

**MINUTES  
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met on December 16, 2020 at the Educational Services Center, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The Special 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  
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:**

Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent

**Visitors:**

None

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Agenda was accepted as presented.

**Topics Discussed:**

- COVID Update – Dr. Haddad.
  - Thanked community members that emailed their concerns and personal stories. On Friday, December 18, Dr. Haddad will communicate the plan to start the second semester after the Holiday Break.
  - Elementary students start four days in-person beginning January 6, 2021.
  - Middle School students start online and then begin hybrid model January 11, 2021.
  - High School students begin online and move to the hybrid model beginning January 19, 2021.
  - Fridays are scheduled for independent learning at all grade levels.
  - Parents not comfortable with in-person learning can have their children begin classes remotely or they can enroll in LaunchED.
  - In-person learning is the ultimate goal as soon as it is safe to do so following recommendations from Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) and Boulder County Public Health (BCPH).
  - Dr. Haddad met with the Teacher Advisory Council, the St. Vrain Valley Education Association, the Parent COVID Advisory Committee, reviewed the Governor's Education Task Force report, and talked to CDPHE and BCPH leadership to help decide on the plan for the new semester.
  - Counseling support will be available across the board in every school – sent list of counselors' names and contact information to parents.
  - Possibility of Saturday school support – further information after the new semester schedule has begun. Special needs students in middle and high school will have the option of four days of in-person support through June with reading, writing, and math with no charge to students.
  - Targeted quarantine approach will be used – difficulty staffing schools, bus drivers, etc., with the former quarantine system. From an operational standpoint, the District is ready to go as far as transportation, nutrition services, and all other operations while maintaining current mitigation protocols.
  - Opened COVID testing to students at the Innovation Center.
  - Colorado High School Activities Association postponed Season B activities to January 25, 2021.
- COVID Update – Dr. Jackie Kapushion.
  - Meeting with the principals to ready the staff for whatever scenario will need to be followed.
  - Roll out essential learning documents to teachers to begin new semester.
  - Adding classroom furniture back into elementary schools, retooling master schedules, getting ready to access testing in January, training staff in the new protocols of seating charts in cafeterias and libraries, updating system shift in attendance procedures, assisting Community Schools to prepare for before and after care four days a week and full day on Fridays.

Board members Jim Berthold and Dr. Richard Martyr shared their perspective of the information-gathering meetings with Dr. Haddad, and were appreciated for their participation. Each of the Board members shared their thoughts and appreciated the

inclusive approach to each issue District administration has been faced with and thanked the community for their support, flexibility, and respectful patience. All Board members agreed the District response to all concerns will help to safely return students to classrooms in-person and thanked District leadership for their resiliency.

No action was taken for the discussion topics above.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. 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 January 13, 2021.