

**MINUTES  
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

The Board of Education of the St. Vrain Valley School District met February 8, 2017 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 Robert J. Smith at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D  
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F  
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E  
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A  
Amory Siscoe, Assistant Secretary, Director District G  
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

**Board Members Absent (Excused):**

Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B

**St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:**

Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8  
David Burnison, Interim Area Assistant Superintendent  
Eddie Cloke, Principal of Trail Ridge Middle School  
Stacy Davis, Director of Safety and Emergency Management  
Helen Douglass, Academic Support for Fall River Elementary  
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer  
Dede Frothingham, Principal of Alpine Elementary  
Jill Fuller, Principal of Rocky Mountain Elementary  
Mike Green, Assistant Principal of Skyline High  
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent  
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent of Priority Programs and Academic Support  
Josh Lemon, Trail Ridge Middle STEM Coordinator  
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent  
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation

Heidi Ringer, Principal of Skyline High School  
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor  
Audrey Seybold, Principal of Columbine Elementary  
Brandon Shaffer, Ex Dir of Legal & Govt Affairs/Community Outreach/P-TECH  
Tori Teague, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction  
Cyrus Weinberger, Principal of Red Hawk Elementary

Board President Bob Smith introduced Silver Creek High School student Jacob Boettcher who will be the visiting Student Advisory Council student liaison to the Board for February.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)**

None

### **VISITORS (4.0)**

Trip Merklein, President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association-did not address the Board.  
Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School-did not address the Board.  
Jim Berthold, retired SVVSD Bus Dispatcher-did not address the Board.

### **BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (5.0)**

#### **Board Reports**

John Ahrens –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Volunteering in the classrooms-so impressed with and appreciates the expertise of our teachers and the outstanding jobs that they do.
- Attended and was a judge for the Career Development Center Welding and Cosmetology Competition-so impressed by Welding Instructor Bill Anthony who clearly loves what he does and strives to give all students a pathway and vision to the students who may or may not have the opportunity to go to college.
- Attended the Leadership Meeting where Dr. Haddad presented and discussed the book “Thank you for Being Late,” by Thomas Friedman-appreciated the great message that was learned from the book.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Colorado Workforce Development Council tour-thanked organizational work of Jackie Kapushion and Heidi Ringer to make that a success.
- Attended Student Senate meetings organized by Brandon Shaffer-wonderful new program that allows a way for our students to connect with real world opportunities to address current legislation. Thanked Brandon for setting this opportunity up.
- Attended Leadership St. Vrain Meeting-thanks to Brian Lamer and his team for their bond presentation showing the timing of the construction roll-out.
- Talked with teachers about the online textbook adoption process-eagerly awaiting what recommendations they will bring forward to the Board.
- Attended a Vex Robotics tournament hosted by Columbine Elementary with 200 participants-thank you to Audrey Seybold and her staff, students, parents and volunteers for supporting that work.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thoroughly enjoyed being interviewed by Westview's WTV Station: <https://vimeo.com/channels/959688> Students thanked the Board members for the work that they do on their behalf.
- Attended Mead Middle PTO-very involved in bond and they are very excited to be breaking ground in June. Enjoyed the frank conversation about the future of education in Colorado and the nation.
- Distributed sportsmanship medals at the Skyline vs. Mead Boys and Girls basketball games.
- Attended the Colorado Workforce Development Council tour at Skyline-governor appointees are tasked with workforce development in the state and was honored that they chose to come to Skyline.
- Attended a Mead Urban Renewal Authority Meeting-really an honor to be included In working together with the community.
- Attended the Legislative Dinner-was well-structured and enjoyed hearing what is happening at the Capitol and what the vision is for solutions to educational issues.
- Thanked everyone for the Board appreciation dinner-feels it is an honor to serve the community.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce events with Jackie Kapushion-appreciates the tremendous community support.
- Participated in a virtual reality demonstration at Altona Middle School-would like to put together something similar for all Board members to participate in.
- Attended Innovation Fair at Longmont Estates Elementary and judged projects-so impressed with the ideas the kids came up with, and it gave her so much confidence in the future of our community and all of Colorado.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended a meeting at Centennial Elementary showcasing how well they are doing and how staff is coming together to become an even better school-very proud of Centennial staff and students.
- Thanked everyone for the Board appreciation dinner-appreciates the hard work of administrators.
- Attended Legislative Dinner-interesting to hear from some of our representatives and what bills they are introducing.
- Attended a Rock and Roll concert with an 80's theme at Legacy Elementary.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended ribbon cutting at Mountain View Elementary for their playground-very special because the kids participated in the design and were able to see their ideas become reality.
- Thanked the Longmont Chamber and Brandon Shaffer for his facilitation of the meeting where they discussed the role and functions of this Board.
- Attended Legislative Dinner where we discussed what local control means to them-asked for clarity, consistency, and even accountability across the state when making decisions on education. Thanked Brandon Shaffer for that meaningful meeting.
- Spoke with Dr. Haddad on the possibility of a half-day planning session with the Board and staff in the future regarding new technology (virtual reality) and how that could play out and roll out in the next three to five years. Questions: How will new technology change teaching/curriculum; what are the new technologies that we can expect; how does education need to adjust to technology; and how does new technology affect the traditional fine arts and humanities.

Jacob Boettcher –

- Board members asked Jacob how he felt education has changed since he was in the fourth grade. Jacob attended Eagle Crest, Blue Mountain, Altona Middle and now Silver Creek. He has seen a dramatic shift in technology but would like to make sure there is a balance so that imagination is still cultivated in students. He appreciated that Dr. Haddad and the Board set the standards for the amazing education fourth and fifth graders are exposed to, and felt that the education he has had has prepared him well for the future to achieve whatever he wants to.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

None

## **REPORTS (6.0)**

### **Skyline High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (6.1)**

David Burnison introduced Skyline Principal Heidi Ringer who introduced Skyline Student Advisory Council students Lena Weisman, Hailey Johnson, Kenny Frederick, and Madison Reed. Student Advisory students Jenni LaTorra and Maria Rodela were

unable to attend the meeting. Each feeder school had students that presented a little something they felt made their school great. The Student Advisory members told the Board of their plans beyond high school, and honored family members in attendance. Principals from the following Skyline feeder schools were also in attendance: Karrie Borski, Timberline PK-8; Jill Fuller, Rocky Mountain Elementary; Eddie Cloke, Trail Ridge Middle; Dede Frothingham, Alpine Elementary; and Audrey Seybold, Columbine Elementary. Helen Douglass, Academic Support at Fall River Elementary; and Mike Green, Assistant Principal of Skyline were also in attendance.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)**

John Ahrens moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.5. Joie Siegrist seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the January 11, 2017 Regular Meeting, the January 18, 2017 Study Session, the January 19, 2017 Special Meeting-Legislative Dinner, and the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Modular Classrooms
5. Approval: Approval of Delayed Start of Schools-February 2, 2017

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **ACTION ITEMS (8.0)**

#### **Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for New Erie PK-8 (8.1)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Cyrus Weinberger as the Principal for the new Erie PK-8, effective July 1, 2017. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Mr. Weinberger graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. He continued his education at the University of Northern Colorado, where he completed his Master of Arts in Elementary Education. He later completed his Master of Education School Leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

For the past seven years, Mr. Weinberger has served as the Principal of Red Hawk Elementary School, where he was responsible for creating the All School Movement Program that provides students with 35-40 minutes of rigorous activity a day in addition to recess and PE. The Red Hawk program has been nationally recognized with the President's Council for Nutrition and Physical Fitness Community Leadership Award, a Child Obesity 180 Innovation Competition National winner (\$100,000), and a Kaiser

Thriving Schools Grant (\$150,000). Mr. Weinberger has also created an atmosphere at Red Hawk where strong instructional practice, innovation, and kindness thrive every day. Prior to that, he served as a Principal at Ryan Elementary Math & Science Focus School in the Boulder Valley School District for two years. Throughout Mr. Weinberger's career, he has served as an Assistant Principal, Educational Consultant, and a teacher of fourth, seventh and eighth grades. Mr. Weinberger also spent a year in Wang Prong, Thailand, teaching English. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Cyrus was proud and honored to take on this new assignment. Board members congratulated him on his new assignment, and know that he will do a great job and are looking forward to the opportunities he will bring to our students in the new school.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **Approval of Aspen Ridge Preparatory School Contract Waivers (8.2)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board approve the updated Exhibit A from Aspen Ridge Preparatory School and incorporate it as an addendum to the three-year charter school contract approved in June 2016. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Terry Schueler reported that the Colorado Department of Education has requested that four of our charter schools revise Exhibit A of their three-year contracts approved by the Board of Education in June 2016 to include a Rationale and Replacement Plan (RRP) for their non-automatic state waivers. Each of the four charters were asked to submit a revised Exhibit A to the Colorado Department of Education to ensure compliance and then have the revised Exhibit approved by their school's governing Board before being reviewed and approved by our Board of Education.

Terry gave a detailed background account of the relationship between the charter schools and the school district.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

### **Approval of Flagstaff Academy Contract Waivers (8.3)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board approve the updated Exhibit A from Flagstaff Academy and incorporate it as an addendum to the three-year charter school contract approved in June 2016. Paula Peairs seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

**Approval of Imagine Charter School at Firestone Contract Waivers (8.4)**

John Ahrens moved that the Board approve the updated Exhibit A from Imagine Charter School at Firestone and incorporate it as an addendum to the three-year charter school contract approved in June 2016. Paula Peairs seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

**Approval of Twin Peaks Charter Academy Contract Waivers (8.5)**

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board approve the updated Exhibit A from Twin Peaks Charter Academy and incorporate it as an addendum to the three-year charter school contract approved in June 2016. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

**First Reading, Discussion, Board Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements (8.6)**

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the minor revision of Board Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

Tori Teague reported that the change in verbiage to this Policy adds the option of taking one of two Business courses to meet the Personal Financial Literacy requirement. The two Business courses are Personal Finance (CTE 9052) and Wealth Management (CTE 9107).

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT (10.0)**

Amory Siscoe moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, absent; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Amory Siscoe, yes; Bob Smith, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Amory Siscoe, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Secretary to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on March 8, 2017.