

**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 June 14, 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:

Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
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):

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D
Dr. Richard Martyr, Director District E

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Shelly Allen, Director of Nutrition Services
Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics/Fine Arts/Activities
Karrie Borski, Principal of Timberline PK-8
Alexandra Downing, Indian Peaks STEM Coordinator
Stephanie Esquibel, Timberline PK-8 Secondary Math Teacher
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Ryan Kragerud, Planning/GIS Specialist
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Amber Marsolek, Alpine Elementary Dean of Students
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area Assistant Superintendent
Patty Quinones, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation
Kyle Schuyler, Assistant Principal Lyons M/S

Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir Govt & Legal Affairs/Community Outreach/P-TECH
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Action Item 8.4 Approval of IDEA Narratives was pulled from this Agenda and will be an Action Item at the June 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Patty Quinones recognized Axel Reitzig for all the work he does to facilitate the VEX teams, as he was unable to attend the Board Meeting. She then introduced Indian Peaks STEM Coordinator Alex Downing who represents all VEX IQ Robotics. VEX student members from Central, Sanborn, Niwot, Alpine, Red Hawk, Erie, Sunset, Timberline PK-8, and Westview introduced themselves and told what they liked most about competing in the 2017 VEX IQ World Robotics Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. The students thanked their mentors/parents. Patty recognized the many people that put so much work into these teams, and thanked the community for their support. Coaches/Mentors available at the meeting were Carolyn Clifford, Peter Sutyak, Cheryl Labadie, Daniel Hernandez, Juliann Daley, Kristen Brohm, Michelle Longsiger, and Alison Marshall. Patty gave a photo of the students that participated in world competition to Dr. Haddad, the Board and to the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley for their financial support of the program. Alex thanked everyone on the VEX IQ Leadership Team.

Dr. Haddad introduced Timberline PK-8 Principal Karrie Borski and Stephanie Esquibel, Timberline PK-8 Secondary Math Teacher. Karrie shared that Stephanie was honored by the Jared Polis Foundation during their Teacher Appreciation Week. Every year, the Foundation honors only 10 Colorado teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with the Foundation's Teacher Recognition Awards. As a 2017 honoree, Stephanie will receive a \$1,000 discretionary award, a \$500 technology award, a \$1,000 teacher-directed school grant; and a crystal apple award. In addition, the Foundation places a half-page notice in the Denver Post recognizing the 10 teacher honorees. Dr. Haddad gave her a Superintendent's Excellence in Education award. Stephanie introduced her husband and her daughter and thanked Karrie Borski, Dr. Haddad and the Board for their support.

Jim Berthold, Retired District Bus Dispatcher-did not address the Board.
Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School-did not address the Board.

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

Board Reports

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Graduations-Older Columbine High School graduated 36 students which was their largest class in history. Thanked Skyline Principal Heidi Ringer and Mead High Principal Rachel Ayers for making it easy for her to get to each school for their graduation ceremonies. Lamented that these were her last set of graduations as a Board member for the last eight years. Appreciated the opportunity to attend them all and congratulated all the graduates. Enjoys seeing the graduation announcements in the local newspaper every year and hopes that tradition continues.
- Requested to Dr. Haddad and Brian Lamer that the District website show an up-to-date account of what bond projects are being worked on with costs/timelines to completion.

Paula Peairs –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Niwot High graduation because her son graduated from Niwot this year. Thanked Debbie Lammers for allowing her to attend Niwot High graduation on this being Debbie's last year as a Board member. Thanked everyone who was involved in making the graduations happen.
- Thanked Joe McBreen and Michelle Bourgeois for facilitating the Board Retreat surrounding the timeline of the District Technology Plan.
- Thanked Patty Quinones, Heidi Ringer, and Deneice Cook who were involved in presenting District technology plans to a Vanderbilt University Professor and five graduate students-impressed that they came to St. Vrain Valley School District for our input.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Enjoyed the Lyons graduation walk-fantastic event and hope that it becomes a tradition-thanks to everyone that made that happen.
- Thanked everyone who made graduation day possible and made it a special day for families.
- Attended the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Scholarship Awards Banquet-over 50 scholarships were given out.

Amory Siscoe –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Exciting to watch Elementary 27 being built.
- Attended the Frederick and Mead High graduation walk-seniors were bused to all the elementary and middle schools where younger students watched as the Frederick and Mead graduates walked side-by-side in front of them. Very neat experience-looking forward to that being an annual tradition.

- Attended an Urban Renewal Authority meeting in Frederick-putting in a new building downtown that will serve the community.
- Attended Leadership Council-enjoyed watching administration come together, and great to see them recognized for their hard work throughout the year. Appreciates Dr. Haddad's leadership, and is so proud that the District has gained the level of respect that it has.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Thanked the DTS staff for the District Technology Plan, the Human Resources staff for the wonderful Retirement Dinner, and Brian Lamer and his team for all the graduations that ran so smoothly.
- Feels it is very evident that every department in the District does student centric work to best help our students achieve.
- Noted that, at the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley Scholarship Awards Banquet, half the scholarship winners were young women that were going to college to be surgeons, neuro-scientists, engineers, etc., and that the District helped prepare these young women to realize their potential.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Met with Niwot High teachers/administrators off campus to discuss the continuous improvement of the IB Program.
- Visited with Altona Middle School teachers-trying to find a location for their new virtual reality lab that will serve as a pilot for our other schools.
- Met with administrators at Timberline PK-8 with Stacy Davis and Bryan Krause facilitating regarding new laws on safety and threat assessments. Stacy did a great job and there was great interaction and conversations.
- IBM and SVVSD Innovation Academy for a Smarter Planet is in its seventh year with-thanked everyone involved in that.
- Innovation Center update-working on trying to secure water rights-should be done first week in July.
- Working with Boulder County Community Foundation/State Board of Education on how to improve the accreditation process.
- Reported that 89.8% of SVVSD students are fully immunized, 6% incomplete records (working on becoming complete), 3.1% opted out-great job by nurses and our Student Services Department.
- Announced that Greg Fieth and Jane Frederick are creating a financial transparency portion on the District website by July to show how the District spends its money on education.
- Encouraged everyone to drive by any school this summer and see each of them with students actively learning.
- Announced the upcoming Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley 2nd Annual Innovation Gala on November 11, 2017.

- Announced there would be a series of town meetings updating the community on the bond projects to show our appreciation for them passing the bond and for the opportunity for them to ask questions.
- Graduations-many meetings were held by administrators working with high school principals months in advance, working together as a model of teamwork to make graduations run smoothly. Thanks to all those who made the graduations successful.

REPORTS (6.0)

Athletics/Fine Arts Report (6.1)

Rob Berry reported on the successes of the spring athletics. He introduced Silver Creek State Track Champions Rylee Anderson (High Jump; 3-Time State Champion); and Brock Knechtel (Discus). Rob congratulated Deputy Ken Rosales for being the recipient of the 2017 Nate Carrigan Award from the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers. This award, named for Park County Deputy Nate Carrigan who was killed in the line of duty last year, is given to a Colorado law enforcement officer who, through coaching high school athletics, had a positive impact on the overall school culture. Deputy Rosales will be presented the award at the CASRO Annual Conference in Breckenridge on June 29, 2017.

Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Proposed FY2018 Budget (6.2)

Tony Whiteley provided the Board of Education with the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget that was introduced to the Board of Education on May 24, 2017, and the Board then conducted a Public Hearing. There were no questions from the public, and they have not received any public comment at the administrative office. The final budget adoption is scheduled for June 28, 2017. The 2018 Proposed Budget document remains at the administrative building to be observed and also on the District website (svvsd.org). No one in the audience attending the Board Meeting had any comments or questions about the proposed budget.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.11. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the May 10, 2017 Regular Meeting, the May 17, 2017 Study Session, and the May 24, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Lyons Middle-Senior High School
5. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for Silver Creek High School

6. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Alpine Elementary School
 7. Approval: Approval of Amended Conservation Easement and Purchase Agreement for Quail Road Elementary Site
 8. Approval: Approval to Develop Site Utility Extension Agreement with the City of Longmont-Innovation Center Project
 9. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Main Street School Renovation Project
 10. Approval: Approval to Accept Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Federal Grant Funds for the 2017-2018 SY
 11. Approval: Adoption of Resolution to Commit Funds for Superintendent's Contract
- Ella Padilla announced that Randy McKie was chosen for the new AP/AD at Lyons M/S. He was unable to attend the Board Meeting.
 - Ella announced that Carolyn Clifford was chosen for the Dean of Students at Alpine Elementary. Carolyn was present and looks forward to returning to Alpine, and introduced her husband and sons.
 - Ella introduced Silver Creek High School Principal Erick Finnestead who shared that SCHS student Brock Knechtel had, just tonight, been offered a scholarship to CU-Boulder, and that SCHS student Rylee Anderson had broken the long-standing High Jump record that was held by her mother. Erick then introduced Kyle Schuyler to announce that he had been chosen for the AP/AD position at Silver Creek High School. Erick was excited to have Kyle on his team because he was such a great relationship builder at Lyons M/S and because of his extensive coaching background. Kyle thanked the Board and Dr. Haddad for giving him this opportunity, and looks forward to future years with Silver Creek. He announced that he and his fiancé are getting married on July 17, 2017.

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of 2017/2018 Fuel Purchases (8.1)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of fuel for the 2017 - 2018 school year, and further authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign appropriate documents. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the cost of the fuel is determined using the MAPO bid through Arapahoe County. The funds to purchase fuel are budgeted in the General Fund. The estimated amount for fuel for the year will be approximately \$1,200,000.00 based on fuel pricing. This is the same agreement the District has been using for fuel in past years.

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

Approval of Change Order 3 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Mead High School Addition & Renovation Project (8.2)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 3 for \$2,351,633 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. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that Change Order 3 includes the additional scope of work required to expand stadium bleacher capacity, construct a new fieldhouse, revised design for science departmentalization in the new classroom wing, and conversion of existing science labs into general classrooms. The project is funded under the 2016 Bond program. Board members thanked Brian Lamer and his team for making these much needed changes happen.

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

Approval of Change Order 3 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Elementary 27 (8.3)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order 3 for \$154,081 to the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract with Haselden Construction for the Elementary 27 Project for a \$22,795,326 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 reported that Change Order 3 includes Haselden Construction contracting and coordinating onsite construction with United Power for the installation of permanent electrical power to the school building and the relocation of existing overhead electrical from power poles to underground service as required for the widening of Aggregate Boulevard for the addition of turn lanes into and out of the school. The Elementary 27 project is funded under the 2016 Bond.

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

Approval of IDEA Narratives (8.4)

This item was pulled from the Agenda and rescheduled for the June 28, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Adoption of Resolution to Accept Colorado State Model Evaluation System (8.5)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution for the St. Vrain Valley School District to accept the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for the 2017-2018 school year. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that school districts must provide annual assurance to the Colorado Department of Education that the local Board of Education is either adopting the Colorado State Model Evaluation System or implementing its own evaluation system by July 1 of each year.

The Resolution being recommended for adoption indicates the District's intent to implement the Colorado State Model Evaluation System for the 2017-18 school year. This evaluation system is in alignment with the new language of the Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association and St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J that was approved at the June 14, 2017 Board Meeting.

Even though Senate Bill 10-191 does not legally require a resolution, it is being recommended that the Board take public action annually to confirm the intent of the District and to serve as direction for the required annual assurance.

Ella answered questions from Board members, and announced that they had presented their new paperless process at the state Colorado Association of School Personnel Administrators (CASPA) Conference. Dr. Haddad praised Ella and her team for doing a great job implementing the new process.

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

Approval of 2018 Negotiated Agreement with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (8.6)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the changes to the Negotiated Agreement between the St. Vrain Valley Education Association (SVVEA) and the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J, as outlined in the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), effective July 1, 2017, upon approval by the Board of Education. Paula Peairs seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that the negotiation teams for the District and for SVVEA met for several months in the spring for discussions regarding proposed language changes in

the existing Agreement, including compensation matters. The discussions resulted in a number of tentative agreements and the MOA that is attached.

SVVEA has formally notified the District that their membership has voted to approve these changes to the Agreement for the 2017-18 contract year. Ella thanked David Burnison for the amazing job he did leading the committee and coming up with several important changes this year.

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

Approval of Aspen Ridge Preparatory School Bond Project Agreement (8.7)

Amory Siscoe moved that the Board of Education approve the updated Aspen Ridge Preparatory School Bond Project Agreement. Paula Peairs seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that, upon further review, the Aspen Ridge Preparatory School Bond Project Agreement approved by the Board on October 26, 2016 did not adequately protect the District's investment of 2016 bond proceeds in Aspen Ridge Preparatory School because of a pre-existing financing agreement on the existing charter school.

Legal counsel has developed a new Agreement that incorporates the existing financial agreement and ensures the District is in compliance with C.R.S 22-30.5-404(6), as stated:

(6) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no bonds shall be issued for the purpose of financing charter school capital construction unless the charter school that is to receive bond proceeds and the District have entered into a contract specifying that, if the charter school's charter is revoked or not renewed, the charter school becomes insolvent and can no longer operate as a charter school, or the charter school otherwise ceases to operate, following payment of all other debts secured by the capital construction, the ownership of any capital construction financed by the bond proceeds shall automatically revert to the school district.

This updated Agreement protects the District's bond investment in Aspen Ridge Preparatory School by granting the District the right to assume the lease, right to assume the deed of trust, the Right of First Offer and Right of First Refusal on the building if Aspen Ridge should close or relocate.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Meal Price Increase for the 2017-2018 School Year (9.1)

Board members discussed the increase of school lunch meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year with Shelly Allen. This increase is based on the continual increase in food, milk, labor, and benefits. Staff is asking to increase lunch meal prices by \$0.25. Elementary lunches would go from \$2.75 to \$3.00; Secondary lunches from \$3.00 to \$3.25; and Adult lunches from \$3.75 to \$4.00.

Shelly stated that the District belongs to a co-op with 55 other school districts to help keep prices down, and that the District receives a rebate each year from the co-op. She also reported that SVVSD has a fiduciary manager in this co-op along with a consultant. Shelly stated that menu changes could come with the change in price, and that they are aggressive about trying to get students to stay on-campus to eat lunch. Board members thanked Shelly and her team for their extremely essential work, and recognized that our District's breakfast program is more robust than other districts.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Amory Siscoe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m., and Paula Peairs seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lammers, Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Secretary to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on August 9, 2017.