

**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 13, 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
Hadley Solomon, Member, Director District B
Jackie Weiss, Treasurer, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Karla Allenbach, Area Assistant Superintendent
Amber Bartels, Music Teacher, Blue Mountain Elementary
Janay Bird, Director of Fine Arts, Performing Arts, and PE
Douglas Bissonette, Area Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Bourgeois, Chief Technology Officer
Maura Brady-McMullen, District Counselor Coordinator
Kirsten (Hermann) Brown, Social Studies Teacher, Silver Creek High School
Matt Buchler, Area Assistant Superintendent
Martha Bustillos, Translation and Interpretation Coordinator
Olga Cordero, Executive Director, Student Support Services
Erick Finnestead, Principal, Silver Creek High School
Julie Forbes, Social Studies Teacher, Silver Creek High School
Justelle Grandsaert, Social Studies Teacher, Silver Creek High School
Stephen Hoel, Principal, Blue Mountain Elementary
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Chief Academic Officer
Odalys Loya, Translation and Interpretation Services

Kelly Lubkeman, Science Teacher, Longmont High School
Stephanie Maturino, Translation and Interpretation Services
Dr. Kerri McDermid, Chief of Staff and Strategic Priorities
Jeff McMurry, Principal, Longmont High School
Andrew Moore, Principal, Lyons Elementary School
Kayla Olsheski, Special Education Teacher, Silver Creek High School
Tim O'Neill, General Counsel
Karen Solis Ontiveros, Translation and Interpretation Services
Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security
Dr. Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Eric Rauschkolb, Principal, Niwot High School
Brandon Shaffer, Executive Director, Governmental Affairs, P-TECH
Johnny Terrell, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Amanda Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Sarah Wegert, STEM Coordinator and Teacher, Lyons Elementary School
Adam Wellington, K-12 Social Studies Coordinator
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

Lyons Elementary School Focus Program Project Presentation:

Karla Allenbach introduced Andrew Moore who spoke about the STEM-based Environmental Leadership focus program at both Lyons Elementary and Lyons Middle Senior High School.

Wilma Spencer - Lyons Middle Senior High School student

Sadie Lubke, Karina Tuskind, Natalie Tuskind, Ogden Piper, Lydia Davies, Cassidy Kearns, Harriet Spencer, Hazel Dudas and Tayen Rydholm - Lyons Elementary students

SMART Team Presentation:

Kelly Lubkeman introduced the SMART Team and provided an overview of their project:

Dominic Herrera, Chace Johnston, Karina Madinger, Quang Nguyen, Tristan Perry, Adam Wegner, Reese Wieder and Owen Sage - Longmont High School students

Dr. Richard Martyr - Coach

Kent Willmann Recognition:

Adam Wellington and Justelle Grandsaert recognized Kent Willmann for his outstanding work and commitment to St. Vrain throughout the past 30+ years', and Kirsten Brown and Julie Forbes gave a brief overview of Doing Democracy Day.

Fine Arts Yearly Recap Presentation:

Janay Bird shared an end-of-year Fine Arts report to celebrate the incredible work of our students, teachers, and schools across St. Vrain.

Amber Bartels, music teacher at Blue Mountain Elementary School, was recognized for being selected by CMEA to have the Beats Percussion Ensemble perform at the 2026 Colorado Music Educators Association Conference.

Crisis Response Team Recognition:

Johnny Terrell and Maura Brady-McMullen recognized the following staff members for their support and contributions to the Crisis Response Team: Amy Ward, Ana Soto-Harrison, Zenia Quintana, Stephanie Maturino, Odalys Loya, Alejandro De Santiago, Olga Cordero, Martha Bustillos, and Dr. Robin Morgan. Cherie Kanemoto, Tenica Henry, Melissa Formby, and Cecilia Palacios were also recognized but were not in attendance.

Amanda Thompson introduced Debora Sumrall as Executive Director of Security and Safe School Environment beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Kelby Benedict as Principal at Soaring Heights PK-8 beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Amy Forshee as Director of Enterprise Systems beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Kate Gustafson as Principal at Lyons Elementary School beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Lindsay LaPorte as Principal at Mead High School beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Colleen Ford as Assistant Principal at Niwot High School beginning July 1, 2026

Amanda Thompson introduced Brian Shanahan as Assistant Principal at Erie Middle School beginning July 1, 2026

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (4.0)

Ania Camplin was a member of the public who spoke to the board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE (5.0)

Superintendent Dr. Jackie Kapushion provided several district updates including the staff Retirement Dinner, Unified students' Day of Champions event, community partner meetings, Blue Mountain Elementary second-grade field trip to Sandstone Ranch, and the St. Vrain Valley Education Association end-of-year meeting.

REPORTS (6.0)

25-26 High School Scholarships Awarded (6.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany and Maura Brady-McMullen provided the Board of Education with an update regarding the scholarships awarded to the 25-26 District graduates and the support that staff provide to students seeking scholarships.

Abigail Sindelir - Longmont High School
Nick Quintana - Silver Creek High School

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Meosha Babbs moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.18. Hadley Solomon seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Minutes for the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting, April 15, 2026 Study Session, April 22, 2026 Study Session and April 22, 2026 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Executive Director of District Security and Safe School Environment
5. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Director of Enterprise Systems
6. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Principal at Lyons Elementary School
7. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Principal at Mead High School
8. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Principal at Soaring Heights PK-8
9. Approval: Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal at Niwot High School
10. Approval; Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal at Erie Middle School
11. Approval: Forklift Purchase for the Clover Basin Warehouse Renovation Project
12. Approval: Change Order to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Agreement for the Secure Entrance and Renovation Project at Westview Middle School

13. Approval: Contract Award for the Actuator Valve Replacement Project at Prairie Ridge Elementary School
14. Approval: Contract Award for Longs Peak Middle School Bond Project
15. Approval: Change Order to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Contract for Thunder Valley K-8 Renovation Project
16. Approval: Fee Adjustment for Lyons Elementary School Secure Entrance and Remodel Project
17. Approval: Change Order for Big Sky PK-8 Utility Service with United Power
18. Approval: Contract for Enterprise Resource Planning Consulting Partner

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, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Exception to Board Policy DB - Annual Budget, and Adjustment of Transfer from General Fund to Cap Reserve for FY27 (8.1)

Geno Lechuga moved that the Board of Education approve a one-time waiver of a portion of Board Policy DB - Annual Budget, for Fiscal Year 2026-27 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, yes; Hadley Solomon, yes; Jackie Weiss, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Board Reports (9.1)

Sarah Hurianek, Meosha Babbs, Jim Berthold, Hadley Solomon, Jackie Weiss, Geno Lechuga and Jocelyn Gilligan 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 May 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Sarah Hurianek moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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, 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 10, 2026