

January 10, 2024

Karen Ragland, President, Board of Education Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools St. Vrain Valley Schools Innovation Center 33 Quail Road Longmont, Colorado 80501

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

To be an exemplary school district which inspires and promotes high standards of learning and student well-being in partnership with parents, guardians and the community.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

To educate each student in a safe learning environment so that they may develop to their highest potential and become contributing citizens.

ESSENTIAL BOARD ROLES

- Guide the superintendent
- Engage constituents
- Ensure alignment of resources
- Monitor effectiveness
 Model excellence
- Model excellence

BOARD MEMBERS

- Jim Berthold, Vice President
- Meosha Brooks, Member
- Jocelyn Gilligan, Treasurer
- Sarah Hurianek, Secretary
- Geno Lechuga, Member
 Karen Ragland, Presider
- Karen Ragland, President
 Jackie Weiss, Assistant Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

The Board of Education values community perspectives and the feedback from our parents, teachers, staff and community. During Board Meetings, the Board will hear up to 30 minutes of public comment on non-agenda items and 30 minutes of public comment on agenda-specific items.

- Each person is limited to three minutes of public comment
- The manner of your comments must be appropriate for the business meeting of the board.
- If you are speaking to a non-agenda item, you must limit your remarks to matters of public concern about the district.
- Concerns about the day-to-day operations of the district should first be referred through the proper administrative channels before it is presented to the board.

Learn more at http://stvra.in/publiccomment

1. CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 pm Regular Business Meeting

2. ADDENDUMS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

3. VISITORS:

Frederick High School Feeder Presentation FY24 Fall Athletics Recognition

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

6. REPORTS:

6.1. Board of Education Recognition Month

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 7.1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
- 7.2. Approval: Staff Appointments
- 7.3. Approval: Minutes for the December 13, 2023 Study Session, December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting and December 20, 2023 Study Session
- 7.4. Approval: Designated Posting Locations for Notice of 2024 St. Vrain Valley Board of Education Meetings
- 7.5. Approval: Payment to Symetra Life Insurance Company for Stop Loss Insurance Coverage
- 7.6. Approval: Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment
- 7.7. Approval: Aviation Grant for LIDAR Equipment

8. ACTION ITEMS:

8.1. Recommendation: Certification of 2023 Mill Levies



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- 8.2. Recommendation: Adoption of Priority Improvement School Unified Improvement Plan
- 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:

Board of Education Meetings: Held at 395 South Pratt Parkway, Board Room, unless otherwise noted:

Wednesday, January 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm Study Session
Wednesday, January 24	5:15 - 5:45 pm Study Session
Wednesday, January 24	6:00 - 8:00 pm Regular Meeting

DATE:	January 10, 2024
TO:	Board of Education
FROM:	Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT:	Resolution Proclaiming January 2024 as Board of Education Recognition Month Strategic Priority – High Functioning School Board

PURPOSE

For administration to recognize the Board of Education with a resolution proclaiming January 2024 Board of Education Recognition Month.

BACKGROUND

The administration of the St. Vrain Valley School District is very proud of the work that our Board members do, and the role that they play in creating a quality public education system that is fundamental to a strong democratic society. We would like to show our appreciation by proclaiming January 2024 as School Board Recognition Month, and urge all citizens to recognize the dedication and hard work of our Board of Education members.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, these are challenging times for public education and for the work of local school board members; and,
- WHEREAS, school boards are responsible for putting into place a system for students to learn and achieve at the highest level possible; and,
- WHEREAS, excellence in the classroom begins with excellence in the board room; and,
- WHEREAS, the key work of school boards includes taking action to create a vision for what students should know and be able to do; to establish clear standards for student performance; to ensure that student assessments are tied to established standards; to be accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement; to align school district resources to ensure that students meet standards; to create a climate assuring safe and orderly classrooms; to build collaborative relationships to solve common problems; and to ensure continuous improvement; and,
- WHEREAS, we are proud of the work school boards do and the role school board members play in creating a quality public education system that is fundamental to a strong democratic society;
- NOW, THEREFORE, we, the St. Vrain Valley School District, do hereby declare our appreciation to the members of the St. Vrain Valley School District Board of Education and proclaim the month of January 2024 to be

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

We urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of our Board of Education members in empowering students to learn, challenging students to achieve and inspiring students to excel.

				LEAVE OF	SEPERATION RESIGNATION
EFFECTIVE	NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	ABSENCE	RETIREMENT
	ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL/T				
	LICENSED				
1/5/24	Carter, Amber	1st Grade Teacher	Legacy Elementary	Х	
12/21/23	Illanes, Patricio	Tech Ed Teacher	Erie MS		Х
1/16/24	Miller, Rebecca	Social Worker	St. Vrain Virtual HS	Х	
12/14/23	Roberts, Angela	Language Arts Teacher	Niwot High School	Х	
1/9/24	Rowinski, Chris	Speech/Language Pathologist	Student Services	Х	
12/22/23	Shelton, David	Science Teacher	Frederick HS		Х
11/27/23	Strock, Katherine	Social Studies Teacher	Skyline High School	Х	
1/5/24	Thelen, Chelsea	1st Grade Teacher	Thunder Valley K8		Х
12/15/23	Toner, Heather	ESLTeacher	Longmont HS		Х
12/21/23	Tucker, Emily	Science Teacher	Longs Peak MS		Х
12/22/23	Vogeler, Orion	Science Teacher/ Business Teacher	Frederick HS		Х
	CLASSIFIED				
1/31/24	Anderson, Lou Anne	Attendance Clerk	Silver Creek HS		Х
11/2/23	Athavara Sachindra, Sushmitha	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services		Х
12/7/23	Beitz, Kendra	Bus Assistant - Special Education	Transportation		Х
12/21/23	Botelho, Isabelle	Specialized Program Para	Silver Creek HS		Х
12/1/23	Desreuisseau, Nicholas	Bus Driver	Transportation		Х
11/28/23	Herrera, Wendy	Nutrition Service- Kitchen Manager	Nutrition Services		Х
11/10/23	Hislop, Steven	Nutrition Services - Delivery	Nutrition Services	Х	
12/15/23	Kido, Cassie	Special Education Para	Mead HS		Х
1/8/24	Klenner, Amanda	Health Clerk	Central Elementary	Х	
12/5/23	Luu, Tien	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services		Х
12/14/23	Major, Ruby	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services		Х
11/17/23	Nagell, Stephanie	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services		х
10/6/23	Narum, Misty	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services		Х
12/15/23	Rousseau, Rebecca	Instructional Para	Apex Homeschool Program	Х	
12/20/23	Tate, Amanda	Special Education Para	Alpine Elementary	Х	
12/21/23	Thomas, Clara	Child Care Group Leader	Lyons ES		Х
1/8/24	Thomas, Timothy	Technician - Electrical	Operations and Maintenance	Х	
12/21/23	Valdez, Yvette	Instructional Para	Fall River ES		Х
11/17/23	Vigil, Antonio	Campus Supervisor	Mead Elementary	Х	
12/5/23	Walsh, Dennis	Bus Driver	Transportation		Х
12/13/23	Williams, Martina	Bus Driver	Transportation		Х

	NAME	POSITION	LOCATION
	ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIO	ONAL/TECHNICAL	
1/5/24	Moulton, Matthew	Coordinator-Instructional Technology	Learning Services
	LICENSED		
12/4/23	Barnes, Cynthia	Art Teacher	Main Street School
1/5/24	Goble, Dori	Science Teacher	Longs Peak MS
12/18/23	Russell, Rebecca	Literacy Teacher	Fall River ES
	CLASSIFIED		
1/8/24	Arzola, Heather	Accounting Technician	Financial Services
1/8/24	Baca, Stephanie	Specialized Program Para	Prairie Ridge ES
12/21/23	Barstow, Cindy	Attendance Clerk	Erie ES
1/8/24	Biglin, Annette	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services
1/8/24	Bostelman, Donna	Child Care Group Leader	Central ES
12/13/23	Brown, Elizabeth	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services
12/22/23	Coronado, Devin	Custodian	Skyline HS
12/20/23	Damon, Lachelle	Nutrition Services Kitchen Manager	Nutritional Services
12/18/2023	Downing, Heather	Instructional Para	Centennial ES
1/8/23	Doyle, Kayley	Specialized Program Para	Niwot ES
12/18/2023	Floreth, Aaron	Campus Supervisor	Mead MS
12/20/23	Garcia, Anthony	Custodian	Longmont HS
12/19/23	Hickman, Laurie	Child Care Group Leader	Spark Discovery PS
12/12/23	Hinkle, Carrie	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services
12/13/23	Hoffman, Suzanne	Health Clerk	Lyons ES
12/13/23	Howk, John	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services
1/5/24	Jonason, Madison	Student Apprentice	Spark Discovery PS
12/15/23	Martinez, Kendall	Campus Supervisor	Thunder Valley K8
1/8/24	Meissner, Cassandra	Nutrition Services Worker	Nutritional Services
	Russell, Rebecca	Literacy Teacher	Fall River ES
12/13/23	Walters, Dustin	Custodian	Custodial Services

- DATE: January 10, 2024
- TO: Board of Education
- FROM: Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
- SUBJECT: Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes Strategic Priority – High Functioning School Board

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the minutes from the December Board Meetings.

BACKGROUND

The Board will be asked to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 Study Session, December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting and December 20, 2023 Study Session.

- DATE: January 10, 2024
- TO: Board of Education
- FROM: Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
- SUBJECT: Approval of Designated Posting Locations for Notice of 2024 St. Vrain Valley Board of Education Meetings Strategic Priority – High Functioning School Board

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the following designated posting locations for notice of meetings of this District's Board of Education for the 2024 calendar year:

The Educational Services Center Lobby The St. Vrain Valley School District Website

BACKGROUND

This recommendation, to designate the posting locations for public notification of meetings of the St. Vrain Valley School District Board of Education, is made to comply with Section 24-6-402(2)(c), Colorado Revised Statutes, which states in part:

"Any meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. In addition to any other means of full and timely notice, a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice if the notice of the meeting is posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the local public body no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting. The public place or places for posting such notice shall be designated annually at the local public body's first regular meeting of each calendar year. The posting shall include specific agenda information where possible."

DATE:	January 10, 2024
TO:	Board of Education
FROM:	Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT:	Payment to Symetra Life Insurance Company for Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Strategic Priority – Student and Staff Well-Being

PURPOSE

To provide the Board of Education with information regarding payment to Symetra Life Insurance Company.

BACKGROUND

The district's benefits broker, Willis Towers Watson, annually conducts a comparative bid process for stop loss insurance on behalf of the district. Following this process, the district will transition from Sun Life to Symetra as its stop loss vendor, effective January 1, 2024.

To secure coverage from Symetra as the new vendor, a payment of \$352,746.10 was required before January 1, 2024. Since this amount exceeded the \$100,000 Board threshold, we are submitting this request to apprise the Board of the payment made on December 22, 2023. Moving forward, all future premium payments will be processed through UMR, the district's health plan Third-Party Administrator.

Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer, will be present for questions.

- DATE: January 10, 2024
- TO: Board of Education
- FROM: Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
- SUBJECT: Approve Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment Strategic Priority – Districtwide Safety & Security

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the purchase of one 2025 International M2106 Dry Freight truck for Nutritional Services, for a total cost of \$147,748.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pricing for the food truck is established through Cherry Creek cooperative RRP #22-023. Funding for this purchase is from grant monies received.

Quantity	Equipment	Unit Cost
1	International M2106 26 ft Truck, Dry Freight Body	\$147,748.00

Grand Total: \$147,748.00

DATE:	January 10, 2024
TO:	Board of Education
FROM:	Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT:	Approval of \$59,400 Aviation Grant for LIDAR Equipment Strategic Priority - Cutting-Edge Technology and Innovation/Outstanding Communication and Collaboration with Community and Corporate Partners

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education authorizes the administration to accept a \$59,400 aviation grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the purchase of an industry-grade UAV lidar system.

BACKGROUND

The Innovation Center applied for and was awarded a Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics Aviation Education and Workforce Development Grant in the amount of \$59,400. This grant will help give students a strong competitive advantage in the aviation workforce.

Specifically, funds from the Aviation Education grant will provide students with cuttingedge industry skills by purchasing a LiDAR drone. LiDAR is an ultra-precise remote sensing tool that measures the time it takes for a laser to travel from the aircraft's location to the target.

LiDAR produces a highly detailed topographic model that can be used for various applications. Currently, the construction, mining, forestry, natural sciences, land management, conservation, and mapping industries use LiDAR. In the next several years, LiDAR will become the gold standard for mapping with precision and accuracy.

Because of how LiDAR works and its level of specificity, students must learn to program missions to fly autonomously. Using this technology, St. Vrain students will learn to plan, monitor, and report on autonomous flight missions for clients.

As a condition of the grant, the governing body (the Board) must adopt a resolution in the form attached requesting assistance from the Colorado Aeronautical Board and Division of Aeronautics.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE COLORADO AERONAUTICAL BOARD AND DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS IN FORM OF A STATE AVIATION GRANT

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the State of Colorado declared in Title 43 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, Article 10, 1991 in Section 43-10-101, C.R.S. (the Act) "... that there exists a need to promote the safe operations and accessibility of general aviation in this state; that improvements to general aviation transportation facilities will promote diversified economic development across the state; and that accessibility to airport facilities for residents of this state is crucial in the event of a medical or other type of emergency..."; and

WHEREAS the Act created the Colorado Aeronautical Board ("the CAB") to establish policy and procedures for distribution of monies in the Aviation Fund and created the Division of Aeronautics ("the Division") to carry out the directives of the CAB, including technical and planning assistance to airports, administration of the state aviation system grant program, and supporting aviation education programs (*see*, §§ 43-10-103, 43-10-105, and 43-10-108.5 C.R.S.); and

WHEREAS any eligible entity operating an FAA-designated public-use airport or eligible education program entity as detailed in the Division's Programs and Procedures Manual ("the Manual") in the state may file an application for and be recipient of a grant to be used solely for aviation/aviation education purposes; and

WHEREAS the Division is authorized to assist such eligible entities and request assistance by means of a Resolution passed by the applicant's duly-authorized governing body, which understands that all funds shall be used exclusively for aviation education purposes and that it will comply with all grant procedures, grant assurances and requirements as defined in the Manual and the Grant Reporting Requirements attached hereto as Exhibit B for the project detailed in the Discretionary Aviation Grant Application ("Application") attached hereto as Exhibit A and in conjunction with CDOT's Small Dollar Grant Award Terms and Conditions attached hereto as Exhibit C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J ("the Board"), as the duly-authorized governing body of the grant applicant, hereby formally requests assistance from the Colorado Aeronautical Board and the Division of Aeronautics in the form of a state aviation system grant.

2. The Board states that such grant shall be used solely for aviation education purposes, as determined by the State, and as generally described in the Application.

3. By signing this Grant Resolution, the applicant commits to delivering the aviation education detailed in the Application and record and submit all needed reporting requirements as detailed in Exhibit B.

4. That the Board hereby designates Axel Reitzig as the Project Director, as described in the Manual and authorizes the Project Director to act in all matters relating to the work project proposed in the Application, including execution of any amendments.

5. That the Board has appropriated or will otherwise make available in a timely manner all funds, if any, that are required to be provided by the applicant as shown on the Application.

6. That Board hereby accepts all guidelines, procedures, standards, and requirements described in the Manual as applicable to the performance of the grant work and hereby approves this Grant Resolution, including all terms and conditions contained therein.

7. That District staff is hereby directed to take the necessary action to implement this Resolution.

Dated: January 10, 2024.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J

By:__

Karen Ragland, Board President

ATTEST:

James Berthold, Board Vice President

DATE:	January 10, 2024
TO:	Board of Education
FROM:	Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT:	Certification of 2023 Mill Levies Strategic Priority – Strong District Finances

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education ratify the certification of the 2023 mill levy rates to the Counties of Boulder, Weld, Larimer and the City and County of Broomfield.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Colorado statute requires school districts to annually certify their property tax mill levies to the respective county commissioners by December 15th of each year, but due to SB23B-001, passed in a special session last November, this timeline was temporarily postponed to January 10, 2024.

As a result of this change in timeline, one-time authority to delegate the certification of Mill Levies was granted to the Superintendent or designee at the December 13, 2023 board meeting. On January 5, 2024, the District certified mill levies as indicated below. This action will ratify that certification.

The District's overall Mill Levy decreased from 58.385 to 57.238. The District has four separate mill levy categories: the Total Program Levy, the Voter-Approved Mill Levy Override, the Abatement Levy, and the Debt Service Levy. A summary of the change for each is as follows:

Total Program Levy:

The Total Program Levy is used to fund the local portion of the state's Total Program formula allocation. Back in 2021, per HB21-1164, the District had to begin eliminating its Total Program Mill Levy credit of 2.005 by 1.000 mill per year until the District's Total Program Mill Levy reached 27.000. This is the final year of that process, resulting in a small increase of 0.005. A summary of the changes can be found in the following table:

Tax Year	Gross Total Program Mill Levy	Total Program Mill Levy Credit	Total Program Mill Levy	Change from Previous Year
2019	24.995	(0.000)	24.995	0.000
2020	27.000	(2.005)	24.995	0.000
2021	27.000	(1.005)	25.995	1.000
2022	27.000	(0.005)	26.995	1.000
2023	27.000	(0.000)	27.000	0.005

Voter-Approved Mill Levy Override:

The District's Voter-Approved Mill Levy Override (or MLO) comprises two separate approvals by voters to provide additional resources for students – one in 2008, and one in 2012. This levy was reduced from 13.590 to 13.238.

Abatement Levy:

The abatement levy provides funding for previously assessed and budgeted tax revenue that were abated or refunded by the county and were not received by the District in a prior tax year. This levy increased slightly, from 0.250 to 0.272.

Debt Service Levy:

The Debt Service Levy provides funding to pay the principal and interest payments on voterapproved general obligation bonds used to fund capital construction projects such as new schools and improvements to existing schools. This levy was lowered from 17.550 to 16.728.

All four mill levy rates, as well as the corresponding amounts anticipated to be raised by each, are listed by county in the attached schedule.

2023 Property Tax Mill Levy Certification

Boulder County	Mills	Dollars
Total Program Lew	27.000	80,913,510.33
Voter-approved Override	13.238	39,671,594.43
Tax Credits, Rebates and Abatements	0.272	816,139.38
Debt Service Levy	16.728	50,130,414.85
Total	57.238	\$171,531,658.99
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Weld County		
Total Program Levy	27.000	83,081,691.33
Voter-approved Override	13.238	40,734,645.55
Tax Credits, Rebates and Abatements	0.272	837,528.17
Debt Service Levy	16.728	51,473,723.43
Total	57.238	\$176,127,588.48
Larimer County		
Total Program Levy	27.000	583,304.33
Voter-approved Override	13.238	285,991.95
Tax Credits, Rebates and Abatements	0.272	5,876.25
Debt Service Levy	16.728	361,389.44
Total	57.238	\$1,236,561.97
City and County of Broomfield		
Total Program Levy	27.000	84,464.61
Voter-approved Override	13.238	41,412.68
Tax Credits, Rebates and Abatements	0.272	861.28
Debt Service Levy	16.728	52,330.52
Total	57.238	\$179,069.09

DATE:	January 10, 2024
TO:	Board of Education
FROM:	Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT:	Adoption of Priority Improvement School Unified Improvement Plan Strategic Priority - Rigorous, Well-Aligned Standards, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

PURPOSE

That the Board of Education adopt the Priority Improvement School Unified Improvement Plan.

BACKGROUND

Per the Education Accountability Act of 2009, the Board must adopt the Unified Improvement Plans for any schools identified for Priority Improvement or Turnaround. Timberline PK-8 School is adopting a Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plan for the 2023 accountability year.

The deadline for adoption is January 16, 2024.

Jamie Ball, Executive Director of Assessment, will be present to answer questions.