

**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 January 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 6:31 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
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:

Stacy Davis, Director of Safety and Emergency Management
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Jason Maguire, Dean/Athletic Director of Lyons Middle/Senior
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Moore, Principal of Lyons Elementary School
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources
Kyle Schuyler, Assistant Principal of Lyons Middle/Senior
Brandon Shaffer, Exec Dir of Govt & Legal Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH
Andrea Smith, Assistant Principal of Niwot High School
Greg Winger, Principal of Lyons Middle/Senior
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Lee Berg, Executive Director for the Education Foundation of the St. Vrain Valley (EFSVV)-present to thank the Board members for their leadership and commitment to staff and student success. Lee also gave a brief report on the successes of EFSVV this year, and Board members thanked him for his work on behalf of the District.

Steve Keener and son Jackson, 6550 North 95th Street, Longmont, 80504-Both addressed the Board to voice concerns about Twin Peaks Charter Academy Lacrosse program.

Jim Booth, 7145 Quiet Retreat, Niwot, 80503-Addressed the Board to voice concerns about Twin Peaks Charter Academy Lacrosse program. Mr. Booth's son Jack was present, but did not address the Board.

Silver Creek High student Aidan Abram-Addressed the Board to voice concerns about Twin Peaks Charter Academy Lacrosse program.

VISITORS (4.0)

Rachel Oliver, Niwot High Student Advisory Council Board Liaison.

REPORTS (5.0)

Lyons M/S Student Advisory Council Feeder Report (5.1)

Jackie Kapushion recognized the administration that was in attendance from the Lyons feeder system, and thanked the students that serve on the Council. Jackie introduced Lyons M/S Principal Greg Winger who then introduced Lyons Elementary Principal Andrew Moore, Lyons M/S Assistant Principal Kyle Schuyler, and Lyons M/S Dean/Athletic Director Jason Maguire, and Lyons M/S Student Advisory Council students Chase Willie, Maddi Maguire, and Kylen Christiansen. Lyons M/S Student Advisory Council member Kenzie Struthers was unable to attend the meeting. The students presented a video featuring the Lyons feeder system schools, told of their future plans, and introduced their parents.

Board members were impressed with the elementary portion of the video, the advisory students, and felt they captured the heart of the Lyons schools with their presentation. They also thanked the Lyons administration for their wonderful leadership and relationship with the community. Dr. Haddad told the students that they make our District very proud, and thanked administration for their great job.

2nd Quarter Financials, 2016/17 Fiscal Year (5.2)

At the worksession prior to this Board meeting, Greg Fieth provided information related to the financial statements for the quarter ending December 31, 2016. He reminded Board members that the Amended Budget will be discussed later at this meeting and will reflect changes in the budget from when it was first officially approved.

CONSENT ITEMS (6.0)

Amory Siscoe moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.7. Debbie Lammers seconded.

1. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation LDA-R – Student Teaching and Internships
2. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Architect Agreement for Mead High Addition & Renovation Project
3. Approval: Approval of Contract-Materials Testing & Inspection Services for Erie PK-8 Project
4. Approval: Approval of Contract Increase-Architect Agreement for Elementary 27
5. Approval: Approval of Amendment to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)-Contract for Elementary 27
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Classroom Audio Visual Systems Bid
7. Approval: Approval of Purchase of iPad Storage/Charging Cabinets

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 (7.0)

Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (7.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education adopt the Amended Fiscal Year 2017 Superintendent's Budget. Paula Peairs seconded.

Tony Whiteley reported that Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) allows the Board of Education to review and change the budget with respect to both revenues and expenditures, at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted.

The FY 2017 Superintendent's Proposed Budget was introduced at the May 25, 2016 Board Meeting, including questions and discussion. On June 8, 2016, the Proposed Budget was available to the public for questions. On June 22, 2016, the Board adopted the FY 2017 Superintendent's Budget. Tony presented the major highlights of the Amended Budget, and reported that the District would end 2017 with a projected fund

balance of \$95 million, which is 34.8% of the general fund balance. Board members reminded the audience that the fund balance is there to prevent the District from eliminating programs and staff when state funding is reduced.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: 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 Superintendent's Contract (7.2)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve a one-year extension and other presented changes to Dr. Haddad's contract. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Board President Robert J. Smith reported that, having considered the overall performance and outcomes of the District over the past year and, having reviewed Dr. Haddad's accomplishments and leadership in realizing those outcomes, the Board has noted that Dr. Haddad's performance has consistently exceeded the Board's expectations. The proposed amended contract grants a one-year extension to Dr. Haddad's current Employment Agreement from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The proposed Addendum also provides for a 5% salary increase, increases the number of vacation days that Dr. Haddad can accrue, modifies the evaluation process from an annual review to an ongoing review to be consistent with best management practice, and allows the Board, at its discretion, to provide Dr. Haddad with indemnification from legal actions.

Originally, Dr. Haddad's contract stated that he would receive sixty-five vacation days, but Board members voted and approved for Dr. Haddad to receive seventy-five vacation days.

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)

Although there were no formal Discussion Items, Board President Robert J. Smith asked Student Advisory Council Board Liaison Rachel Oliver if she had any questions about the content of the Board Meeting. Rachel questioned how the District received such a large increase in revenue from the time the 2017 FY Budget was first approved to the Amended Budget presented at the Board Meeting tonight. Greg Fieth provided that there were two reasons: 1) increase in student growth in the District, and 2) assessed valuation in Weld County because of oil and gas prices.

Rachel also told the Board that she loved witnessing how the Board reacted to the issues that the parents brought forward at the meeting tonight. She could really tell that the Board cared about the issue and wanted to see it resolved. She observed that the

Board members really care about the parents and the students. The Board members really appreciate that she serves as a Liaison.

Dr. Haddad and the Board members briefly touched on their experiences in virtual reality and artificial intelligence and what the implications would be on the classroom of the future.

Dr. Haddad thanked Jackie Kapushion for her work on the attendance initiative and electronic credit recovery for absenteeism. He also talked about the work that is being done on the 8th grade transition for students, and Dr. Martyr was interested in being included in that conversation in future transition discussions.

ADJOURNMENT (9.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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, 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 February 8, 2017.