

**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 14, 2026 at the Educational Services Center Boardroom, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Jocelyn Gilligan 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, President, Director District E
Sarah Hurianek, Secretary, Director District F
Geno Lechuga, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Jackie Weiss, Treasurer, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Hadley Solomon, Member, Director District B

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Karla Allenbach, Area Assistant Superintendent
Anthony Barela, Principal, Skyline High School
Douglas Bissonette, Area Assistant Superintendent
Aimee Brown, Counselor, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Joe Brown, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, Niwot High School
Matt Buchler, Area Assistant Superintendent
Dustin Cady, Principal, Mead High School
Chris Chou, Teacher, Longmont High School
Olga Cordero, Executive Director Student Support Services
Mickie Doherty, Counselor, Niwot High School
Chad Eisentrager, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, Mead High School
Erick Finnestead, Principal, Silver Creek High School
Dr. Russ Fox, Principal, Frederick High School
Chris Frank, Principal, Lyons Middle/Senior High School
Mary Gibson, Counselor, Mead High School
Josh Griffin, Principal, Erie High School
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Superintendent
Kelly Kinsman, Environmental Compliance Manager
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Dr. Diane Lauer, Chief Academic Officer
Odalys Loya, Translation and Interpretation Services
Jenna Machado, Counselor, Skyline High School
Chase McBride, Assistant Superintendent of Ath/Act/Fine Arts/Unified/PE
Dr. Kerri McDermid, Chief of Staff and Strategic Priorities
Jeff McMurry, Principal, Longmont High School
Nanette McMurtry, Assistant Principal, LaunchED
Julie Mitchell, Counselor, LaunchED
ToniJo Niccoli, Principal, New Meridian High School/CETC
Becky Olson, Counselor, St. Vrain Virtual High School
Timothy O'Neill, General Counsel
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security
Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Maddie Precht, Counselor, Frederick High School
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal, Niwot High School
Alejandro Sanchez, Translation and Interpretation Services
Michael Sardinia, Counselor, Silver Creek High School
Tanya Senesac, Counselor, Erie High School
Jose Soto-Marquez, Counselor, Longmont High School
Amanda Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Buck Webber, Assistant Principal, New Meridian High School/CETC
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.

City of Longmont Police Commander Doug Ross

Tammi Vo - Silver Creek High School student

Eloise Gilligan - Westview Middle School Student

Dr. Richard Martyr - Former Board Member

Fall Athletics Presentation:

Mead High School Boy's Golf -

Michael Ward - coach
Booth Hayes, Stryker Leick and Howie Thompson - students

Niwot High School Gymnastics -

Marisa Purcell, Lilliana Martin and Madison York - coaches
Lilly O'Neill, Kylee Schlepp, Isabella Foster, Isabelle Hanks, Alexis Walker, Genevieve Saunders, Kylie Wilson, Athena Chavez (not in attendance), Kayla Burink (not in attendance), Sienna Wood, Charlotte O'Neill, Charlotte Bronski, Kaelyn Holmes (not in attendance), Katelyn Ludwig (not in attendance) and Hailey Cornell (not in attendance) - students

Niwot High School Girls Cross Country -

Kelly Christiansen - Girls and Boys Cross Country coach

Avy Beltrain, Emily Bolda, Elise Hagen (not in attendance), Siona Kelly, Tereza Koudelka, Anna Prok and Addy Ritzenhein - students

Niwot High School Boys Cross Country -

Rocco Culpepper, Ryder Keeton, Gabriel Marshall, Jude Ritzenhein, Hunter Robbie, Garrett Sherrard and Quinn Sullivan - students

Congressional Service Award Recognition - Chris Chou

2026 Colorado Principal of the Year Recognition - ToniJo Niccoli

Amanda Thompson introduced Dr. Russ Fox as Executive Director of Human Resources beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Kelly Kinsman as Executive Director of Building Services Operations and Maintenance beginning December 1, 2025

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (4.0)

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

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

Superintendent Dr. Jackie Kapushion provided updates, including that all St. Vrain high schools earned AP Honor Roll status, the Drone Team's upcoming travel to Florida, graduation rate highlights, and recognition of Chris Chou, recipient of the Congressional Service Award and ToniJo Niccoli, recipient of the 2026 Colorado Principal of the Year.

REPORTS (6.0)

Board of Education Recognition Month (6.1)

Dr. Kerri McDermid recognized the Board of Education with a resolution proclaiming January 2026 Board of Education Recognition Month.

School Efficiency Planning (6.2)

Dr. Kerri McDermid provided the Board of Education with an update on school building facility efficiency planning to ensure the continued delivery of a high-quality, robust educational experience for every St. Vrain Valley student, alongside recommendations to ensure long-term fiscal stewardship and sustainability of programming.

Graduation Rate Report (6.3)

Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Matt Buchler, Karla Allenbach and Douglas Bissonette provided the Board of Education with a Graduation Rate Report.

Extended Meeting

At 8:06 p.m. Jim Berthold moved to extend the Board meeting by 30 minutes as requested by Jocelyn Gilligan. 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, yes; Hadley Solomon, absent; Jackie Weiss, yes].

At 8:28 p.m. Meosha Babbs moved to extend the Board meeting by 30 minutes for a second time as requested by Jocelyn Gilligan. Sarah Hurianek seconded.

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

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.14. Geno Lechuga seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Minutes for the December 3, 2025 Study Session, December 3, 2025 Special Meeting, December 10, 2025 Board Retreat and December 17, 2025 Study Session
4. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Human Resources
5. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of Building Services
6. Approval: Designated Posting Locations for Notice of 2026 St. Vrain Valley Board of Education Meetings

7. Approval: Request to Grant Exception to Board Policy GBEA - Staff/Ethics Conflict of Interest - Howie
8. Approval: Change Order to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Agreement for the CTE East Project
9. Approval: Utility Service and Permit Fees with the City of Longmont for the Innovation Center Expansion
10. Approval: Amendment to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Contract for the New Elementary School #29 Project
11. Approval: Contract Award for Software Purchase
12. Approval: Fee Adjustment for Lyons Elementary School Secure Entrance and Remodel Project
13. Approval: Contract Award for Fiber Optic Construction and Installation for the New CTE East Project
14. Approval: Amendment to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Contract for the Secure Entrance and Renovation Project at Westview Middle School

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Acceptance of 2025 Fiscal Year Single Audit Report (8.1)

Meosha Babbs moved that the Board of Education accept the 2025 Fiscal Year Single Audit Report. Jackie Weiss seconded.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board Reports (9.1)

Meosha Babbs and Sarah Hurianek provided updates on current district programs, events and activities.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

President Jocelyn Gilligan announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held at the ESC Boardroom on January 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Sarah Hurianek moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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, yes; Hadley Solomon, absent; 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 11, 2026