

**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 April 18, 2012 at the Educational Services Center Board Room, 395 South Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President John Creighton at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Creighton, President, Director District E
Debbie Lammers, Secretary, Director District B
Rod Schmidt, Director District F
Joie Siegrist, Director District A
Bob Smith, Vice President, Director District C
Dori Van Lone, Treasurer, Director District D

Board Members Absent (Excused):

Mike Schiers, Assistant Secretary, Director District G

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

David Burnison, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer
Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Amy Weed, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

The agenda was accepted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Sadie Starle, 1070 Norma Court, Milliken-Attends Skyline High School; was home schooled but would like to walk with the rest of the seniors at the Skyline graduation on May 26.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD & BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS (4.0)

The high school seniors from the High School Student Advisory Council were honored for their work on the Council. Mark Mills and Amy Weed presented the students with certificates of appreciation. Each senior student told of their plans after high school. Seniors involved in the High School Student Advisory Council were: Madeline Doering and Isabella Solman from Lyons Middle/Senior; Josh Baessler, Mariah Tugwell and Georgina Orona-Sonora from Skyline High; Katelyn Kucera from Erie High; Sean Cowie and Haley Schneider from Longmont High; Randall Johnson from Niwot High; Samantha Zilli, Tamara Current and Trisha Rowley from Olde Columbine High; Benjamin WooChing and Kerry Brundage from Silver Creek High.

Connie Syferd introduced Lisa Moffitt and Kim Lancaster who were present to give the Board a presentation on the Apex Home School Enrichment Program sponsored by St. Vrain Valley Schools. They introduced students that are currently in the program who then told of what their favorite things about the program were. The instructors told the Board of the extracurricular projects that the students are involved in. Instructors will make sure that the Board gets flyers that describe their program in more detail.

Board Communications

John Creighton –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Tech Fair at Skyline High School.
- Attended Doing Democracy Day event.
- Attended Central Elementary Science Fair.
- Will attend Longmont High School's Grand Re-Opening of their new auditorium.
- Participated in TBD Colorado meeting, an initiative of Governor John Hickenlooper. For more information, see website www.TBDcolorado.org.

Debbie Lammers –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Boy Scout Troop 161 meeting regarding Civic Participation.
- Attended Doing Democracy Day event. Thanks to the District teachers that participated.
- Attended High School Student Advisory Council meeting. Thank you to Amy Weed and Mark Mills for their leadership in this Council.
- Attended Niwot High School Diversity Day. Thanks to Don Haddad for the words of encouragement he gave to the students. Thank you to the community leaders that attended.

Rod Schmidt –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended the Tech Fair at Skyline High School. Congratulations to District staff and the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley that produced this event.
- Attended Education Task Force meeting. Thanks to Regina Renaldi for the overview of the District plans for its preschool program.
- Attended Kent Willmann's Doing Democracy Day event.
- Attended EagleNet Board meeting.

Joie Siegrist –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended parent group meetings and met with principals in Director District A.
- Toured District Technology Services.
- Attended Westview Middle School's 20th Anniversary celebration.
- Attended NOCO School District Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Pool meeting.

Bob Smith –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended last two sessions of Community Task Force meetings. Would like to recognize the people that brought this group together.
- Attended NOCO School District Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Pool meeting.

Dori Van Lone –

Meetings Attended/Comments:

- Attended Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.
- Attended Erie Elementary and Black Rock PTO meetings.
- Attended NOCO School District Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Pool meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Reported that Central Elementary is now officially an IB school.
- Eleanor Venture winner was Stephanie Busby from Lyons Middle/Senior High School.
- Reported that the District received \$146,000 in Race to the Top monies.
- Visited Governor John Hickenlooper to discuss the third grade literacy bill.
- Announced two District Boettcher Scholarship winners-Maddie Doering from Lyons Middle/High School and Ryan Carson from Silver Creek High School.
- Attending City Council Retreat this Friday about Early Childhood Education, Technology, and School-to-Work program.
- Erie Middle School won NCAA Women's March Madness Essay Contest. They also won the Art Mural Contest.

- Heritage Middle School Odyssey of the Mind group won the Mount Evans Regions Competition and is moving on to the state championships.
- Announced that the District will administer 1,850 Advanced Placement tests; 200 more than last year.
- Attended a meeting with Allen Ginsborg, the managing director of the new owners of the Twin Peaks Mall, who will partner events with SVVSD activities.
- Shared an article about the Tech Fair-very proud of the students. Thanks to Kathy Hall, Executive Director, of the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley for putting that together.
- Attended outstanding Art Show in the Tri-Town area that showcased District Art students.
- The District received an award through Boulder County for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and the District was presented with a plaque.
- Arizona Governor Jan Brewer recommended Randy Howe to the Arizona Court of Appeals. Randy is a 1981 graduate of Skyline High School.
- Announced that Erie Elementary just received another grant for the second year of their STEM program for STEM Legos.
- Announced that District CELA scores were the highest ever posted last year and this year the schools improved even over last year. Congratulations to staff and students.
- Westview, Trail Ridge and Coal Ridge students all won awards at the 2012 MESA Day Design Challenge at the University of Colorado, Denver.
- Announced the winners of the recent Odyssey of the Mind competition and listed the winners in the District. Finals will be held May 23 to May 26.
- Former Board member Ed Smith requested that the Board recognize the Silver Creek High School Drumline who won their fourth consecutive state competition.
- Announced that two students won presidential scholar designations at Doing Democracy Day--Ryan Carson, from Silver Creek and Madeline Jalbert from Niwot High.
- Updated the Board regarding the District budget.

REPORTS (6.0)

February 2012 Financials (6.1)

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board of Education with February 2012 financial reports in compliance with Board Policy DBI, Budget Implementation/Monitoring.

Third Quarter 2011-2012 Public Gifts to Schools (6.2)

Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board of Education with a list of public gifts given to the St. Vrain Valley School District for the third quarter of the 2011-2012 school year totaling \$324,604.82.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Rod Schmidt moved to approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.3 and 7.5 to 7.10. Bob Smith seconded. Consent agenda item 7.4 was pulled by Board members for questions.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the March 14, 2012 Regular Meeting; the March 21, 2012 Regular Study Session; and the April 11, 2012 Regular Study Session
5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation EHC-R – St. Vrain Valley School District Terms, Conditions and Responsible Use Guidelines
6. Approval: Approval of Contract Award-Burlington Elementary Asbestos Abatement Project
7. Approval: Approval of Change Order to CMGC Contract – Westview Middle School Renovation Project
8. Approval: Approval of FY12-13 School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) Contract and Withhold/Transfer of Funds
9. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Apple Software Maintenance
10. Approval: Approval to Apply for and Accept Funds from 2012-2013 Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant Program

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

4. Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Regulation LBD-R – Relations with District Charter Schools (Procedures for Establishment, Renewal and Revocation); and Board Exhibit LBD-E – Charter School Intent to Apply Form

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education authorize the adoption of Board Regulation LBD-R and LBD-E knowing that there will be ongoing efforts to improve the language in the current charter school policies or possibly the creation of a new policy that fully describes District expectations for charter schools. Dori Van Lone seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Tribute to Teachers Day, May 4, 2012 (8.1)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution proclaiming support for the Education Foundation for St. Vrain Valley's celebratory production entitled "You're the Top...The Tribute to Teachers" and declaring May 4, 2012 as Tribute to Teachers Day. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Board member Joie Siegrist read the Resolution.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11, 2012 (8.2)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education adopt Resolutions in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7- 11, 2012. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Board member Debbie Lammers read the Resolutions.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Adoption of 2012-2013 Capital Reserve Budget (8.3)

Bob Smith moved that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Reserve projects as presented by Rick Ring, Chief Operations Officer. Dori Van Lone seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Purchase of Cisco Network Switch Equipment (8.4)

Rod Schmidt moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Cisco Network Switch Equipment in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,016,094.67, including trade-in of old switch equipment to ISC, Inc., and further authorize Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all contract documents related to this purchase. Dori Van Lone seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Purchase of EMC Storage Area Network (8.5)

Dori Van Lone moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of data storage equipment in an amount not-to-exceed \$362,999.99, including trade-in of current equipment to Global Technology Resources, Inc., and further authorize Terry Schueler, Chief Financial Officer, to sign all contract documents related to this purchase. Rod Schmidt seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

Approval of Twin Peaks Charter Academy Technology Request (8.6)

Bob Smith moved to authorize the Superintendent to authorize a contribution for technology from the District General Fund, not to exceed \$100,000, to Twin Peaks Charter Academy (TPCA). Rod Schmidt seconded.

In a letter from Twin Peaks Charter Academy, dated September 16, 2011, TPCA officials have asked that a \$200,000 contribution be made from the St. Vrain Valley School District operating budget seeking reimbursement for technology expenditures that TPCA has incurred for a fiber optic cabling system, the high school computer lab infrastructure, voice-data and security system infrastructure.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Community Feedback on Mill-Levy Override (9.1)

A Community Task Force of 35 residents from across the District recently held three work sessions over the course of a month that evaluated District performance measures in academic achievement, technology, public policy and finance. The Task Force also deliberated on strategies that would ensure the District's continued organizational success in Colorado's rapidly changing funding environment. Carolyn Storz and Paula Peairs served as task force co-chairs, and the summary presentation was made by them as well as task force members George Heath and Tatum McKenzie.

Trip Merklein, SVVEA President, wanted to recognize the correlation between the Tribute To Teachers and the mill-levy override--SVVSD teachers continue to work to deliver a high standard of education for all students, and the mill-levy override would be the ultimate tribute to teachers.

Board members look to invite the task force to future study sessions for their input.

Third Grade Literacy (9.2)

Superintendent Don Haddad reported to the Board the status of pending third grade literacy legislation (House Bill 12-38) and the impact it may have in the St. Vrain Valley School District.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Joie Siegrist seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Creighton, yes; Debbie Lammers, yes; Mike Schiers, absent; Rod Schmidt, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes; Bob Smith, yes; Dori Van Lone, yes]

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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 May 9, 2012.