

**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 28, 2025 at the Educational Services Center Boardroom, 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:

Meosha Babbs, Member, Director District D - Via Webex
Jim Berthold, Vice President, Director District C
Jocelyn Gilligan, Treasurer, Director District E
Geno Lechuga, Member, Director District G
Karen Ragland, President, Director District B
Jackie Weiss, Assistant Secretary, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Sarah Hurianek, Secretary, Director District F

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Douglas Bissonette, Area Assistant Superintendent
Matt Buchler, Area 5 Administrator
Martha Bustillos, Translation and Interpretation Coordinator
Olga Cordero, Executive Director of Student Support Services
Priscilla Gonzalez, Translation and Interpretation Services
Teresa Ewing, Computer Science Teacher, Niwot High School
Dr. Laura Hess, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Chief Academic Officer
Odalys Loya, Translation and Interpretation Services
Fiorella Martinez, Translation and Interpretation Services
Dr. Kerri McDermid, Chief Communications and Global Impact Officer
Timothy O'Neill, General Counsel
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security
Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Justin Petrone, Executive Director of Budget and Finance
Hilary Sontag, Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships and Grants

Amanda Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Tony Whiteley, Chief Financial Officer

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Consent Item 7.11 was removed from the agenda.

VISITORS (3.0)

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

Up-A-Creek Robotics Presentation:

Malcolm Smith - Team Captain, Niwot High School graduate
Julian Hansell - Team Mechanical Lead, Longmont High School graduate
Trevor White - Niwot High School graduate

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 graduations last week, summer school programming, and planning 25-26 back to school events.

REPORTS (6.0)

FY25 April District Financial Statements (6.1)

Tony Whiteley presented the Board of Education with monthly financial reports. Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 22-45-102(1)(b)(I-IV) requires the Board of Education to review the financial condition of the school district at least quarterly during the year. In addition to first and second quarter reports, the District has elected to present monthly financial statements during the remainder of the year.

At the study session prior to this Board meeting, information related to the April 2025 monthly financial statements was provided to the Board in compliance with all aspects of Colorado Revised Statutes.

Introduction of FY26 Superintendent's Budget (6.2)

Tony Whiteley introduced Justin Petrone who provided the Board of Education with the Introduction of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget - All Funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jocelyn Gilligan moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.17, with the exception of 7.11, which had been removed from the agenda. Geno Lechuga seconded.

1. Approval: School to Work Alliance Program Contract
2. Approval: Update on Conflict of Interest Exception to Board Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest - B Young Media
3. Approval: Contract Award for the Sunset Middle School Asphalt Repair Project
4. Approval: Contract Award for the Timberline PK-8 Asphalt Repair Project
5. Approval: Contract Award for the Erie High School Asphalt Repair Project
6. Approval: Contract Award for the Everly-Montgomery Asphalt Repair Project
7. Approval: Contract Award for the Silver Creek High School Asphalt Repair Project
8. Approval: Fee Adjustment for the New Elementary School #29 Design Services
9. Approval: Change Order to the Design-Builder Contract for the Clover Basin Warehouse Renovation Project
10. Approval: Agreement for Funding of Capital Construction Needs with Aspen Ridge Preparatory School
11. Removed
12. Approval: Agreement for Funding of Capital Construction Needs with Firestone Charter Academy
13. Approval: Agreement for Funding of Capital Construction Needs with Flagstaff Academy
14. Approval; Agreement for Funding of Capital Construction Needs with Twin Peaks Charter Academy
15. Approval: Amendment to the Design/Build Agreement for the Mead Elementary School Modular Project
16. Approval: Amendment to the Design/Build Agreement for the Soaring Heights PK-8 Modular Project
17. Approval: Contract Award for Mead PK-8 Utility Service - United Power

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Twin Peaks Charter Academy - Corrected Version of Exhibit A/Waivers to State Law (8.1)

Jim Berthold moved to review and approve the final draft of Exhibit A/Waivers to State Law for Twin Peaks Charter Academy. Jocelyn Gilligan seconded.

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

Consideration of and Action on Superintendent Finalist Dr. Jackie Kapushion (8.2)

Jocelyn Gilligan moved that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Jackie Kapushion as Superintendent of St. Vrain Valley School District, RE-1J, subject to Board approval of a mutually agreeable employment contract and that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to work with the District Legal Counsel to negotiate the terms of the contract with Dr. Jackie Kapushion. Jim Berthold seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [Meosha Babbs, yes (confirmed via text message after lost WebEx connection); Jim Berthold, yes; Jocelyn Gilligan, yes; Sarah Hurianek, absent; 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 Boardroom on June 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Bethold moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Jocelyn Gilligan seconded.

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