

**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 8, 2023 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 Karen Ragland at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Jim Berthold, Secretary, Director District C
Meosha Brooks, Member, Director District D (attended remotely)
Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G
Sarah Hurianek, Member, Director District F
Dr. Richard Martyr, Treasurer, Director District E
Karen Ragland, President, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Karla Allenbach, Area Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Bourgeois, Chief Technology Officer
Matt Buchler, Administrator on Special Assignment
Martha Bustillos, Translation and Interpretation Coordinator
Frankie Crispino, Dean of Students, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Colleen Ford, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Christopher Frank, Principal, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Priscilla Gonzalez, Translation and Interpretation Services
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Diane Lauer, Chief Academic Officer
Fiorella Martinez, Translation and Interpretation Services

Dr. Kerri McDermid, Chief Communications and Global Impact Officer
Andrew Moore, Principal, Lyons Elementary
Timothy O'Neill, General Counsel
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security
Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Kristopher Schuh, Area Assistant Superintendent

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

VISITORS (3.0)

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

Lyons Middle/Senior High School Feeder Presentation:

Sage Wynja, Madison Shackelford, Violet Skraka, Hadley Larson, Matthew Carter, Joaquin Davies, Hannah Zalzal, Oscar Walstad, Lumin Plaster, Amanda Gonzales and Marcus Vavrina - students

Eleanor Venture Presentation: Tammy Palombo, Interim Executive Director of the St. Vrain Valley Education foundation introduced Charlie Plehaty, Lyons Elementary Music Specialist Teacher.

Director District E Vacancy Applicants: Jocelyn Gilligan, Linda Hopp and Amrita (Ami) Patel

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (4.0)

Adam Morehead was a member of the public who spoke to the board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

None

REPORTS (6.0)

None

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.3. Meosha Brooks seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Minutes for the October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting, October 18, 2023 Study Session, October 25, 2023 Study Session and October 25, 2023 Regular Meeting

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Resolution Proclaiming American Education Week, November 13-17, 2023 (8.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution proclaiming November 13-17, 2023 as American Education Week. Chico Garcia seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Adoption of the List of Approved and Probationary Organizations for Placing Foreign Exchange Students in St. Vrain Valley School District High Schools - Board Exhibit JFABB-E - Admission of Non-Immigrant Foreign Exchange Students (8.2)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education adopt the list of approved and probationary organizations for placing foreign exchange students in the St. Vrain Valley School District high schools as set forth in Board Policy JFABB-E - Admission of Non-Immigrant Foreign Exchange Students, and pursuant to Board Policies JFABB and JFABB-R - Admission of Non-Immigrant Foreign Exchange Students. Meosha Brooks seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of Director of District E Applicant (8.3)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education appoint Jocelyn Gilligan for Director District E. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The Board seat for Director District E was officially declared vacant on October 9, 2023. At the October 25, 2023 Study Session, applicants were interviewed. The Board of Education will discuss the qualifications of the applicants and appoint an applicant for Director District E. This applicant will serve until the November 2025 election, at which time the directorship will be open for election for the first four-year term.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of New District Directors and Oath of Office for New Board Members (8.4)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education approve the newly elected board members following the cancellation of the 2023 election and elected by acclamation as follows:

Jackie Weiss - Director District A
Jim Berthold - Director District C
Jocelyn Gilligan - Director District E
Geno Lechuga - Director District G

As stated in Colorado Statute CRS 22-31-125, each school board member is required to take an oath of office, swearing to faithfully perform the duties of the office as required by law.

Jackie Weiss, Geno Lechuga and Jocelyn Gilligan were sworn in by Board President Karen Ragland.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Approval of Board Officer Election of Board President (8.5)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education elect a president of the Board.

Jim Berthold nominated Karen Ragland for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Karen Ragland accepted that nomination. Mrs. Ragland was elected by unanimous vote of the board. As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

Approval of Board Officer Election of Board Vice President (8.6)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education elect a vice president of the Board.

Jim Berthold nominated himself for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Meosha Brooks nominated herself for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Jim Berthold was elected by majority vote of the Board and accepted that position. As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

Approval of Appointment of Secretary of the Board (8.7)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education appoint Sarah Hurianek for secretary of the Board.

Sarah Hurianek accepted that position. As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Approval of Appointment of Treasurer of the Board (8.8)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education appoint Jocelyn Gilligan for treasurer of the Board.

Jocelyn Gilligan accepted that position. As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Approval of Appointment of Assistant Secretary of the Board (8.9)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education appoint Jackie Weiss for assistant secretary *of the Board*.

Jackie Weiss accepted that position. As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Approval of Appointment of Assistant Treasurer to the Board (8.10)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education appoint Greg Fieth for assistant treasurer *to the Board*.

Greg Fieth accepted that position. As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Approval of Appointment of Secretary to the Board (8.11)

Karen Ragland moved that the Board of Education appoint Diane Hargash and Kristie Jonason for secretary *to the Board*.

Diane Hargash and Kristie Jonason accepted that position. As stated in Board Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting, and CRS 22-32-104 within 15 days after the regular biennial election, the Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Adoption of Resolution for Signature Authorization (8.12)

Jocelyn Gilligan moved that the Board of Education adopt the signature authorization resolution to enable the Financial Services Department to continue using the previous officers' signatures until the signatures are changed to the new officers. Sarah Hurianek seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board Member Signing of Code of Ethics/Confidentiality Affidavit (9.1)

The newly elected members of the Board of Education signed the District's Code of Ethics policy.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

President Karen Ragland announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held at the ESC Board Room on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Sarah Hurianek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Jackie Weiss seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [Jim Berthold, yes; Meosha Brooks, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Berthold, 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 13, 2023