

**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 August 9, 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Dr. Richard Martyr, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F
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):

None

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Kahle Charles, Executive Director of Curriculum
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Hoel, Principal of Blue Mountain Elementary
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Asst Supt of Priority Programs and Academic Achievement
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir Govt & Legal Affairs/Community Outreach/P-TECH
Susan Zimmerman, Community Schools Coordinator

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Dr. Haddad introduced Community Schools Coordinator Susan Zimmerman. Susan introduced the students that helped in the schools in the 2016-2017 school year. Those students and the schools that they helped in are: Macy Brown, Lyons Elementary; James Schultz, Longmont Estates; Aiden Lewis, Eagle Crest; Caleb Dreitz, Black Rock; Damon Patrick, Centennial; Brendan Williamson and Sophie Real, Burlington. Dr. Haddad honored each student with a Superintendent's Excellence in Education Award. Susan praised these students for their exemplary leadership and amazing work ethic. Board members and Dr. Haddad thanked Susan for the marvelous job that she does.

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Blue Mountain Elementary Principal Stephen Hoel. Stephen introduced teachers Kelly Dodds, JoLene Lewis, and Amber Mault, and was proud to announce that Blue Mountain received the prestigious John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award for 2017. John Irwin Awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Academic Achievement indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science. Blue Mountain also received the Governors Distinguished Improvement Award. The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools also rated Exceeds Expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and an Exceeds Expectations rating on the indicator related to academic growth gaps. Stephen and the teachers invited everyone to come see the newly renovated school.

Steve Villarreal, President, St. Vrain Valley Education Association-did not address the Board.

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

Board Reports

John Ahrens –
Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Proud of the District's successful bond. His conversations with several other districts indicated that they are not as lucky as St. Vrain.
- Attended New Teacher Orientation – incredible event that connected on a very personal level with a great group of new teachers. Thanks to Dr. Diane Lauer for a wonderful, well-run event.
- Personally took two Computer Science classes at the Colorado School of Mines, and looks forward to sharing what he learned with the District and Axel Reitzig at the Innovation Center.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the Leadership Retreat – terrific, well-organized, and great opportunity for all administrators to get to know one another to develop leadership skills even further. Appreciated Dr. Haddad's remarks, and thanked Dr. Diane Lauer and Jackie Kapushion for facilitating the event.
- Attended a CASB Board of Directors Meeting in June.
- Looking forward to attending the CASB Fall Regional Meeting on September 7, 2017 in Loveland-interesting to work with all school districts because they all have similar problems and can work together to solve issues. Encouraged other Board members to attend.

Dr. Richard Martyr –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Honored the work of Trip Merklein, retired President of the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (SVVEA) – expressed his appreciation for Trip's support of both teachers and students and really making a difference in the entire organization during his tenure. Wished Steve Villarreal, the new SVVEA President, continued success.
- Attended the Leadership Retreat, the Welcome Back to Classified Staff, and the New Teacher Orientation events – enjoyed Dr. Haddad's inspirational speeches, and thanked him for challenging and inspiring all groups of employees to continue to move forward from being a very good District to a truly remarkable one.
- Visited Eagle Crest Elementary and Principal Ryan Ball to see how the new construction was coming along. Thanked Brian Lamer and Todd Piccone for their extraordinary work.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Wherever she travels, she engages people in conversation about their local school district. She always comes back with the knowledge and pride that the opportunities we offer students here in St. Vrain is so far beyond other school districts. Thanked Dr. Haddad and his leadership staff for always working towards an extraordinary benchmark.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Encouraged people to attend the fantastic community event Sunrise Stampede this Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. at Silver Creek High School – proceeds fund classroom grants for special needs.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended and enjoyed the Welcome Back to Classified Staff event.
- Two of her daughters attended 6th Grade Boot Camp at Coal Ridge Middle School – kids came home very excited every day – appreciated their time in the classroom, Schoology, etc.
- Visiting Frederick High School next Friday with a group of people who want to connect with the school and meet with administration to see how they can support the school.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Excited to work with staff again this year, and told the St. Vrain Valley students that there are literally thousands of people committed to their success. Addressed the parents about opportunities for their children to achieve as excellent an education here in St. Vrain Valley as anywhere in the country. Assured the parents that the students are the focal point of every decision this Board of Education makes, and encouraged the students to realize that and to participate to achieve their full potential. Encouraged parents to be a participating partner in school Parent/Teacher Organizations or other parent groups and to attend their children's events.
- Recited the District Mission Statement.
- Thanked former SVVEA President Trip Merklein for the work that he did for the staff of the District in his tenure, and looks forward to working with new SVVEA President Steve Villarreal.
- Encouraged staff to submit their Board calendar items that align to the strategic priorities to him or to Dr. Haddad.
- Commended Dr. Haddad and his staff for creating all the community meetings to thank community members for passing the bond and to keep the community up-to-date on all the projects. He assured Dr. Haddad that Board members will attend as many as they can.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Provided a Bond project update – thanked Brian Lamer and his hundreds of teammates for how far the construction projects have come in the nine months from passing the Bond.
- Reported that Tori Teague and Jackie Kapushion will be giving the Board an update on the recent assessments – strong year in terms of growth scores and achievement levels.
- Congratulated Ella Padilla and the Human Resources Department leadership on the successful hiring summer. Announced that HR implemented a new paperless hiring process that expedited the interview process. Ella thanked Dina Perfetti-Deany, Mark Mills and Jackie Kapushion for their assistance.

- Announced that the District Technology Plan is moving through the elementary phase – thanked Joe McBreen and his team. The plan is to finish the elementary schools and then upgrade into a three-year refresh cycle.
- Updated the Board on the amount of state grants (Colorado Department of Education) that the District is pursuing to use toward counseling and interventionists. Thanked Bryan Krause and his team for the \$640,000 worth of current grants, and will keep the Board updated as to the outcome of pending grant applications. Thanked Patty Quinones, Regina Renaldi, and Jackie Kapushion for putting these grant applications together – should know the outcome of some of the grants by the end of the week of August 14, 2017.
- Announced the eight Community Meetings that are set up – focusing on updating the community about St Vrain, its bond projects, and local and national education trends.
- Thanked Dr. Diane Lauer for the remarkable job she did on the New Teacher Orientations – over 60 current educators and community partners came in to work with the new teachers on the curriculum. Dr. Lauer thanked the current teachers, and her Professional Development and Curriculum teams.
- Announced the administrator transitions that were made – Dina Perfetti-Deany as Area 3 Assistant Superintendent; and Jackie Kapushion as Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement.
- Thanked Greg Fieth and his Finance team for all the work he’s done with the auditors – update to the Board to come.
- Thanked Brandon Shaffer for his outreach to organize a meeting of lobbyists, superintendents, Communications Directors, and CASE and CASB executives to communicate about public education on a state-wide level on August 24, 2017.
- Attended meetings with Dr. Martyr and Dr. Lauer working on strengthening the student teacher programs with University of Northern Colorado, Colorado State University, and CU-Boulder. Hoping these meetings lead to stronger partnerships.

REPORTS (6.0)

4th Quarter Gifts to Schools-2016-2107 School Year (6.1)

Greg Fieth provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the fourth quarter of the 2016-2017 school year totaling \$285,024.41. The total of all gifts given to the District for the 2016-2017 school year total \$816,360.77.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.9. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the June 5, 2017 Board Retreat, the June 14, 2017 Regular Meeting, and the June 28, 2017 Regular Meeting

4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Coal Ridge Middle School
 5. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, of Board Policy GBEB – Staff Conduct (And Responsibilities), and New Board Regulation GBEB-R – Staff Conduct (And Responsibilities)
 6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award – Purchase & Servicing of Kenwood Radios
 7. Approval: Approval of Change Order 3 to Contract for Main Street School South Parking Lot Replacement Project
 8. Approval: Approval of Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Clover Basin ESC 2nd Floor Renovation Project
 9. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase to Architect Agreement for Mead High School Addition & Renovation Project
- Ella Padilla introduced Erin Roe to the Board as the new Dean of Students at Coal Ridge Middle School. Erin is excited to work with the Coal Ridge staff and blessed to be part of St. Vrain where she feels so supported professionally with so many opportunities for growth. She was honored to be at the meeting with her mother who was an educator for over 30 years.

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Calendar Change to 2017-2018 District Calendar (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve a change to the 2017-2018 District Calendar. John Ahrens seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer requested a change to the District calendar for 2017-2018 school year so that the Olde Columbine High School graduation date can be moved from Friday, May 25, 2018 to Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Board Policy IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time states “Any change in the calendar except for emergency closings or other unforeseen circumstances shall be preceded by adequate and timely notice of no less than 30 days.” Having approval by the Board on August 9, 2017 more than satisfies that policy rule so that the District is able to communicate that change to parents and students.

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

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements with Boulder, Larimer, and Weld Counties and the City and County of Broomfield for the 2017 Coordinated Election (8.2)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Intergovernmental Agreement for Conduct of Coordinated Elections with Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, and the City and County of Broomfield, and further authorize Greg Fieth as the Designated Election Official to sign the agreement documents. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Greg Fieth explained that the Uniform Election Code requires that these intergovernmental agreements, which set forth the terms and conditions under which the respective counties will conduct coordinated elections, be approved by the participating parties. According to the election timeline, the last day for the District to sign the intergovernmental agreements is August 29, 2017. Approval of these agreements will fulfill this requirement.

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

Approval of Vendors Providing Purchased Services Over \$100,000-Updated (8.3)

Dr. Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the listed vendors who are anticipated to provide purchased services over \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2018. Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that this updated information (updated from the June 28, 2017 Regular Meeting) is presented in an effort to streamline the District's policy requirement that the Board approve all vendors to whom the District pays over \$100,000 in a single fiscal year, per Board Policy DJ/DJA—Purchasing/Purchasing Authority. This is specifically to address vendors who provide goods that are not competitively bid, competitive bids that are extended into a new fiscal year, or FY18 newly-awarded contracts.

Greg advised that the individual schools pay for The College Board AP testing and then the students pay the District back by paying their AP testing fee.

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

Approval of Change Order 4 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Mead High School Addition & Renovation Project (8.4)

Dr. Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 4 for \$195,000 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with JHL Constructors, Inc., for the Mead High Addition & Renovation Project for a \$14,000,000 contract value, including contingency. Further, that the Board authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents and initiate scope changes in accordance with Board of Education policy. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer explained that Change Order 4 includes the scope of work for additional science room renovation in the existing building. This will create additional classrooms to address capacity needs. The project is funded under the 2016 Bond program.

Dr. Martyr expressed his appreciation to Brian Lamer and his team for the quality of the new Science classrooms/facilities. Brian shared with the audience that the Mead High, the Erie High, and the Silver Creek High Science labs are all on the plan to be updated.

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

Approval of Change Order 1 to CMGC Contract for the Innovation Center Project (8.5)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 1 for \$10,000,000 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with FCI Constructors, Inc., for the Innovation Center Project for an \$18,000,000 contract value including contingency. Further, that the Board authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign contract documents and initiate scope changes in accordance with Board of Education policy. John Ahrens seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that, on June 28, 2017, the Board of Education approved Phase I of the Innovation Center project with FCI Constructors, Inc., for a Phase 1 contract value of \$8,000,000. The final phase includes a 50,000 sq. ft. school to support innovation programs throughout the District. Change Order 1 sets the overall project contract value. This project is funded under the 2016 Bond.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; 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 to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., and Dr. Martyr seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lammers, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on September 13, 2017.