

**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 February 26, 2020 at the Educational Services Center, 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:

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
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Bill Anthony, Welding Teacher for the Career Development Center
Anthony Barela, Principal of Sunset Middle School
Michelle Bourgeois, Chief Information Officer
Ty Branch, Supervisor of Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing
Kahle Charles, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction
Deniece Cook, Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Patrick Fitzgibbons, District Electrician
Mary Ellen Graziani, Assistant Principal of Sunset Middle School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Karen Hoppis, Niwot High Learning Technology Coach
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Jason Kelsall, Niwot High Instructional Technology Coordinator
Gina Lacy, Manager of IT
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Schools and Academic Support

Jamie Lockwood, MTSS Coordinator for Indian Peaks Elementary School
Greg Martien, Network Engineer
Kerri McDermid, Chief Communications and Global Impact Officer
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent
Patrick Mount, Chief Technology Officer
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety & Secure Environment
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dale Peterson, Niwot Elementary School Teacher
Zach Pinkerton, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School
Nancy Pitz, Principal of Niwot Elementary School
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal of Niwot High School
Erin Roe, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School
Darrin Tams, Server Administrator
Elzbieta Towlen, IB Coordinator for Niwot High School
Kathi Jo Walder, Principal of Indian Peaks Elementary School
Buck Webber, Assistant Principal of Career Development Center/Olde Columbine High
Kylea Winka, Dean of Students for Niwot Elementary School

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist welcomed Niwot High School Student Advisory Council member Rayan Elahi who participated in the Board meeting representing the High School Student Advisory Council. Rayan shared the academic and athletic programs he is involved with at Niwot High School. He was encouraged to ask questions and participate in the meeting.

Mark Mills introduced Niwot Elementary School Principal Nancy Pitz and described the global sister city school project that Nancy and the Niwot feeder were involved in. Nancy introduced the members of the Mwebaza Foundation, District administration, and the students involved with the Mwebaza Foundation's "Project Uganda: Cougars and CDC Creating Classrooms" presentation: Devaki Douillard, Mwebaza Foundation; Dale Peterson, Niwot Elementary teacher; Tyler Graham, and Sean Pryor, Niwot High School students; and Austin Long, Longmont High School and Career Development Center student. They shared a video of their recent work that 1,300 staff, students, and community members were involved in for their sister city in Uganda to build container classrooms. Dale Peterson and staff have been helping the community in Uganda, Africa for 13 years. Dale thanked Brian Lamer and Brian Zwisler and the leadership of the entire Niwot feeder and staff and students at the Career Development Center who helped with

their resources and donations to this global endeavor. For more information or for donations to help with their mission, please visit www.mwebaza.org. Board members expressed their appreciation for their presentation and their work with the people of Uganda that brought together two countries and the entire Niwot feeder system.

Dr. Haddad introduced Operations & Maintenance staff members Ty Branch and Patrick Fitzgibbons. Michelle Bourgeois introduced Greg Martien, Darrin Tams, and Gina Lacy. Dr. Haddad honored them with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award for the work they did when the power went out at the District Technology Services office and they worked through the night to get power and the District's internet systems back up and running. Board members thanked them for their dedication.

Brian Harper, Board Treasurer for St. Vrain Community Montessori School (SVCMS) – present to answer any questions for Action Item 7.1 Memorandum of Understanding Between St. Vrain Valley Schools and SVCMS.

Jennifer Kemp, Board President for SVCMS – present to answer any questions for Action Item 7.1 Memorandum of Understanding Between St. Vrain Valley Schools and SVCMS.

Katie Torres, Head Master, SVCMS – present to answer any questions for Action Item 7.1 Memorandum of Understanding Between St. Vrain Valley Schools and SVCMS.

Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Education Association – did not address the Board.

REPORTS (5.0)

Niwot High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (5.1)

Mark Mills expressed his appreciation for the inspirational Niwot feeder leadership. He introduced Niwot High School Principal Eric Rauschkolb who then recognized all the Niwot feeder system staff that was in attendance to support their students. He expressed his appreciation for Niwot Elementary School teacher Dale Peterson, the District electricians, and Rayan Elahi for his service on the Niwot High Student Advisory Council. Niwot feeder students Isaac Gruber, Burlington Elementary School; Taryn McDermid, Sunset Middle School; Zach Rojo, Sunset Middle School; Natalia Storz, Niwot High; Joaquin Arrendondo Rodriguez, Indian Peaks Elementary School; Nicholas Valin, Niwot High School; and Graydon Whiteford, Niwot Elementary School described the four core areas of importance to the Niwot feeder: global leadership, extracurricular opportunities, advanced coursework, and Niwot feeder system building improvements. The students were proud to report what made their schools special and expressed their appreciation for all the renovations to the Niwot feeder schools. The Niwot High seniors shared the academic and extracurricular opportunities they were involved with at Niwot, their future plans, and introduced their parents. Staff present from the Niwot feeder included Indian Peaks Elementary School Principal Kathi Jo Walder; Sunset Middle School Principal Anthony Barela; Niwot Elementary School Principal Nancy Pitz; Niwot High Instructional Technology Coordinator Jason Kelsall; Sunset Middle Assistant Principal Mary Ellen Graziani; Niwot High Learning Technology Coach Karen Hoppis; Indian Peaks Elementary MTSS Coordinator Jamie Lockwood; Niwot High Assistant Principal Erin Roe; Niwot High Assistant Principal Zach Pinkerton; Dean of Students for Niwot Elementary

School Kylea Winka; and Niwot High IB Coordinator Elzbieta Towlen. Dr. Haddad expressed his pride in the students for their presentation and announced that Phase 2 construction projects will be coming to Niwot soon. Board members commended the students on their presentation.

District Financial Statements-January Fiscal Year 2020 (5.2)

Greg Fieth reported on the January financials, and highlighted the status and trends that were most relevant. Year-to-year comparisons were very similar, and Greg reminded everyone that financials are available on the District website.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Paula Peairs moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.8. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

1. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policies IHBIB – Primary/Preprimary Education; JLCE – First Aid and Emergency Medical Care; JLDAC– Screening/Testing of Students (And Treatment of Mental Disorders)
2. Approval: Approval of Superintendent’s Contract
3. Approval: Approval of Cancellation of All District After-School Activities on February 7, 2020
4. Approval: Approval of Purchase of iPad Cases
5. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant an Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest-Carrie Mitchell
6. Approval: Approval of Purchase and Trade-In of Network Switch, Access Point and License Products
7. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Robotic Floor Cleaners
8. Approval: Approval of Selection & Contract Award-Mead Elementary Classroom Furniture-Bond Project

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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the St. Vrain Valley School District and the St. Vrain Community Montessori School (7.1)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between St. Vrain Community Montessori School and SVVSD, and authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign the appropriate documents. Chico Garcia seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the St. Vrain Community Montessori School desires to develop the property owned by St. Vrain Valley Schools for their new school site. The Board discussed this item at their Regular Meeting of February 12, 2020. The District will designate up to \$1,000,000 of District funds toward the project. The Memorandum of Understanding outlines each party's obligation, expectations and authority for the process of development.

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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of Vendor Providing Purchased Goods Over \$100,000 (7.2)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve vendor Wilson Language Training to provide purchased goods over \$100,000 during fiscal year 2020. Jim Berthold seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that this updated information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's Board policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to who the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ/DJA – Purchasing/Purchasing Authorization. This is specifically to address vendors who provide goods/services that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY20 newly awarded contracts.

Wilson Language Training provides the "Foundations" curriculum. Foundations is a research-based program used to provide multisensory, systematic and explicit instruction in reading foundations. Foundations' lessons focus on carefully sequenced skills that include print knowledge, alphabet awareness, phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, decoding, vocabulary, fluency, and spelling. These supplementary materials will be used in District preschool and kindergarten classrooms to advance foundational reading skills.

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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (8.0)

Board Reports (8.1)

Jim Berthold –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Enjoyed the Chinese New Year celebration at Silver Creek High School – great event that was highly supported by the community.

- Appreciated the interactive Leadership St. Vrain meeting at Longmont High School focusing on Student Services and Special Education – parents appreciated the information from staff.

Chico Garcia –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Expressed his appreciation for the work of the staff members that received the Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award this evening – we have so many awesome staff members that go above and beyond their everyday work.
- Attended the State Wrestling Tournament – so proud of all St. Vrain contestants.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the Colorado Association of School Boards January Retreat where he was elected to the Executive Committee for his second term and appointed to the Finance Committee – updated the Board on current issues facing Colorado school districts.
- Thanked Patty Quinones and the Innovation Center staff for hosting a full-day presentation to leadership and students from the Vilas and Westminster Public School Districts – showcased virtual reality, robotics, and computer programs.
- Enjoyed the Chinese New Year celebration at Silver Creek High School – 1,100 community members took part in this intercultural experience.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the Unified Basketball Tournament at Frederick High – encouraged everyone to attend next year.
- Read to students at Timberline PK-8 – delightful reminder of the reason why she wanted to become a Board member.
- Visited the new Mead Elementary School – thanks to everyone involved in creating that magnificent new building.
- On behalf of Karen Ragland, thanked Dr. Ann Reed for meeting with the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting – very insightful discussion about the volume of work it takes and the process of assessment goal-setting.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Echoed Karen Ragland and Paula Peairs' comments about the Finance & Audit Committee – thanks to the valuable community members serving on the Committee that strive to learn about the District and its impactful work.
- Enjoyed the All State Choir performance – encouraged everyone to attend next year.
- Enjoyed reading to students at Timberline PK-8.
- Attended State Wrestling Tournament and Unified Basketball Tournament.
- Expressed her appreciation for all staff and community support that allows the District to be in a strong financial position that make it possible for our students to participate in so many opportunities.

Rayan Elahi, Board Liaison for the Niwot High School Student Advisory Council

- Appreciated hearing about all the new opportunities there were for the next generation of Niwot feeder students since he started school.
- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Board Meeting to see how decisions are made, and acknowledged all the staff that works behind the scenes for the benefit of the students.
- Very proud to be a student of the St. Vrain Valley School District.

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist reminded everyone about the first Superintendent Community Meeting at Frederick High School on March 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., the next Regular Board Meeting being held at the Educational Services Center Board Room on March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., and the next Board Study Session to be held at Coal Ridge Middle School on March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Chico Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Peairs, Vice President of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on March 11, 2020.