strategic priorities are manifested in the Erie feeder system using the co-curricular options available. Matt then introduced Erie High School Advisory students Ryan Erekson, Creag Cadwell, Caleb Glaze, Raegyn Patzer, Cassie Mahakian, and Rylee MacLennan. Each student described some of those special co-curricular activities. The students each shared their plans for the future and introduced their parents. Other administrators who were present from the Erie High School feeder system were Erie Elementary School Principal Lauren Eker; Black Rock Elementary School Principal Cathy O'Donnell and Assistant Principal DeAnn Dykes; Erie Middle School Principal Kim Watry; and Soaring Heights PK-8 Principal Cyrus Weinberger. In John Ahrens' absence, Board President Joie Siegrist relayed his praise of the Erie feeder administrators and its students. Board members commended the students for their presentation that focused on the strategic priorities of the District and recognized the building leaders for their attendance.

Innovation Center Update (5.2)

Patty Quinones and her staff shared the Innovation Center (IC) Vision Statement and the current status and progress of all IC programs within the past year. A PowerPoint presentation and packet of information was also shared with the Board members. The staff pinpointed four main ways that they define the Innovation Center that serve all students of the District: 1) advanced class offerings; 2) after school project teams; 3) working together with industry and higher education partners to cultivate more external partners; and, 4) exploring ways that innovation impacts the District. IC staff praised the fundraising efforts of Hilary Sontag and partnership efforts of Matt Wiggins. They highlighted how much of their funding comes from foundations and recognized those foundations and all corporate partnerships in their presentation. They encouraged all attendees to visit and tour their facility and programs. Board members and Dr. Haddad commended Patty and her staff on their incredible work. They were very impressed with the amazing things that are being offered and how they are infusing innovation into all District schools. Board members reflected on how the IC went from the planning stage to reality and was an excellent example of the promise and commitment to our community.

District Financial Statements-2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2020 (5.3)

Greg Fieth reported on the second quarter financials, and highlighted the status and trends that were most relevant. There were no concerns with the approved spending plan at this time, and Greg reminded everyone that financials are available on the District website.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 6.1. Jim Berthold seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Construction Easement for Spring Gulch at Trail Ridge Middle School

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 (7.0)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Student Voter Registration Awareness Week as February 3-7, 2020 (7.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to proclaim Student Voter Registration Awareness Week as February 3-7, 2020. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that recent changes in election law allows 17-year-olds (who will be 18 by the General Election) to vote in primary elections. Therefore, the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's Office has asked our Board of Education to adopt a resolution to proclaim Student Voter Registration Awareness Week as February 3-7, 2020. Dr. Richard Martyr read the resolution.

Molly Fitzpatrick, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, attended the January 15, 2020 Board Study Session and presented election information to our Board of Education. Her presentation covered the basic information regarding the upcoming three elections – (new) Presidential Primary, June Primary, and fall General Election.

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].

Approval of Selection & Contract Award for Educational Furniture Supplier-Bond Projects (7.2)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract amount of \$198,500 to Hertz Furniture Systems (HFS). The Purchasing Department staff will move forward and develop a furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) agreement to finalize the purchase of innovative educational furniture for the Longmont High School student commons area renovation bond construction project. Chico Garcia seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Purchasing Department issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2018-019 on October 5, 2017 to establish a pre-qualified list of skilled, professional, and dedicated educational furniture suppliers to provide FF&E. Hertz Furniture Systems (HFS) qualified as a vendor that can meet the majority of furniture requirements for the District's bond construction projects. HFS is an approved vendor providing purchased goods over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2020.

The District decided to invite HFS to negotiate a contract to provide, deliver, and install the required furnishings in a cost-effective, competitive, and timely manner. HFS is recommended for this project based on their experience, proposed team, having resources available internally to provide the required products/solutions, delivery and installation within mandated time frames, lifetime manufacturers' warranty provisions, and the most advantageous pricing proposal.

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 Superintendent's Amended Budget, All Funds, for the Fiscal Year 2020 (7.3)

Karen Ragland moved to adopt the Superintendent's Amended Budget, All Funds, for the Fiscal Year 2020. Paula Pears seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to review and change the budget with respect to both revenues and expenditures, at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted.

The FY 2020 Superintendent's Proposed Budget was introduced at the May 22, 2019 Board Meeting, including questions and discussion. On June 12, 2019, the Proposed Budget was available to the public for questions. On June 26, 2019, the Board adopted the FY 2020 Superintendent's Budget. Since that date, there have been some revisions and new information; therefore, the Amended Budget was presented for the Board's approval. Board members were reminded that the Amended Budget was discussed extensively at the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting and the January 15, 2020 Study Session.

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 Letter of Intent with the Colorado Business Group on Health (7.4)

Jim Berthold moved to approve and sign the Letter of Intent (LOI) with Colorado Business Group on Health. Karen Ragland seconded.

Board members had the opportunity to discuss the LOI that was presented by Robert J. Smith of Colorado Business Group on Health at the January 15, 2020 Board Study Session. Board members reiterated that this LOI and accompanying explanation states that this is a non-binding document, that it will include the District in future steering committee meetings, and explains exactly what financial impact it has on the District. Board members were thankful that Steve Villarreal was present at the Study Session to give his perspective and support of the LOI and to acknowledge that the District is doing everything in their power to keep healthcare costs down in order to keep more money in the classrooms.

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].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (8.0)

Colorado Business Group on Health Letter of Intent (8.1)

This Agenda Item was amended to Action Item 7.4.

Board Reports (8.2)

Jim Berthold –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Continues to be involved in as much as possible and to focus on becoming an effective new Board member.
- Attended Leadership St. Vrain and felt it was one of the best of all times and well attended with very engaged parents.

Chico Garcia –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Impressed with increased graduation rates – good cause to celebrate.
- Thanked everyone involved with the visit to the Career Development Center and Innovation Center by the U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary Scott Stumpf – students were impressive and felt Mr. Stumpf would take his knowledge of our programs back to Washington and use it to set a precedence for school districts across the United States.
- Thanked everyone for being flexible tonight and for moving and setting up the Board Meeting at the Innovation Center on such short notice.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Acknowledged the visit by Colorado First Gentleman Marlon Reis to Eagle Crest Elementary and recognized Eagle Crest Principal Ryan Ball's leadership in preparing

for the visit – students were so proud to present their recycling program and Mr. Reis was engaged and appreciative of the students' work.

- Visited Silver Creek High School classrooms to learn about the new Cybersecurity Program – students are very excited to be involved.
- Recognized Erick Finnestead and his staff for hosting the Martin Luther King celebration.
- Announced the 10th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration will be held on February 8, 2020, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Silver Creek High School.
- As a member of the Executive Committee of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), reported that CASB continues to strengthen with the transition of the new Executive Director Cheri Wrench and the focus on improvements to the organization.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked Don and the Career Development Center Culinary Arts staff and students for a wonderful Board Appreciation Dinner – students did a wonderful job and the meal was delicious.
- Thanked staff at the Career Development Center and the Innovation Center for their part in the visit from the U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary Scott Stumpf – fantastic visit and felt the Assistant Secretary was thoroughly engaged in what the students had shown him.
- Thank you to all the staff who hit the ground running in January after the Winter Break.

Karen Ragland –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked everyone who made it possible to renovate Niwot High School – the Grand Re-Opening and the building was amazing – wonderful to see all the student alumni attend.
- Apologized for missing the Board Appreciation Dinner at the Career Development Center – a business trip prevented her from attending but she always enjoys the Dinner and listening to the Culinary Arts students talk about their future plans.
- Thanked the staff at Silver Creek High School for hosting the Martin Luther King celebration – it was fabulous and meaningful. Encouraged anyone that has information/events that the City of Longmont Multicultural Action Committee could partner with the District on to contact her as she is one of their Board members.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked her fellow Board members for their leadership in honor of January being designated as School Board Appreciation Month.
- Recognized the Career Development Culinary Arts staff and students for the wonderful Board Appreciation Dinner – always great to hear the students plans for their future.

- Supplied Board members with the book *“Reframing Organizations: Artistry, Choice, and Leadership”* by Bolman and Deal that will be discussed at the February 19, 2020 Study Session.
- Encouraged everyone to attend any of the Athletic and Fine Arts events that continue to happen all over the District.

Dr. Haddad thanked everyone that initiated the solar lights in the renovation at Niwot High School – thanked Brian Lamer and his team for making it happen.

Cassie Mahakian, Board Liaison for the Erie High School Student Advisory Council

- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Board Meeting to see how decisions are made, and for everything they do for students to have a great educational experience like she has had.

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 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 Pears, 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.