

**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 May 12, 2021 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:

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D
Jim Berthold, Member, Director District C
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Vice President, Director District F
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G
Karen Ragland, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary, Director District B

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Michelle Bourgeois, Chief Information Officer
Lulu Buck, Equity and Community Engagement Coordinator
Kahle Charles, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction
Zac Chase, Secondary Language Arts Coordinator
Olga Cordero, Director of Equity and Community Engagement
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
Todd Fukai, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Diane Hargash, Executive Administrative Assistant to Deputy Superintendent
Laura Hess, Executive Director of Special Education
Kristie Jonason, Executive Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent

Jenny Pettit, Social Studies Coordinator
Johnny Terrell, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Tim Wellmann, Director of Purchasing

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Todd Fukai introduced Kristopher Schuh as the new Area Assistant Superintendent. Kristopher appreciated the warm welcome he has received, and was honored by the opportunity to work for such an incredible District. Board members welcomed him and congratulated him on this new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Carole Oliphant as the new Principal for Prairie Ridge Elementary School. Carole was grateful for the opportunity to work with a District with such strong, visionary leadership, and felt privileged to join the ranks of the Frederick feeder system. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on this new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Amanda Ferguson as the new Area Special Education Coordinator. Amanda thanked the Board members and the leadership team for this new opportunity, and was very excited to get started creating opportunities for students to be victorious. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on this new position.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (5.0)

- Dr. Kapushion gave a COVID Update – District currently has 556 students and 6 staff members in quarantine; 47 active student cases and 2 active staff cases. Currently, 12-year old's and above are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine – District hopes to have 12-year old's and up vaccinated by fall.
- Boulder County one-week cumulative incidence rate is 78.9, one-week average positivity rate is 3%, and 9 straight days of declining/stable hospitalization. Currently, 69.2% of eligible residents have received at least one vaccine.
- Weld County one-week cumulative incidence rate is 169, one-week average positivity rate is 6.7%, and 8 days of declining/stable hospitalization.
- Have not received notification yet from state and local health departments whether masks and quarantines will be required for the fall. Dr. Haddad will follow the

guidelines of those health departments, and will communicate with families throughout the summer.

- Day of Champions, a field day at Longmont High School for special needs students on May 7, 2021, was a great success. Students enjoyed bowling, a 50-yard dash, shuffleboard, long jump, soccer, tennis, and kickball and especially dunking their principals in the dunk tank. Thanked the Special Education teams, Chase McBride, Principals, and Athletic Directors for their support and participation.
- Announced that Alex Miller and Ryan Velarde (Erie High School); Jocelyn Gunn (Niwot High School); and Mia Novick (Longmont High School) were awarded the UCHHealth Hospital Room of the Future challenge.
- Season C athletics/activities are being completed – announced that Mead High School volleyball competes in state semi-final competition in Colorado Springs on May 13, 2021. The District has been notified that more spectators are being allowed to support Season D Girls' Tennis, Golf and Soccer; Baseball, Track, and Lacrosse.
- Recognized teachers at the annual St. Vrain Valley Schools Education Foundation Tribute to Teachers event, where the top teachers were given awards. Thanked every teacher for getting through a year like no other.
- Encouraged everyone to celebrate retirees with a virtual ceremony on YouTube at 7:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021.
- Proms are scheduled outdoors the weekend of May 14, 2021, and car parades are scheduled for each high school between May 14 and May 18, 2021.
- Learning Services is planning summer programming from June 7 to July 1, 2021.
- Boulder County Public Health has approved expanded capacity for graduations to six guests per graduate, using social distancing protocol between pods of families, and graduations will be streamed live.
- The latest COVID Parent Advisory Group was given an update that included information that, unless something drastic changes over the summer, students will be back in-person five days a week. LaunchEd will continue as a full-time online opportunity for students.

REPORTS (6.0)

Equity Update (6.1)

Dr. Kapushion presented three District groups working on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Johnny Terrell shared a PowerPoint that provided an overview of responsibilities for the Office of Equity and Community Engagement, the District's definition of and overview of equity, community/family and student partnerships, specific examples of equity work, and the successes and challenges they have experienced. This information can be found on the District website at www.svvsd.org/about/equity-in-st-vrain.

Board members thanked Johnny, Olga, and Lulu for their very important work to embed equity in every District department, for his leadership, and for the impact their work has on each and every student, regardless of the schools and various programs they attend.

Kahle Charles described how DEI is embedded into District curriculum and how it aligns with requirements of state standards and statutes. He introduced Zac Chase and Jenny Pettit who gave an overview of how DEI is integrated into all grade-level texts. Colorado passed House Bill 1192 in 2019, the Inclusion of American Minorities and Teaching Civil Government. Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is currently revising curriculum to align with this new law. Jenny is co-chairing the CDE committee and, in June 2022, its recommendations will go before the Colorado State Board of Education for the adoption of new curriculum to conform with these new standards. Jenny will also head a leadership team of 22 teachers this summer that will create texts that will be linked to unit plans, and their goal is to have that ready for all teachers in the District and statewide by August 2021. Teachers can choose from a set list or choose texts on their own but all will be aligned with the new standards.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Jenny for co-chairing the CDE committee and to both Zac and Jenny for serving on state committees in the past. Board members appreciated the many experts in the District that they rely on to keep the District current and collaborating with experts throughout the state. They thanked Dr. Haddad and Dr. Kapushion for their leadership and for building a system that is forward-thinking.

Kahle introduced three students who belong to Diversify Our Narrative (DON) SVVSD (svvsd.don@gmail.com): Rakhi Kataria and Lilia Alizadeh (11th grade Silver Creek High School), and Reese Ransweiler (11th grade Niwot High School). DON is a national organization with 800 school district chapters and 6,000+ students whose goal is to improve and diversify the American education system. Within their organization, there are four committees: Curriculum, Social Media, Outreach, and Communications. Each of the students shared their personal reasons for getting involved in DON, and what they learned once they joined the organization. The students introduced their family members who were present. Kahle thanked Dr. Kapushion, Erick Finnestead, and Olga Cordero for their support of the students who participate in DON.

Board members expressed their appreciation to the students for their commitment to the development of DON, and representing solutions to the societal issues that DON is addressing in school districts across the country. Dr. Kapushion thanked each of the students for their perspectives, participation, and achievements.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.11. John Ahrens seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting, the April 21, 2021 Study Session, and the April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Area Assistant Superintendent

5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Prairie Ridge Elementary School
6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Area Special Education Coordinator
7. Approval: Approval of Quit Claim Deed to the Town of Frederick
8. Approval: Approval of Change Order 2 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Centennial Elementary School Renovation Project
9. Approval: Approval of Amendment to Design-Builder Contract for Mead High School Artificial Turf Field and Track Replacement Project
10. Approval: Approval of Water Tap Fees at Highlands Elementary School
11. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Microsoft Software Licenses

Board member Dr. Martyr expressed his appreciation for the great care administrators take to provide detailed information for Consent Items. They are typically approved all together, but he assured the viewing public that Board members have great confidence in the comprehensive information that is researched and provided in the Board packet, especially on the various property transactions and use of bond funds.

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Resolution Accepting FY 21/22 Student Fees, Board Exhibit JQ-E (8.1)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education adopt the annual resolution for student fees as required by Board Policy JQ and as set forth in Board Exhibit JQ-E – Schedule of Student Fees (2021-2022). Jim Berthold seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that recommendations for fees to be charged for various courses and activities provided within the District are suggested by District leadership annually. These fees are to be used for consumable products necessary for the success of the students enrolled in those particular courses.

Revisions to 1:1 Technology Loss and Damage Coverage, an optional miscellaneous fee, includes an extension to the Elementary Level. An instrument rental fee, an optional miscellaneous fee, has been added to the middle school and high school level to provide funds for annual cleaning, maintenance and ongoing repairs. A Lifeguard Certification fee has been added to the high school level to coincide with a new course offering, Lifeguard Certification.

Board members were assured that all students are able to participate in all fee-based District activities, regardless of whether they can afford the fee, and it was suggested that this be a topic for a future Study Session. Board members thanked Dr. Lauer for the substantial fee reductions across the board in 2019, and that there were no additional fee increases this year, only additional program offerings. They were excited about the new

Lifeguard Certification program that would provide student lifeguarding opportunities at the new District pool at Silver Creek High School.

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

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

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Board Policy GBEA— Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest. This exception would enable Monica Fitzpatrick, an employee at Mooka LLC, to provide yoga and mindfulness enrichment to students within the District. John Ahrens 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 Monica Fitzpatrick is currently employed as a Substitute Teacher with the St. Vrain Valley School District. Due to her standing as a District employee, she is requesting a waiver from Board Policy GBEA, so that she can provide yoga and mindfulness enrichment to students within the Community School Program.

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, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of Sale of Surplus Technology Products (8.3)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the Sale of Surplus Technology Products (iPads) and Services to My Fav Electronics, Inc., doing business as Second Life Mac for an estimated sale amount of \$4,066,700. Jim Berthold seconded.

Greg Fieth introduced Tim Wellman and Michelle Bourgeois. Michelle reported that all high school iPads have been delivered. All middle school iPad's will be delivered by Friday, May 14, 2021. Michelle thanked Tim Wellman for his research to find the best opportunity for the District to receive the most money for the recycled iPads, and for his commitment and dedication to find new, innovative ways to work collaboratively with vendors for the benefit of the District.

The Purchasing Department issued Request for Proposal #2021-044 on April 6, 2021, to five vendors who are pre-qualified by the District for the purchase of surplus technology products (RFQ #2021-019). Four responses were received by Wednesday, April 21, 2021. All responses were reviewed for minimum submittal requirements and then evaluated based on price and payment schedules offered, technical response to the requested scope of services, and overall quality of the proposal. As a result of this extensive process, it was determined that My Fav Electronics, Inc., offered the highest return for the St. Vrain iPad refresh and scored the highest in the other criteria as evaluated by committee.

The minimum estimated revenue to the District for the collection of 22,000 iPads is \$4,066,700. This revenue may be higher depending on the number of iPads returned before May 31, 2021 and if the estimated number of damaged iPads returned (which are valued at a lower price than functional iPads) is less than projected.

Board members thanked Tim and Michelle for their commitment and dedication to equipping District students with cutting-edge technology while minimizing the cost to taxpayers and for the strength of the District Technology Services Department, especially through the pandemic.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist announced the Study Session will be held in the ESC Board Room on May 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed public participation. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held in the ESC Board Room on May 26, 2021 beginning with Financials at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to participate in the virtual employee retirement celebration on YouTube at 7:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021.

Jim Berthold moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and John Ahrens seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, absent; 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 June 9, 2021.