

**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 May 14, 2025 at the Educational Services Center Boardroom, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board of Education Vice President Jim Berthold at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Meosha Babbs, Member, Director District D
Jim Berthold, Vice President, Director District C
Jocelyn Gilligan, Treasurer, Director District E
Sarah Hurianek, Secretary, Director District F
Karen Ragland, President, Director District B (arrived late)
Jackie Weiss, Assistant Secretary, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Geno Lechuga, Member, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Liz Allen, Graphic Design and Digital Content Specialist
Janay Bird, Fine Arts Coordinator
Douglas Bissonette, Area Assistant Superintendent
Matt Buchler, Area 5 Administrator
Martha Bustillos, Translation and Interpretation Coordinator
Chris Chou, Science Teacher, Longmont High School
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Chief Academic Officer
Kelly Lubkeman, Science Teacher, Longmont High School
Fiorella Martinez, Translation and Interpretation Services
Dr. Kerri McDermid, Chief Communications and Global Impact Officer
Jeff McMurry, Principal, Longmont High School
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
Tony Whiteley, Chief Financial Officer

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

VISITORS (3.0)

Kara Smallwood, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association – did not address the Board.

Longmont High School Smart Team Presentation:

Aidan Fehlberg, Kenzie Hughes, Chase Johnston, Luke Kline, Noah Kline, Quang Nguyen, Lia Oldroyd, Tristan Perry, Anya Story-McFadden, Sydney Szerdy, Lola Trojanovich and Anya Wieder - Longmont High School students

Dr. Richard Martyr - Coach

Fine Arts Yearly Recap Presentation:

Janay Bird recognized the following teachers:
Monica Smiley, Orchestra Teacher, Erie High School
Brian Crim, Orchestra Teacher, Skyline High School
Cathy Keller, Music Teacher, Prairie Ridge Elementary School
Danielle Crisman, Instrumental Music Teacher, Erie Middle School
Thalia Burd, Vocal Music Teacher, Erie High School
Dana Clanin, Instrumental Music Teacher, Altona Middle School (not in attendance)

Erie High School 5130 Choir:

Gavin Choksey, Bella Chudleigh, Cooper Chudleigh, Dean Curtis, Levi Hughes, Marek Jones, Essy Kerns, Riley Kochevar, Sydney Maddaloni, Teya Martinez, Ian McGuire, Annalyn Milford, Fenix Pinilla, Sydney Robertson, Nikole Ross, Claire Rowberry, Kobe Schindler, Claire Simmons, Gabe Soto, Michael Weber and Harper Whiteley

District Magazine Presentation:

Dr. Kerri McDermid and Liz Allen presented the story and strategic impact of our St. Vrainnovation Magazine, an annual communication tool that has become instrumental in connecting our district with our broader community.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (4.0)

There were no members of the public who spoke to the board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Jackie Kapushion provided an update on St. Vrain's retiree celebration event, Axel Reitzig's Inspiration All Star Award and STEM Hall of Fame

recognition, 2025 Best Communities for Music Education recognition, upcoming graduations, and summer programming.

REPORTS (6.0)

None

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Meosha Babbs moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.12. Jocelyn Gilligan seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Minutes for the April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting, April 16, 2025 Study Session, April 16, 2025 Special Meeting, April 23, 2025 Study Session and April 23, 2025 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Increase to Spending Amount for Aims Community College
5. Approval: Request to Grant an Exception to Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest - Carmichael
6. Approval: Request to Grant an Exception to Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest - Basile
7. Approval: Request to Grant an Exception to Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest - Martinez
8. Approval: Fee Adjustment to Consulting Services Contract with Ground Engineering for Materials Testing and 3rd Party Inspections for the Innovation Center Expansion
9. Approval: Contract Award for Westview Middle School Renovation and Safety Enhancements Project
10. Approval: Contract Award for Flagstaff Academy Parking Lot Replacement Project
11. Approval: Change Order to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Agreement for the New PK-8 Project
12. Approval: Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) for Clover Basin Remodel Project

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Exception/Change to Board Policy DB - Annual Budget, and Adjustment of Transfer from General Fund to Cap Reserve for FY26 (8.1)

Jocelyn Gilligan moved that the Board of Education approve a one-time waiver of a portion of Board Policy DB, Annual Budget, for Fiscal Year 2025-26 as part of efforts to bolster the General Fund support for programs and teacher/staff compensation. Meosha Babbs seconded.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Superintendent Search Update - Finalist Dr. Jackie Kapushion (9.1)

Board of Education Vice President Jim Berthold announced Deputy Superintendent Dr. Jackie Kapushion has been named as the sole finalist for the position of Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Vice President Jim Berthold announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held at the ESC Boardroom on May 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Sarah Hurianek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Jackie Weiss seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [Meosha Babbs, yes; Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, yes; Geno Lechuga, absent; 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 June 11, 2025.