

**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 September 9, 2020 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 Joie Siegrist at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Jim Berthold, Member, Director District C
Chico Garcia, Member, Director District G
Dr. Richard Martyr, Member, Director District E
Paula Peairs, Vice President, Director District F
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Kahle Charles, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction (via Webex)
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent (via Webex)
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Kerri McDermid, Chief Communications & Global Impact Manager
Dr. Ann Reed, Executive Director of Assessment (via Webex)
Brandon Shaffer, Executive Director of Legal/Government Affairs, Community Outreach & P-TECH (via Webex)

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

There could be no public participation at the Board Meeting due to current COVID-19 regulations promulgated by Colorado Governor Jared Polis. The public had an opportunity to email the Board via a dedicated email address enabling them to read their comments at the Board Meeting. Of the messages received, these members of the public were called during the meeting and had an opportunity to read their message. Elena Khromets and Dan Maloit were called three times each but were unable to be reached.

Sierra Sawdey	Mead High Student	Penny Hodges	1508 Bluefield Ave., Longmont
Elena Khromets	638 West 175 th Broomfield	Dan Maloit	365 Poppy View Land, Erie
Kayleigh Schreiber	329 Bonanza Drive, Erie	Sarah Longoria	963 Laramie Lane, Erie
Jeff Percell	293 Baker Lane, Erie	Kendra Glassman	6906 Saddleback Ave., Firestone
Noelle Green	1346 Washburn St., Erie	Kady Knudsen	6166 Valley Vista Ave., Firestone

VISITORS (4.0)

In compliance with the current terms of the executive order by Colorado Governor Jared Polis requiring no large gatherings, a personal six-foot distance from other people, and anyone leaving their home must wear a mask, there were no visitors and no physical public participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Thanked the members of the public who were called for taking time to share their thoughts. Right now, the greatest challenge to beginning in-person instruction and minimizing rolling classroom or school closures is quarantine protocols of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in terms of how to respond to COVID cases or probable cases when its symptoms so closely mirror flu/cold symptoms. Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) developed metrics of positivity rates that the District will use for its schools in Boulder and Weld Counties to decide whether to begin October with the in-person, hybrid model, or continue remote learning. The hope is to have preschool students in-person full-time, and K-12 and special needs students begin with a hybrid model. 6th and 9th graders would be provided a transition day to adjust to their new schools. Biggest challenge would be managing inevitable quarantines and closures.
- Announced a Virtual Town Hall on Monday, September 21, 2020, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. BCPH Executive Director Jeff Zayach, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Chris Urbina, Educational Program Coordinator Heather Crate, and Lead Epidemiologist Soda Sonoda will share the COVID data up to that date. An announcement about how school will start the first week of October will depend upon the results of the most current BCPH data and state quarantine requirements for confirmed and suspected cases. The Virtual Town Hall can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/svvsd>. A letter to the community describing the outcome will follow the Town Hall meeting.
- The District started its free COVID testing program for teachers and staff on September 8, 2020. Initial quarantine time is shortened because results are returned in two to three days. Tracking records show over 90 staff members have tested positive and have had to be quarantined. Communications Department monitors daily

District quarantine cases and closure information. Staff will again be offered free flu shots.

- Announced that BCPH has hired additional staff to expand their capacity for contact tracing in Boulder County.
- District has hired additional mental health professionals to be available to our Pre-K through 12th grade students. They will reach out to parents with struggling students.
- Shared the results of the latest Reopening Committee Meeting which included a list of closures in neighboring school districts. State requirements are so rigid that common flu/cold symptoms require testing for COVID. There is hope the state will narrow the guidelines surrounding what symptoms are considered to be COVID-related.
- Appreciated the public sharing their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions about learning style options for the beginning of October.

REPORTS (6.0)

None

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Karen Ragland moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.6. Jim Berthold seconded. Board Vice President Paula Peairs pulled Consent Item 7.7 to make a minor revision to Board Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Minutes for the August 12, 2020 and the August 26, 2020 Regular Meetings
4. Approval: Approval of Change Order 6 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Main Street School Renovation Project
5. Approval: Approval of Fee Adjustment 2 to Architect Agreement for Spark! Discovery Preschool Renovation Project
6. Approval: Approval of Architect Selection for Centennial Elementary School Renovation Project

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Paula reported that this group of Board policies is the last of the group that contained revisions because of COVID, Title IX, and legislative changes. None of the accompanying regulations or exhibits of this current group of policies being revised had any changes. She described the process of Board policy review and adoption procedures.

Paula suggested a revision to Board Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses. Page 4, first sentence under “Attendance Officer.” Change the word “Board” to “superintendent or designee.”

Paula Peairs moved to approve Consent Item 7.7 including the suggested change to Board Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses. Karen Ragland seconded.

7.7 Approval: First Reading, Adoption, Board Policies JF – Admissions and Denial of Admissions; JFBA/JFBB – Open Enrollment; JH – Student Absences and Excuses; JICDE* – Bullying Prevention and Education; JICEA – School-Related Student Publications (School Publications Code); and JICEC* – Student Petitions and Distribution of Non-Curricular Materials

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Contract for the Sale of District Land in Frederick (8.1)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education approve the offer from Elea Development, LLC or other entity formed by Aaron Grant specifically for the purpose of purchasing the land, to purchase surplus land in Frederick and, further, authorize Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, to sign appropriate documents related to this real estate transaction. Chico Garcia seconded.

Brian Lamer reported that the District owns real property in Frederick, consisting of twelve parcels. On February 14, 2018, the Board approved a resolution declaring the land to be surplus and authorized the sale of the lands through a sealed bid process.

The Purchasing Department issued RFP #2018-077 on May 7, 2018. Elea Development, LLC offered to buy the land. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Elea Development, LLC in the amount of \$872,000.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: [John Ahrens, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

Available Achievement Data (9.1)

Kahle Charles and Dr. Ann Reed, via Webex, updated the Board on current achievement and instruction data.

Kahle provided an overview of the two-part blended learning model, devices/connectivity, and teacher professional development training. This blended learning model has been used District-wide since last June and its use by teachers in classrooms and various programs for the last seven years has worked well for in-person, hybrid, or remote online learning. 900 teachers were trained for blended learning in June and July including Learning Leaders assigned to each school who will continue to provide one-on-one teacher support. 200 additional teachers were trained in August. Quality online content for distance learning will continue to be provided to teachers.

Currently, the District has supplied all but 300 students with a full-sized iPad (300 additional are on backorder), and 136 families have been provided with a T-Mobile hotspot. The District broadband use averages 5GB out of a total bandwidth capacity of 20GB.

Dr. Ann Reed reported on student achievement in graduation rates, 2020 AP and IB results, iReady benchmarks, eCredit Recovery results, summer academic programming, SAT/PSAT testing plans, full student schedules, special education and EL supports, attendance rates and participation in online learning levels, expulsion rates, and fall 2020 athletic/co-curricular results.

Board members were appreciative of their extensive report and encouraged by the outstanding achievement levels in all categories, but especially the significant increase in overall and disaggregated graduation rates. They commended Kahle and Ann for adapting the format of instruction and for finding the resources to train our teachers while, simultaneously, adapting to changes on a weekly basis during this pandemic. Board members were very impressed with the comprehensiveness of the multiple measures used to ensure the District is equipping all students to be successful.

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist announced that the September 16, 2020 Study Session was cancelled. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held in the Board Room on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Karen Ragland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., and Jim Berthold seconded. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation: [John Ahrens, absent; Jim Berthold, yes; Chico Garcia, yes; Dr. Richard Martyr, yes; Paula Peairs, yes; Karen Ragland, yes; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on October 14, 2020.