

**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 March 10, 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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D
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):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Traci Burtnett, Purchasing Director (Webex)
Kahle Charles, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction (Webex)
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer (Webex)
Todd Fukai, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources (Webex)
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations (Webex)
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs & Academic Support (Webex)
Chase McBride, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities, Fine Arts, PE & Health (Webex)
Kerri McDermid, Chief Communications and Global Impact Officer (Webex)
Brandon Shaffer, Executive Director of Legal/Government Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH (Webex)
Johnny Terrell, Executive Director of Student Services (Webex)

Scott Toillion, Director of Planning (Webex)

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

The public had an opportunity to leave messages on a dedicated email address that would then provide an opportunity for the first 10 people to read their comments in person at the Board Meeting. There were no public speakers at this Board Meeting.

VISITORS (4.0)

Current terms of the executive order by Colorado Governor Jared Polis mandate no large gatherings, a personal six-foot distance from other people, and anyone leaving their home must wear a mask in spaces where a six-foot distance cannot be maintained.

Dr. Haddad introduced UCHHealth Longs Peak Hospital representatives President Lonnie Cramer, Vice President of Operations Jason Amrich, Hospital Manager Rachelle Barr and Emergency Management Intern Phil Wynn. He honored them for their partnership with Superintendent's Excellence in Education awards. Dr. Haddad and Board members expressed their appreciation for their continued support of our District and especially for coordinating the majority of vaccinations for St. Vrain Valley School District's staff.

Todd Fukai introduced Sherry Carter via Webex as the next Principal of Black Rock Elementary School. Sherry was honored to join the Black Rock and St. Vrain Valley family with the long-time caring community supporting Black Rock. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on her new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Nathan Gurrini via Webex as the next Assistant Principal of Career Elevation & Technology Center (CETC) and New Meridian High School (NMHS). Nathan thanked Dr. Haddad, the Board, ToniJo Niccoli and Dina Perfetti-Deany for their warm welcome and support. He is inspired by the work already happening at the CETC and NMHS. Board members welcomed him and congratulated him on his new position.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- COVID-19 Update as of 3/9/21: Boulder County positivity rate is 2.6% which is in the blue zone. One-week cumulative incidence rate is 97.2% which is in the blue zone. Nine days of declining or stabilized hospitalizations rate is in the yellow zone. Weld County's positivity rate is 5.2% which is in the yellow zone. One-week cumulative incidence rate is 135.9% which is in the yellow zone. Nine days of declining or stabilized hospitalizations rate is in the yellow zone. The District has 34 students and 7 staff active positive cases, and there are 509 students and 32 staff members quarantined – down from more than 150 staff quarantined from last week. Dr. Haddad

continues to monitor the numbers in partnership with Boulder County Public Health and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment.

- Excited about Season B athletic state tournaments coming up for Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Boys' and Girls' Wrestling teams, and the Girls' Swim Team.
- Attended Parent Update Meeting – Johnny Terrell, Laura Hess and Chase McBride presented to the parents. Traditional Leadership St. Vrain meetings will resume in the fall. Will meet with the Teacher Advisory Committee soon, and continues to communicate with St. Vrain Education Association President Steve Villarreal daily. Thanked the teachers, staff, students, parents, and entire community who have sacrificed so much during this pandemic.
- Teacher Association representative meetings will begin after Spring Break.
- Dr. Kapushion and her team are planning senior celebrations. A letter was sent to parents of seniors with graduation information last week, and another letter will be sent to parents in the spring with plans to recognize seniors.
- Met with Colorado Business Roundtable about the significant economic impacts COVID has had on Colorado businesses and the unemployment rate.
- Visited Longmont High School and Longs Peak Middle School and continues to visit various schools on a regular basis.

REPORTS (6.0)

2021 Purchasing Department Update (6.1)

Traci Burtnett updated the Board of Education regarding the activities of the Purchasing Department. The Purchasing Department strives to provide services that promote effectiveness and transparency in public procurement. The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) designates March of each year as National Purchasing Month. This is an opportunity for public purchasing professionals to inform government officials and the public of the value of prudent purchasing practices. The Colorado designation of Government Purchasing Month promotes public awareness of the vital role the St. Vrain Valley Schools Purchasing Department plays in providing goods and services of the highest value in terms of quality and price for all business concerns.

The Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA), an accredited chapter of NIGP, recognized the Purchasing Department of St. Vrain Valley Schools with multiple awards during its Winter virtual conference held in December. The Purchasing Department was awarded the 2020 Procurement Team Award in recognition of outstanding efforts. Tim Wellmann, Purchasing Manager, was awarded 2020 Purchasing Manager of the Year from RMGPA, being recognized for facilitating processes with DTS staff to obtain multiple technology products and services throughout 2020. Diana Cantu, Senior Buyer, was elected 2021 President of the RMGPA. Chelsey Axtell, Purchasing Secretary, is chair of the RMGPA Newsletter committee.

The St. Vrain Valley School District is a 2020 recipient of the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Agency Certification Award. The St. Vrain professional procurement team has achieved fully certified public procurement status for

seven consecutive years since August, 2014. St. Vrain Valley Schools is a Sterling Agency Award recipient in 2016 and 2019, and award given every three years to those organizations that qualify.

Through its Agency Certification Award program, the UPPCC identifies organizations that have earned the distinguished and unique 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; Bill Oliver, CPPB, Senior Buyer (Retired); Shelly St. Pierre, CPPB, Senior Buyer.

NIGP-CPP Certification Recipients – Tim Wellmann and Shelly St. Pierre have successfully attained the competency-based qualification by the NIGP Certification Commission for public procurement leaders by earning the NIGP Certified Procurement Professional Certification (NIGP-CPP). The Purchasing Department of St. Vrain Valley Schools recognizes, supports, and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement.

Dr. Haddad and the Board members expressed their appreciation to Traci and her team for their commitment to the profession and being excellent stewards of tax payers' money.

District Enrollment Projections 2021-2025 (6.2)

Scott Toillion reported that the Planning Department has evaluated a wide variety of indicators and trends to develop enrollment projections for the five-year period of 2021-2025.

Due to the pandemic and impacts of going online and using hybrid models, a significant number of students opted for home school scenarios. In the case of St. Vrain, over a thousand students opted for alternative choices for education or to postpone entering the educational system during the pandemic. The most significant impact was felt at the pre-school/ kindergarten grades and elementary as a whole. Parents appeared to hold back their youngest children from an online model, in order to bring them back when schools are fully in person again.

Scott presented some of the factors that will impact growth in the following years. The continuing impact of the pandemic, the opening of a new school with boundary changes, and the establishment of LaunchEd as an official online school all add complications to the development of projections moving forward. The fact that St. Vrain is situated in a long-term growth area in the state is a factor in the projected enrollment growth in the District. He will closely monitor the census data when it is available in April, and will incorporate that information into his next enrollment report.

Based on the known factors, total growth for the District in the 2021 school year is expected to be 254 students at the mid-level. Charter schools contribute 54 students for this total. Next fall, about 300 students are projected in the online program LaunchEd. Based on this estimate of LaunchEd, there will be some reduction at District neighborhood schools. This has been accounted for in the staffing plans being reviewed by Human Resources and Finance. The low-level projection for 2021 is an overall increase of 69 students while the high-level projection reflects a growth of 454 students.

Dr. Haddad and the Board members expressed their appreciation to Scott for his thorough in-depth report.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Chico Garcia moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.9. Karen Ragland seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the February 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, the February 17, 2021 Study Session, and the February 24, 2021 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policies JRA/JRC – Student Records/Release of Information on Students; KDB – Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information; KDB-R – Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal of Black Rock Elementary School
6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Career Elevation & Technology Center/New Meridian High School
7. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Apple Technology Products
8. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Epson Projectors & Wall Mounts
9. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Lenovo Computer Products

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; 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 Resolution Proclaiming April 5-9, 2021 as Voter Registration Awareness Week (8.1)

Dr. Martyr moved that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to proclaim Student Voter Registration Awareness Week as April 5-9, 2021. Jim Berthold seconded.

Kahle Charles reported that Molly Fitzpatrick, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, has asked our Board of Education to adopt a resolution to proclaim Student Voter Registration Awareness Week as April 5-9, 2021. With the passage of Amendment 76 last fall, 17-year-olds (who will be 18 by the next General Election) will no longer have the right to participate in primary elections as they were allowed to in 2020.

Without a primary election this year and given the circumstances, it makes more sense to have this awareness week closer to the end of the school year when graduating seniors may want to consider their options on where to register to vote depending on their post-graduation plans.

Kahle announced that the Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's office won a national award from the US Elections Assistance Commission for their 2020 High School Voter Registration program. Kahle passed along appreciation from Molly Fitzpatrick for St. Vrain staff committing to voter registration awareness for students.

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

Approval of Request to Grant an Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest-Wetterstrom (8.2)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest. This exception would enable Janean Wetterstrom, an employee at Scriptshirts, to provide printed St. Vrain sportswear and gear to schools within the District. Dr. Martyr seconded.

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."

Greg Fieth reported that Janean Wetterstrom is currently employed as an Assistant Track Coach at Longmont High School. Due to her standing as a District employee, she is requesting a waiver from Board Policy GBEA, so that she can provide printed St. Vrain sportswear and gear directly to schools within the District.

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

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

Approval of Amendment to Apple Master Lease Purchase Agreement (8.3)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple, Inc., in the amount of \$4,729,144.83 per year for three years in support of the Learning Technology Plan; and, further authorize Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all necessary documents. Chico Garcia seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that St. Vrain has purchased iPads with protective cases, provided professional development, and coordinated repair services as part of an ongoing lease agreement with Apple. An analysis of details of a newly proposed lease determined that it is in St. Vrain's best interest to renew these services through Apple. The proposed agreement provides value beyond the existing plan, positively impacts student learning, and supports the updated Learning Technology Plan.

Additionally, the proposed agreement will allow for the upgrades of our student and teacher iPad 5th/6th generation fleet to the 8th generation iPad and provides all students in grades 3-12 with a rugged Logitech keyboard case. Benefits include increased productivity with the addition of a fully functional keyboard, improved camera, and improved processor capability to better support remote and hybrid learning. The 8th Generation iPad with keyboard case is fully assessment-capable and will increase instructional time by allowing for more concentrated testing windows. The new agreement includes 26,500 iPads with rugged keyboard cases, three years of support services, improved AppleCare repair terms, along with 60 days of in person and 54 days of remote teacher professional development. This agreement will also provide the labor required to prepare, case, and asset tag iPads. Additionally, the timing of distributing the upgraded technology will significantly improve the start of the school year by reducing fall administrative workloads for both school and IT support staff, thereby building capacity to focus on other District initiatives.

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

Adoption of Resolution for Apple Master Lease Purchase Agreement Reservation of Funds (8.4)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve a Resolution designating and reserving funds to meet future financial obligations created by an amendment to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple, Inc., in the amount of \$4,729,144.83, per year, for three years in support of the Learning Technology Plan. Jim Berthold seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the District will be committing to payment of \$4,729,144.83 for this fiscal year and the next two fiscal years in a largely budget-neutral manner. In order to comply with the requirements of Section 20, Article X of the Colorado Constitution (TABOR), the Board must adopt a Resolution designating and reserving the funds to meet this obligation.

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

Approval of Selection and Contract Award for Athletic Trainer Services (8.5)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract award to UCHealth Orthopedic Center of the Rockies (OCR) and for the Purchasing Department to develop a service agreement, complete contract negotiation and legal review to provide athletic trainer services for student athletes in the District high schools. Further authorization is requested for Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all necessary contract documents once the above steps have been completed. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that Purchasing and Athletics/Activities staff issued Request for Proposal (RFP) 2021-029 on December 18, 2020. The District is seeking a qualified firm as a partner to provide athletic trainer services to and for the benefit of the District's students who participate in school organized athletic programs for its athletics and activities department.

Two responses were received for consideration. Both providers were selected to provide an interview and presentation with the evaluation team. UCHealth OCR provided the most advantageous solution to the district. UCHealth in partnership with OCR has proposed to the District a cost sharing model with annual fixed pricing, an optional five-year term, and an annual escalator option.

The successful provider is required to place a Head Athletic Trainer Coordinator (ATC) (one at each of the eight high schools) for training room coverage and sideline ATC coverage for 80 hours every two weeks. Hours worked may include evening hours, weekends and holidays. ATC responsibilities include administrative duties, injury management, educational program, records documentation.

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

Approval of Purchase of Geodes Decodable Books (8.6)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education approve the selection and contract award to Wilson Language Training Group at a total price of \$206,920 to provide Geodes decodable books. John Ahrens seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that this purchase is for Geodes decodable books classroom kits to be placed in Kindergarten, first grade and second grade classrooms for students

in the District. Materials are needed by May 15, 2021. The purchase of these instructional materials will be funded from the RISE grant proceeds.

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

Approval of Facilities Use Agreement with Boulder County Public Health for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics; Board Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities (8.7)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve proposed revisions to the District's facilities use agreement for the purpose of allowing Boulder County Public Health to operate COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics on District property. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brandon Shaffer reported that Boulder County Public Health requested changes to the District's standard facilities use form in relation to COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics they would like to operate in the parking lot area of Timberline PK-8. Proposed changes were reviewed by outside legal counsel that indicated the changes would be acceptable with Board approval. Board Policy KF states, "All rentals of community use of school facilities shall be approved by the superintendent or designee on the basis of this policy and its accompanying procedure. Any exception to policy must be approved by the Board."

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist announced that the March 17, 2021 Study Session will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Mead Middle School, and the next Regular Meeting will be held April 14, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the ESC Board Room.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., and John Ahrens seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

John Ahrens, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on April 14, 2021.