

**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 June 9, 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 6:00 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 (Excused):

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Fukai, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Diane Hargash, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent
Kristie Jonason, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs & Academic Support
Kirsten McNeill, Principal of Grand View Elementary School
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget & Finance

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Public speaker Dan Maloit requested the District refuse donations from the Colorado Education Association because he feels this organization is reporting that students had no learning loss during the pandemic.

Public speaker Natalie Abshier encouraged District leaders to oppose the teaching of critical race theory.

VISITORS (4.0)

Dr. Haddad presented a Superintendent Excellence in Education award to Brian Lamer and the entire Operations team for their dedication and excellent work on facilities/ grounds throughout the pandemic.

Dr. Haddad presented a Superintendent Excellence in Education award to Dr. Jackie Kapushion and the entire Learning Services Center (LSC) team who, in a moment's notice, created online curriculum, provided teachers with professional development to teach online, organized a resource center at the LSC for parents to drive up and obtain iPads and food, and created hotspots so families would have internet service. Administrators created an entirely new school in LaunchEd and created new grading and attendance policies.

Dr. Haddad presented a Superintendent Excellence in Education award to Kerri McDermid and her entire Communications team who sent out constant stream of translated communication to 33,000 families with information that sometimes would change within an hour. He appreciated that they tracked all the feedback and created opportunities for town hall meetings and meetings with state and county health departments, constantly keeping District staff and families in the loop.

Todd Fukai introduced Sarah Coniglio as the new Dean of Students for Centennial Elementary School. Sarah thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with the Centennial community, and vowed to work hard on equity and inclusion. She introduced her husband. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on her new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Lindsey Cheney as the new Dean of Students for Eagle Crest Elementary School. Lindsey felt very fortunate to continue her career in St. Vrain, and appreciated the warm welcome she has received from staff and parents. She introduced her husband. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on her new position.

Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – present to support Action Item 8.2 Approval of the 2021-22 Negotiated Agreement with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

- Met with Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) to share his deep concerns regarding the mask mandate and quarantining of students. The COVID infection rate curve has flattened, hospitals are not full, the positivity rate is approximately 1%, and much of society is wide open. He expressed significant concerns about continuing to quarantine students and asked for it to stop, specifically because we're not seeing transmission. BCPH told him that he would receive a response to his concerns on June 10, 2021. He is scheduling a meeting with Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) to receive clarification of those concerns, and will communicate with the community as soon as he has received explanations. Adjustments to the quarantining process could be made based on health department responses. There are thousands of students signed up for summer programs that have 20 days of instruction. If students have to be quarantined for 14 days, they would miss most of the summer program.
- The District is piloting a telecommunications project that would allow students to take virtual classes that aren't offered in their own school.
- The District has been directly involved in passing 16 education-related bills into law. Dr. Haddad updated the Board members on the status of the latest bills that passed in the 2021 legislative session.
- Dr. Haddad made clear that masks were required in schools and school buildings during May in compliance with BCPH orders.

REPORTS (6.0)

Finance and Audit Committee Update (6.1)

Greg Fieth reported that Heather Parrish, Chairperson of the Finance & Audit Committee, was unable to attend the Board Meeting tonight. The Finance & Audit Committee Update was rescheduled for the June 23, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Public Hearing of Superintendent's Proposed FY2022 Budget – All Funds (6.2)

Tony Whiteley reported that the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget was introduced to the Board of Education on May 26, 2021. He presented a brief overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and answered questions from Board members. There were no comments from the public during the Public Hearing. The public can use a form on the District website to contact Tony or leave messages regarding the budget. The final budget adoption is scheduled for June 23, 2021. This timing complies with all the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.6. Karen Ragland seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting, the May 19, 2021 Study Session, and the May 26, 2021 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of 2021-2022 Fuel Purchases
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Centennial Elementary School
6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Eagle Crest Elementary 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 (8.0)

Approval of ESSER II Supplemental Funds for Special Education (8.1)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the ESSER II Supplemental Fund Application for Special Education. Karen Ragland seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the St. Vrain Valley School District has been awarded \$306,000 in the ESSER II Supplemental Funds application. These dollars must be used to provide additional support to students with disabilities. The District intends to provide support both in FY2021 and FY2022 with special education teachers and paraprofessionals at Project Launch as well as additional paraprofessional support for after school support throughout the 2021-2022 School Year.

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 the 2021-22 Negotiated Agreement with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (8.2)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the changes to the Negotiated Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (SVVEA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J, as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), effective July 1, 2021, upon approval by the Board of Education. Jim Berthold seconded.

Todd Fukai reported that the negotiation teams for the District and for the SVVEA met for several months during the spring for discussions regarding proposed language changes in the existing Agreement, including compensation. The discussions resulted in a number

of tentative agreements and the MOA that was presented. He highlighted some of the changes in the Agreement.

SVVEA formally notified the District that their membership has voted overwhelmingly to approve these changes to the Agreement for the 2021-22 contract year.

Board members, Dr. Haddad, and Todd thanked SVVEA President Steve Villarreal and the negotiations bargaining team for their steadfast collaboration in this challenging year to progressively elevate the pay level of teachers and staff.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, recused himself from voting due to the fact that his wife is a teacher in the St. Vrain Valley School District; 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 next Regular Board Meeting will be held in the Board Room on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, beginning with Financials at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Board members look forward to the Finance & Audit Committee update at the June 23, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and Chico Garcia 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, 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 August 11, 2021.