

**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 8, 2016 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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 (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
Amory Siscoe, Assistant Secretary, Director District G
Robert J. Smith, President, Director District C

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Member, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Rob Berry, Executive Director of Athletics, Activities and Health
James Davis, Skyline Track Coach
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Green, Skyline Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Traci Haley, Principal of Longmont Estates
Daniel Hernandez, Westview Robotics Coach
Jackie Kapushion, Area 1 Assistant Superintendent
Barb Keith, Silver Creek High Track Coach
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Kathy Leiding, Lyons M/S Athletic Director
Mark Mills, Area 2 Assistant Superintendent
Mary Miner, Executive Director of Human Resources
Meredith Nelson, Silver Creek High Golf Coach
Ella Padilla, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dina Perfetti-Deany, Executive Director of Human Resources

Axel Reitzig, Robotics and Computer Science Coordinator/Innovation Center
Mark Roberts, Lyons M/S Track Coach
Terry Schueler, Financial Services Advisor
Debbie Stewart, Silver Creek High Swim Coach
Connie Syferd, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Marty Tonjes, Silver Creek High Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

Action Items 8.4 Approval of Charter School Contract Renewals and Action Item 8.6 Adoption of Resolution to Accept Colorado State Model Evaluation System were tabled and are rescheduled for the June 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

A parent group representative from Lyons Middle/Senior School (Tammy Byrnes) was in attendance to read a resolution of support for the proposed bond initiative.

Abigail Miller, 701 James Street, Longmont, 80501, and Dr. Kristen Davidson, 2553 Cowley Drive, Lafayette, 80026, were present to address the Board regarding reconsidering charter school lottery-based preschool admission policies to be more sensitive to low-income families. They also encouraged the Board to take more time reviewing the charter renewal applications.

VISITORS (4.0)

Jackie Kapushion introduced Axel Reitzig. Axel is the Robotics and Computer Science Coordinator for the Innovation Center. Over the past three years, VEX and VEX IQ Robotics is in 25 elementary, middle and high schools, serving over 400 students and has grown over 400% during that time. Axel reported that the District hosted 10 tournaments this season, drawing between 300-400 spectators per event including teams from out of state. District robotics teams have qualified for national and world championships for three years in a row. Teams from Alpine Elementary, Central Elementary, Timberline PK-8, Casa de la Esperanza, and the Innovation Center were present at the Board Meeting. The Board acknowledged the parents and the coaches who were in attendance. Several upperclassmen were present to tell of how robotics helped them gain college entry or to otherwise be successful in their endeavors.

Karen Ragland, Co-Chair of the Community Bond Task Force gave an update on the results of the four Community Bond Task Force Meetings. The Board thanked Karen, Rita Liu, and Terry Schueler for their leadership on the Task Force.

Dr. Haddad addressed the Johnny St. Vrain article in the *Longmont Times-Call* on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, regarding the marijuana tax revenue. He described to the audience the process it takes to get that state tax revenue and where it is allocated.

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

Due to the length of the meeting, Board Reports were not given. They will be given at the June 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Due to the length of the meeting, the Superintendent's Report was not given. The Superintendent's Report will be given at the June 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

REPORTS (6.0)

Athletics/Fine Arts Report (6.1)

Rob Berry was present to report on the Spring Athletics successes. He introduced Lyons M/S Athletic Director Kathy Leiding and Track Coach Mark Roberts who honored his son, State Track Champion Paul Roberts; Skyline AP/AD Mike Green and Track Coach James Davis who honored State Track Champion Alex Hellenberg; Silver Creek AP/AD Marty Tonjes and Girls' Golf Coach Meredith Nelson who honored State Champion Erin Sargent; SCHS Boys' Swimming Coach Debbie Stewart who honored State Champion Raylee Anderson; and Mark Roberts honored two Longmont High Relay State Champions Logan Goodmer and Trevor Cook as Longmont High Track Coach Kevin Akers was unable to attend the meeting. The other two students from that Relay Team, Eli Sullivan and Conlan Berger, were unable to attend the meeting.

Public Hearing for the Superintendent's Proposed Budget—All Funds for Fiscal Year 2017 (6.2)

Tony Whiteley reported on the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and conducted a Public Hearing for comments from the public on the new budget. There were no comments from the public on the budget. The budget can be found on the District website and a hard copy is at the Educational Services Center for inspection. The budget will be brought forward at the June 22, 2016 Board Meeting for Board approval.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.10. Amory Siscoe seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the May 11, 2016 Regular Meeting and the May 25, 2016 Regular Meeting
4. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, Board Policy ADF – School Wellness

5. Approval: Second Reading, Adoption, new Board Policy/Regulation IHBK – Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness, and IHBK-R – Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness
6. Approval: Approval of Donation of District Vehicle
7. Approval: Approval of 2016/2017 Fuel Purchases
8. Approval: Approval of Increase in Contract for Security & CCTV Systems Project
9. Approval: Approval of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract-Vance Brand Auditorium Project
10. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Microsoft Software Licenses

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

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Principal for Erie Middle School (8.1)

Debbie Lammers moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Ruby Bode as Assistant Principal for Erie Middle School, effective July 1, 2016. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Ms. Bode graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Secondary Education. She continued her education at the University of Northern Colorado, where she completed her Master of Educational Leadership, School Administration.

For the past four years, Ms. Bode has worked as an administrator for Estes Park Middle School, where she currently serves as the Principal and prior to that served as the Assistant Principal. Ms. Bode has nine years of teaching experience. She taught 8th Grade Science at Estes Park Middle School and 9-12 Grade Biology and Earth Science in Grimes, Iowa. Ms. Bode received the Park School District Certified Employee of the Quarter Award and has attended multiple professional trainings including the SIOPI & SIOPII Institute, the CASE Leadership Academy Summer Boot Camp, and was a presenter at the CASB Convention in Colorado Springs. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Ms. Bode thanked the administration for bringing her to the St. Vrain Valley School District. She is excited to work with Kim Watry, and has learned so much already.

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

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Principal for Mead High School (8.2)

Paula Peairs moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Rachael Ayers as Principal for Mead High School, effective July 1, 2016. Joie Siegrist seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Ms. Ayers graduated from Northwest Community College with an Associate's Degree in Political Science. She continued her education at the University of Wyoming, where she completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education and Mathematics. She later completed a Master of Arts in Education and Human Resource Studies from Colorado State University.

For the past fifteen years, Ms. Ayers has proudly served in St. Vrain Valley Schools. Currently, Ms. Ayers is the Assistant Principal at Mead High. Prior to that, she was the Dean of Students, the Mathematics Department Chair, taught Math for five years, and coached Varsity Volleyball for Mead High School. While at Mead High, she was instrumental in launching the Learning Technology Plan, she helped create the foundation for honors courses in the Math program, and outlined clear expectations and academic rigor for all students. Prior to her time at Mead High, Ms. Ayers was the Mathematics Department Chair, and taught Math at Skyline High School for eight years. Ms. Ayers started her teaching career at Cedaredge High School in Cedaredge, Colorado where she spent five years as the Math Department Chair. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Ms. Ayers was excited to be considered for this position and for the challenge to help move Mead High forward and to surround herself with people that have the same vision for the school. Ms. Ayers introduced her husband to the Board.

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

Approval of Recommendation to Hire Assistant Superintendent for Priority Programs and Academic Support (8.3)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Dr. Diane Lauer as Assistant Superintendent for Priority Programs and Academic Support, effective July 1, 2016. Debbie Lammers seconded.

Ella Padilla reported that Dr. Lauer graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts with double majors in Political Science and Communications. She continued her education at the College of Santa Fe, where she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education and Multicultural Studies. Dr. Lauer later attended the University of Northern Colorado, where she received a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

Dr. Lauer has served St. Vrain Valley Schools for the past two years as the Executive Director of Professional Development & Assessment, where she increased access to Classified Professional Development training opportunities by a 50% enrollment rate, developed a District-wide model for Learning Technology Coaches, and initiated the St. Vrain Design Challenge in partnership with the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley. Prior to that, Dr. Lauer worked for the Thompson School District for eighteen years, where she was an Executive Director of Instruction, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Director of Instructional Coaches, Principal, Assistant Principal, Technology Staff Developer and Language Arts & Social Studies Teacher. Dr. Lauer also taught Language Arts in New Mexico in the Las Cruces School District and the San Diego Mission School. Annual salary will be according to schedule.

Dr. Lauer is thrilled to get started in her new position and considers it a great honor and privilege. She is inspired by the kids and the opportunity to serve the District supporting priority programs. She introduced her husband to the Board.

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

Approval of Charter School Contract Renewals (8.4)

The Board collectively agreed to table this Action Item until the June 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Terry Schueler reported that the District negotiated a standardized three-year contract document with the charter schools in 2013. The 2016-2019 contracts with Aspen Ridge Preparatory, Carbon Valley Academy, Flagstaff Academy, Imagine Charter, St. Vrain Community Montessori, and Twin Peaks Charter Academy negotiated together to refine and update this standardized document. The three-year term remains, but the contract now contains two optional one-year renewals.

The contract renewals were first discussed at the May 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Terry thanked Abigail Miller and Dr. Kristen Davidson for their interest in this matter, and noted that St. Vrain Community Montessori Principal Katie Torres was also present to answer questions. Board members thanked Terry and Dr. Haddad for working with the charters and agreeing to move the Action Item to the June 22, 2016 Regular Meeting in order for the Board members to review the renewals more thoroughly.

Approval to Accept No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Federal Grand Funds for the 2016/2017 School Year (8.5)

Joie Siegrist moved that the Board of Education authorize administration to apply for, and accept if approved, a total not to exceed \$4,500,000 in No Child Left Behind

(NCLB) Consolidated Federal Grant Funds for the 2016-17 school year. Amory Siscoe seconded.

Greg Fieth reported that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has notified the District that it is eligible for funding for the 2016-2017 school year. We have completed the Acceptance or Relinquishment of NCLB Program Funds and Assurances form and it was submitted to CDE. He reported that the programs involved and their respective funding amounts for 2015-2016 are \$4,022,997 and the preliminary allocations for 2016-2017 are \$4,222,600.

Acceptance of these funds does not obligate the District to funds or personnel beyond the terms of the agreement.

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

Adoption of Resolution to Accept Colorado State Model Evaluation System (8.6)

The Board tabled this Action Item because it will be a topic of conversation at the June 15, 2016 Study Session, and then the Board will have the opportunity to vote on it at the June 22, 2016 Regular Meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Joie Siegrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m., and Dr. Richard Martyr seconded.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; 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 August 10, 2016.