

**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 October 25, 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, Member, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Treasurer, Director District F
Joie Siegrist, Vice President, Director District A
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Amory Siscoe, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Carrie Adams, Director of Silver Creek Leadership Academy
Ryan Ball, Principal of Eagle Crest Elementary
Kevin Brown, Frederick High School Choral Director
Kahle Charles, Executive Director of Curriculum
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Erick Finnestead, Principal of Silver Creek High School
David Frick, Skyline High School Instructor
Dan Grove, District Bus Driver
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Traci Haley, Principal of Longmont Estates Elementary
Stephen Hoel, Principal of Blue Mountain Elementary
Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Paula Maguire, Lyons M/S Volleyball Coach
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Wendy Nurton, Frederick High Accompanist

Travis O’Hair, Altona Middle School Assistant Principal
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Area 3 Assistant Superintendent
Heidi Ringer, Principal of Skyline High School
Jill Ripa, Frederick High Drama Instructor
Brian Young, Principal of Frederick High School
Lance Yoxsimer, Director of Transportation

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

None

VISITORS (4.0)

Brian Lamer introduced District Bus Driver Dan Grove and gave a brief description of Dan’s career. Dan told the audience why he loves being a District bus driver, and read several appreciation letters that students had wrote to him. Lyons M/S Volleyball Coach Paula Maguire told the audience how much their team appreciated his love and concern for the students’ well-being. Dr. Haddad presented him with a Superintendent’s Excellence in Education award for his contributions to the District.

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Skyline Principal Heidi Ringer and honored her as an exceptional leader. Heidi introduced instructor David Frick, and David introduced Skyline High Model UN (United Nations) students Maddy Reed and Keegan Lynch who were being recognized for their outstanding performance in the first-ever Model UN Club. Maddy and Keegan were awarded “Best Delegates” by their peers for this first year of the club being in existence. Dr. Haddad awarded David Frick with a Superintendent’s Excellence in Education award for his work with the Model UN club.

Jackie Kapushion introduced Frederick High School Principal Brian Young. Brian gave a brief update on the Frederick High music and drama departments. He invited Board members to attend a showing of “Big Fish” on November 2, 9, 10, and 11 at 7:00 p.m., with a 2:00 p.m. matinee showing on November 4, 2017 at Frederick High. Brian commended Choral Director Kevin Brown, Drama Instructor Jill Ripa, and Wendy Nurton, Accompanist, for the exceptional work that they do. The students performed a few of the musical numbers to “Big Fish”. Students present were: Avery Aasmundstad, Katrine Bjelke, Zack Briggs, Josilyn Cholas, Brianna Fleeman, Charles Juarez, Avery Lareau, Megan Lewis, Kayla Lorimer, Ana Lowe, Dallin Lyon, Tess Lyons, Macey Murfitt, Hailey Palmer, Parker Ridgley, Lexey Royer, Kelsea Sibold (Stage Manager and first-ever St. Vrain State Thespian Association Officer), Amanda Schmidt, Mylie Tarnowski, and Jake Valois.

Scott Converse, *Longmont Observer* – did not address the Board.

Ayako Itoi, *Longmont Observer* – did not address the Board.

Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal at Niwot High School – did not address the Board.

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

REPORTS (5.0)

Silver Creek High School Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (5.1)

Dina Perfetti-Deany introduced Altona Middle School Principal Jeremy LaCrosse. Jeremy explained this year's Silver Creek feeder system report theme of Leadership Innovation and Student Achievement. Altona Middle Assistant Principal Travis O'Hair helped the Board members to put on virtual reality headsets for the 360 degree virtual tours of the Silver Creek feeder schools. Jeremy thanked Michelle Pulley, Teacher/Librarian, Tom Ingram, Patty Quinones, and the Innovation Center students for their help in creating the 360 degree virtual tour for their feeder report. Silver Creek High School Principal Erick Finnestead introduced the Silver Creek Student Advisory Council students Jacob Boettcher, Parker Nicholas, Delaney Tureson, and Austin Leech. Students shared their plans after high school graduation, and the teachers that inspired them during their school experience. The students invited the Board members to attend the Silver Creek Leadership Academy Expo on December 11, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. They circulated packets of information on the Leadership Academy to the Board. Additional Silver Creek feeder principals in attendance were Stephen Hoel, Blue Mountain; Ryan Ball, Eagle Crest; and Traci Haley, Longmont Estates. Board members commended Silver Creek Leadership Academy Director Carrie Adams for her work with the students, and thanked Jeremy LaCrosse and his team for the virtual reality experience.

Personal Financial Literacy Program Update (5.2)

Kahle Charles provided the Board of Education with an update on the Personal Financial Literacy Program, and reported that this class will be a required class for students graduating in 2021 (current 9th grade students). Kahle reported that a survey will be going out to the parents in the near future to hear their feedback on the class. Dr. Haddad commended Board member Paula Peairs for being the catalyst to starting this program, and Paula reminded everyone that this is what happens when you start with an idea to the staff and the staff takes that idea and turns it into reality. Kahle reported that the Learning Council awarded the Curriculum Department with an award for their digital curriculum strategies, and recognized Joe McBreen and his team and Tori Teague and her team for their efforts that made the award possible. The Curriculum Department placed in the top 10 school districts in the nation to win this award.

2016-2017 Scholarship Recipients (5.3)

Greg Fieth highlighted the many scholarships that St. Vrain Valley students were offered in the 2016-2017 school year. Students were awarded a total of \$908,475 in local

scholarships and awards. In addition, students were offered a total of \$22,135,775 in scholarships and awards from colleges and universities across the country.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.2 through 6.4. Joie Siegrist seconded. Consent Agenda Item 6.1 was pulled to discuss it more thoroughly.

1. Approval: Approval to Proceed with Negotiations for a Lease Agreement for the APEX Home School Program
2. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Architect for the Career Development Center Renovation Project
3. Approval: Approval of Waiver of Board Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities
4. Approval: Approval of Request to Grant Exception to Board Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

Consent Item 6.1 was pulled to receive more updated information since it was discussed at the October 18, 2017 Study Session. Brian Lamer provided the updated information. Board members confirmed that their vote on this topic was, at this time, just to continue negotiations with the building owners. Once the negotiations were solidified, this topic will become a Board Action Item in the future to, then, vote on the final agreement between the building owners and the school district. Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 6.1, and Paula Peairs seconded.

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, absent; Bob Smith, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (7.0)

Approval of School Bus Purchases (7.1)

John Ahrens moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of thirteen buses, as presented, and further authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign the appropriate documents. The total cost of these buses is \$1,386,522. The funds for this purchase shall come from 2018 Capital Reserve. Paula Peairs seconded.

Brian Lamer introduced Director of Transportation Lance Yoxsimer who reported that the Purchasing Department established pricing for the Type C and Type A school buses under cooperative bids received by other school districts. Pricing for the Type D buses was established under a District bid received by the Purchasing Department. He

described to the Board members the differences in the types of buses. He stated that these new buses are intended to be mostly replacement buses, but that the District is also planning ahead for the growth and new routes when Elementary 27 and the new Erie PK-8 are completed. Lance and Dr. Haddad both told Board members that there have been discussions about future plans for buses having Wi-Fi capability and possibly becoming central hubs of internet connectivity for rural areas. Board members thanked Lance and his department for their work.

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 (8.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. John Ahrens 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, absent; 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 November 8, 2017.