

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

OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met on November 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 6:00 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
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Olga Cordero, Executive Director of Equity and Community Engagement
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Colleen Ford, Assistant Principal, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Todd Fukai, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
David Glover, Dean of Students, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Bob Johnson, Emergency Preparedness Specialist
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Bryan Krause, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent, Priority Programs and Academic Support
Andrew Moore, Principal, Lyons Elementary
Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Axel Reitzig, Coordinator of Innovation
Kristopher Schuh, Area Assistant Superintendent
Brandon Shaffer, Executive Director of Governmental & Legal Affairs

Andrea Smith, Principal, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Jayme Sneider, Teacher at Innovation Center
Johnny Terrell, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Nate Wilcox, Teacher at Innovation Center

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

VISITORS (3.0)

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

Cambria Burton, Maya-Sol Rooney, Cole Thomas, Casey Knapp, Cassidy Batts, Jenna Watson, Mateo Banera - Students

Dr. Mikki McComb-Kobza - Ocean First Institute

Mac Kobza - Boulder County Parks and Open Space

Boyd Wright - Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Alvin Brown - Executive Director of Human Resources

Superintendent's Excellence in Education Awards (3.1)

Dr. Haddad introduced Axel Reitzig and the Innovation Center Team and honored them with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award for their work in partnership with Ocean First Institute, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Boulder County Parks and Open Space and Lyons Middle Senior High School for the Northern RedBelly Dace Conservation Project.

Todd Fukai introduced Olga Cordero as the new Executive Director of Equity and Community Engagement. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on this new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Alvin Brown as the new Executive Director of Human Resources. Board members welcomed him and congratulated him on this new position.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (4.0)

Steven Halase, a member of the public, spoke to the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

Superintendent Don Haddad provided an update on grants awarded to St. Vrain Valley School District, business partnerships, Colorado All-State Choir, Frederick High School logo, New Meridian/Career Education Technical Center Accomplishments, Education Foundation Gala, Leadership St. Vrain, Veterans Day Presentations, After-School Programs, Telecommunications Pilot, October Count, and planning for the next bond initiative.

REPORTS (6.0)

Lyons Middle/Senior High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)

Bryan Krause introduced the Lyons Middle/Senior High School feeder Principals Andrea Smith and Andrew Moore and Lyons Middle/Senior High School Student Advisory Council members Cambria Burton, Maya-Sol Rooney, Cole Thomas, Casey Knapp and Cassidy Batts. The students shared an informative presentation featuring highlights of the Lyons Middle/Senior feeder system.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.7. John Ahrens seconded the motion.

1. Approval: Approval of Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Approval of Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, the October 20, 2021 Study Session, the October 27, 2021 Study Session, and the October 27, 2021 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Equity and Community Engagement
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Human Resources
6. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Vehicles
7. Approval: Approval of Change Order 5 to Lyons Middle/Senior High School Auditorium and Renovation Project

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Consent Item 7.6 was pulled for further discussion. Brian Lamer answered questions from the Board. Dr. Richard Martyr moved that Consent Item 7.6 be approved, and Karen Ragland seconded.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Acceptance of the 2021 FY Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (8.1)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education accept the 2021 Fiscal Year Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented. Paula Peairs seconded the motion.

The 2021 Fiscal Year Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) was audited by the certified public accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA). At the work session prior to the October 27th meeting, Paul Niedermuller from CLA reviewed the 2021 ACFR with the Board in detail and responded to questions. There were no significant changes to the basic financial statements that were presented on October 27, 2021

The ACFR will be provided to the Board once finalized.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of Acceptance of District's Charter Schools' 2021 FY Assurances for Financial Accreditation (8.2)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education accept the Assurances for Financial Accreditation provided by each District Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2021, as presented. John Ahrens seconded the motion.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of District's 2021 FY Assurances for Financial Accreditation (8.3)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the Assurances for Financial Accreditation for the St. Vrain Valley School District for the year ended June 30, 2021, as presented. Jim Berthold seconded the motion.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming American Education Week, November 15-19, 2021 (8.4)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution proclaiming November 15-19, 2021 as American Education Week. Paula Peairs seconded the motion. John Ahrens then read the resolution.

To make our schools the best they can be requires a commitment from every member of the community, from retired citizens to parents, from business leaders to school board members. The goal of the American Education Week is to increase public understanding and appreciation of the nation's schools, to encourage parents and non-parents to visit schools, to build civic and community pride, and support education.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of First Reading and Adoption of Board Policy BG - School Board Policy Process (8.5)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve on first reading and adopt updates to Board Policy BG (School Board Policy Process). Karen Ragland seconded the motion.

In the course of the continual review and maintenance of the Board Policies, the superintendent or designee may discover something like a typographical error, or an outdated reference to an address, phone number, website, or similar information. The proposed update to Board Policy BG would give the superintendent or designee the flexibility to make ministerial corrections to these non-substantive provisions.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval to Request an Exception to Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest - Nancy Kelley Hislop (8.6)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education allow an exception to the current Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest. The exception would enable Nancy Kelley Hislop to provide imprinted t-shirts to students and staff throughout the district. Jim Berthold seconded the motion.

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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist announced that a Reception to recognize outgoing Board members and to welcome new members will be on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 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, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

John Ahrens, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Diane Hargash, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Kristie Jonason, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on December 10, 2021.