

**MINUTES
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met on June 23, 2021 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 4:00 p.m.

Joie Siegrist moved to go into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an individual student matter pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(h). Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

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

The following were present in this Executive Session: John Ahrens, Jim Berthold, Chico Garcia, Dr. Richard Martyr, Karen Ragland, Joie Siegrist, Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent; Rachael Ayers, Principal of Mead High School; Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent; Dick Lyons and Catherine Tallerico, attorneys for the District; and Dan Brewington.

Joie Siegrist moved to convene an Executive Session at 4:41 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with the attorney for the District pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b), and Karen Ragland seconded.

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

The following were present in this Executive Session: John Ahrens, Jim Berthold, Chico Garcia, Dr. Richard Martyr, Karen Ragland, Joie Siegrist and Dick Lyons, attorney for the District.

The Board convened to the Regular Meeting by unanimous acclamation at 5:15 p.m.: [John Ahrens, yes; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, absent; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

A financial work session was held at 5:30 p.m. The Regular Meeting resumed at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D (left the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m.)
Jim Berthold, Member, Director District C
Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Paula Peairs, Vice President, Director District F

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rachael Ayers, Principal of Mead High School
Michelle Bourgeois, Chief Information Officer
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Russell Fox, Assistant Principal of Frederick High School
Todd Fukai, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs & Academic Support
Karen Norris, Assistant Principal of Skyline High School
Brandon Shaffer, Executive Director of Legal/Governmental Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH
Greg Stephens, Assistant Principal of Silver Creek High School
Kim Watry, Principal of Erie Middle School
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget & Finance
Dr. Brian Young, Principal of Frederick High School
Bryan Zwisler, Construction Manager

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Action Item 8.9 Board Action Resulting from Executive Session was moved to the first position in Action Items.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Public speakers encouraged District leaders to oppose the teaching of critical race theory: Sheryl and Jen Pekarek, Raul Fernandez, Susan Bergstrom, Shannon Docheff, Matt Menza, Jerry and Natalie Abshire. Public speaker Sandra Moore opposed the COVID vaccination and mask wearing for students.

VISITORS (4.0)

Dr. Haddad presented Superintendent Excellence in Education awards to Up-A-Creek Robotics staff and mentors Terry Olkin, Left Hand Robotics Co-founder and CEO; Cathy Olkin, Teresa Ewing, John Rigsby, Bruce Hoiem, and Jamie Rumsey. St. Vrain students Sam Fallon, Longmont High School; Nichelle Gilbert, Flagstaff Academy; Walker Brandon, Silver Creek High School; Olga Rokhlenko and Caitlyn Fong, Niwot High School were present to share their accomplishments and provide information about their robotics teams.

Dr. Haddad presented Superintendent Excellence in Education awards to P-TECH Industry Partners Ray Johnson and Tracy Knick, IBM, for FalconTech; Dr. Sylvia Robinson, Tolmar, for WarriorTech; Tom Brinegar, PEAK Resources; Greg Bruggerman, Kyle Vaughan, Bill Clay, and Kathleen Crockett, Cisco; Nick Nielson, Comcast; Dmitry Blatchley, Seagate, for RaptorTech. Brandon Shaffer, Greg Stephens, Dr. Russell Fox, and Karen Norris honored these partners for their work with the P-TECH students.

Todd Fukai introduced Dr. Brian Young as the new Principal for Mead High School. Brian felt very fortunate to continue his career at Mead High School, and was very proud of his work as Principal of Frederick High School during the last five years. He is confident in the new leadership at Frederick High School and will continue the great work being done there. He appreciated the warm welcome he has received from the Mead High School community. Board members welcomed him and congratulated him on his new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Dr. Russell Fox as the new Principal for Frederick High School. He thanked Dr. Haddad, Dr. Kapushion, and Dr. Brian Young for their encouragement and support, and was very proud to follow in Dr. Young's footsteps. Russell introduced his wife who is a teacher in the District. Board members welcomed him and congratulated him on his new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Jennifer Santos as the new Assistant Principal for Frederick High School. Jennifer felt very fortunate to continue her career in St. Vrain, and the opportunity she has had to work with Dr. Young. She appreciated his guidance in learning how to be a great leader and is excited to join the leadership team at Frederick High. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on her new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Taryl Smith as the new Assistant Principal for Erie Middle School. Taryl thanked Dr. Haddad, Dr. Kapushion and the Board for the opportunity to work with the Erie community and to support Principal Kim Watry. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on her new position.

Dick Lyons and Catherine Tallerico, Lyons Gaddis Attorneys & Counselors – present to represent the District during Executive Sessions.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Congratulated both Niwot High School Alumni Elise Cranny (5,000m Track and Field) and Silver Creek High School Alumni Valerie Allman (Discus) for qualifying for 2021 U.S. Olympics in Tokyo.

REPORTS (6.0)

District Financial Statements – May 2021 (6.1)

Greg Fieth reported that Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 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 remainder of the year.

At the work session prior to this Board meeting, Greg reviewed the Balance Sheet, the Actual-to-Actuals, Expenses, Bond Redemption Fund, a comparison of this year to last year of the Community Schools and Nutrition Services funds. He reported no concerns.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.14. Karen Ragland seconded.

1. Approval: Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for Frederick High School Education Foundation
2. Approval: Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for Longmont High School Education Foundation
3. Approval: Approval of Waiver from Liability Insurance Requirement for Skyline High School Education Foundation
4. Approval: Approval to Accept Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Federal Grant Funds for FY 21/22
5. Approval: Approval of Superintendent Contract
6. Approval: Adoption of Resolution to Appropriate Funds for Superintendent Contract
7. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Frederick High School
8. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Mead High School
9. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Erie High School
10. Approval: Approval for Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Frederick High School

11. Approval: Approval of Change Order 3 to Lyons M/S High School Auditorium Addition and Renovation Project
12. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 to the General Construction Contract for the Chiller Replacement Project at Northridge Elementary School
13. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 to the General Construction Contract for the Chiller Replacement Project at Longmont Estates Elementary School
14. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection for the Global Acceleration Campus Branding Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Superintendent's Budget, All Funds, for FY 2022 (8.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent's Budget – All Funds, for Fiscal Year 2022, by the Appropriation Resolution presented. Jim Berthold seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget was introduced to the Board of Education on May 26, 2021. On June 9th, he presented a brief overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, answered questions from Board members, and then the Board conducted a Public Hearing. He detailed three primary changes from the budget presented on June 9, 2021, and shared the 5.78 % average salary increases this year for the teachers, and staff. There were no comments from the public. This timing complies with all the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Services Over \$100,000 for FY 2022 (8.2)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the presented list of vendors who are anticipated to provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2022. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that this information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ/DJA – Purchasing/Purchasing Authority. This is specifically to address vendors who provide services that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY21 newly awarded contracts.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Goods Over \$100,000 for FY 2022 (8.3)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education approve the following updated list of vendors who are anticipated to provide purchased goods over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2022. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that this information is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ/DJA – Purchasing/Purchasing Authority. This is specifically to address vendors who provide goods that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY21 newly awarded contracts.

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

Approval of List of Requests to Grant Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/ Conflict of Interest for FY 2022 (8.4)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest for the list of presented individuals for the 2021-2022 school year. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest states, "No school district employee or firm owned by a school district employee shall be allowed to sell to the district or its schools or staff goods or services of any kind without express prior written consent of the Board of Education."

The administration recommends approval of these exceptions, which are not expected to be over \$5,000. If so, they will be brought back to the Board of Education for additional approval.

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

Approval of Request to Grant an Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/ Conflict of Interest - Barry Young (8.5)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Board Policy GBEA — Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest. This exception would enable Barry Young to provide sound technician services to individuals within the District. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that Board Policy GBEA — Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest, states, "No school district employee or firm owned by a school district employee shall be allowed to sell to the school district or its schools or staff goods or services of any kind without the express prior written consent of the Board of Education."

Barry Young is the husband of Mendi Young, a teacher at Indian Peaks Elementary School. Barry Young is a sound technician and will be providing services including but not limited to filming, editing, and producing performances at various locations throughout the District. Because Barry Young is the husband of a District employee, he is requesting a waiver from Board Policy GBEA, so that he can provide his services to the St. Vrain Valley School District.

The administration recommends approval of this exception, with services for the 2020-2021 school year not to exceed \$5,000. If his services should exceed \$5,000, his exception will be brought back to the Board of Education for additional approval.

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

Adoption of Resolution and Oath for the Appointment of Designated Election Official (8.6)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution appointing Greg Fieth as designated election official for the coordinated election to be held November 2, 2021, and further authorize Greg Fieth, on behalf of the Board, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Boulder, Larimer, Weld, and the City and County of Broomfield for assistance in conducting the election. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Uniform Election Code requires that the Designated Election Official be formally appointed by the Board of Education when a "coordinated election" is facilitated between the responsible parties for the election. He noted that he will also sign an "Oath of Designated Election Official" form swearing to perform the duties of Designated Election Official according to law.

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

Approval of the Official Notice of Intent for SVVSD to Participate in the November 2, 2021 Coordinated Election (8.7)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the Official Notice of Intent for the St. Vrain Valley School District to participate in the Coordinated Election on November 2, 2021. Jim Berthold seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District in the Counties of Boulder, Larimer and Weld, and the City and County of Broomfield, State of Colorado, shall conduct its regular biennial school election on November 2, 2021, as provided by state law and participate in the election coordinated by the County Clerk and Recorder of those counties. The St. Vrain Valley School District shall contract with the County Clerk and Recorder of those counties for the administration of the regular biennial school election and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with those counties for this purpose. Those County Clerk and Recorders shall serve as the coordinated election officials for the November 2, 2021 coordinated election.

The Board of Education designated Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to serve as the school-designated election official for the 2021 regular biennial school election. The school-designated election official performs election duties on behalf of the Board of Education, including but not limited to accepting and verifying candidate packets as well as rendering all interpretations and making all initial decisions as to controversies or other matters arising in the conduct of the regular biennial school election to the extent that each of these responsibilities is consistent with the intergovernmental agreements from each county.

A call for nominations for school directors to be elected at the regular biennial school election shall be published by the St. Vrain Valley School District between August 4, 2021 and August 27, 2021.

The Board of Education directs the school-designated election official to forward this notice of intent to participate in the November 2, 2021 to the coordinated election officials by July 23, 2021, the deadline established in state law.

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

Approval of IDEA Funding Eligibility Certification (8.8)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the IDEA Funding Eligibility Certification. Karen Ragland seconded.

Dr. Lauer reported that the complete Maintenance of Effort (MOE) monitoring requires the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to verify an Administrative Unit's (AU) eligibility to receive an IDEA Federal allocation. This is done by verifying that the AU has budgeted in the new fiscal year, at least the amount they expensed in state and local funds for special education in the most recent year for which information is available.

Since the CDE does not collect budgets from Administrative Units, the AU must submit this specific information to CDE. This form has been developed to collect and transmit the budget information necessary to comply with the eligibility portion of MOE monitoring.

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

Board Action Resulting from Executive Session (8.9)

This Action Item was voted on at the end of the Executive Sessions at 5:15 p.m. Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education affirm the Superintendent's decision for expulsion. Jim Berthold seconded.

At this June 23, 2021 Regular Meeting, an Executive Session was held at 4:00 p.m. to discuss an Expulsion Appeal Hearing. After the Board of Education convened to the regular meeting, the board voted to uphold the decision of the Superintendent for expulsion of a student.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist announced that a Special Meeting/Executive Session will be held in the ESC Board Room on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., and another Special Meeting/Executive Session will be held in the ESC Board Room on Friday, July 2, at 3:00 p.m.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 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, absent; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Kristie Jonason, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on August 11, 2021.