

**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 January 24, 2024 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Jim Berthold, Vice President, Director District C
Meosha Brooks, Member, Director District D
Jocelyn Gilligan, Treasurer, Director District E
Sarah Hurianek, Secretary, Director District F
Geno Lechuga, Member, Director District G
Karen Ragland, President, Director District B
Jackie Weiss, Assistant Secretary, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Jamie Ball, Executive Director of Assessment
Douglas Bissonette, Area Assistant Superintendent
Matt Buchler, Administrator on Special Assignment
Martha Bustillos, Translation and Interpretation Coordinator
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Fukai, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Priscilla Gonzalez, Translation and Interpretation Services
Nathan Gurini, Assistant Principal, New Meridian High School
Katie Gustafson, Principal, Flagstaff Academy Charter School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent
Dr. Laura Hess, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Fiorella Martinez, Translation and Interpretation Services

Rachel Miller, Principal, Aspen Ridge Preparatory Charter School
ToniJo Niccoli, Principal, New Meridian High School
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security
Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Kayla Reynolds, Business Manager, Aspen Ridge Preparatory Charter School
Eric Rinard, President of the Board, Aspen Ridge Preparatory Charter School
Charla Salmeron, Head of School, Aspen Ridge Preparatory Charter School
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director, Budget and Finance

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

VISITORS (3.0)

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

Student Advisory Council - CASB Student Presentation:

Nicholas Aasmundstad, Hadley Larson, Summit Louth, Juliette Molina and Erik Swanson - students

New Meridian High School Presentation:

Emmanuel Bencomo Montes, Neiva Chavarria, Clara Harper, Kassidy Masias, Vianey Muniz, Emmaline Oldham and Dana Rivas - students

New Hires:

Todd Fukai introduced Ms. Sharla Kaczar as Principal at Black Rock Elementary beginning July 1, 2024

Todd Fukai introduced Ms. Tara Cowens as Director of Budget beginning January 8, 2023

Todd Fukai introduced Ms. Amanda Thompson as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources beginning July 1, 2024

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (4.0)

Nichole Johnson and Melissa Marter were members of the public who spoke to the board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

Dr. Haddad provided an update on Artificial Intelligence, attendance rates, graduation and dropout rates, Dr. Haddad group presentations, State of the State event, hiring,

Addy Ritzenhein, New York presentation, 2024 Bond, and financial savings to the community.

REPORTS (6.0)

FY24 2nd Quarter District Financial Statements (6.1)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with the financial report for the second quarter of Fiscal year 2024. At the study session prior to this Board meeting, information related to the financial statements for the quarter ending December 31, 2023 was provided to the Board in compliance with all aspects of Colorado Revised Statutes.

FY24 2nd Quarter Public Gifts to Schools (6.2)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the second quarter of the 2023-2024 school year totaling \$360,017.38. The total of all the gifts given to the District for the 2023-2024 school year is \$485,408.38.

Graduation Rate Report (6.3)

Dr. Jackie Kapushion provided the Board of Education with a Graduation Rate Report.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Meosha Brooks moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.7. Jocelyn Gilligan seconded.

1. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
2. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Director of Budgets
3. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Principal at Black Rock Elementary
4. Approval: 2022-2023 Scholarship Recipients
5. Approval: Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor Contract for Clover Basin Fire Alarm Upgrade Project
6. Approval: Change Order to Innovation Center Addition/Renovation Design
7. Approval: Additional Funds to Ampersand - Service Provider Contract with St. Vrain Valley School District

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].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (8.1)

Meosha Brooks moved that the Board of Education adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Superintendent's Amended Budget . 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].

Adoption of Resolution for Approval/Denial of Charter Application Renewal for Aspen Ridge Preparatory Charter School (8.2)

Meosha Brooks moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to authorize the Aspen Ridge Preparatory Charter School Renewal Term for a period of five years, which extends through June 30, 2029. Jim Berthold 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].

Adoption of Resolution for Approval/Denial of Charter Application Renewal for Flagstaff Academy Charter School (8.3)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to authorize the Flagstaff Academy Charter renewal Term for a period of five years, which extends through June 30, 2029. Geno Lechuga 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)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

President Karen Ragland announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held at the ESC Board Room on February 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Meosha Brooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Sarah Hurianek 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,

Sarah Hurianek, 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 February 14, 2024.