

**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 May 26, 2021 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
Joie Siegrist, President, Director District A

Board Members Absent (Excused):

John Ahrens, Secretary, Director District D
Karen Ragland, Treasurer & Assistant Secretary, Director District B

St. Vrain Valley School District Staff Present:

Joe Brown, Niwot High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Matt Buchler, Principal of Erie High School
Elizabeth Burnison, Longmont High School Science Teacher
Chris Chou, Longmont High School Science Teacher
Greg Fieth, Chief Financial Officer
Todd Fukai, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dr. Don Haddad, Superintendent of Schools
Erica Hadden, Longmont High School Science Teacher
Diane Hargash, Executive Administrative Assistant to Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Jackie Kapushion, Deputy Superintendent
Brian Lamer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Dr. Diane Lauer, Assistant Superintendent for Priority Programs and Academic Support
Kelly Lubkeman, Longmont High School Science Teacher
Chase McBride, Executive Director Athletics, Activities, Fine Arts, PE and Health
Jeff McMurry, Principal of Longmont High School
Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent

Richard Peebles, Executive Director of Safety and Security
Marissa Purcell, Niwot High School Gymnastics Coach
Scott Toillion, Director of Planning
Tony Whiteley, Executive Director of Budget & Finance
Cyrus Weinberger, Principal of Soaring Heights PK-8

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (2.0)

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3.0)

Dan Maloit regarding staff/student quarantines.
Nora McCloy (student) requesting the District provide feminine products in all school bathrooms.
Trista Gage regarding the Mead High School incident.
Julie Benoit regarding the Mead High School incident.
Dr. Haddad read a letter from Alicia Graves of the NAACP regarding the Mead High School incident.

VISITORS (4.0)

Jeff McMurry provided background information on both the Medical & BioScience Academy (MBSA) and Students Modeling a Research Topic (SMART) Team which began as a focus program created by Chris Chou, Jackie Bilan, and Dr. Richard Martyr. The MBSA program began with 43 students and now has over 200 students. Jeff introduced Erica Hadden, and Erica introduced Longmont High School MBSA students Ariana Arriola, David Murphy, Amanda Nguyen, and Jackson Witted who presented their projects. Board member and SMART Team Advisor Dr. Martyr expressed his appreciation to the students for their high-level work, for the wonderful example they set for themselves, their teachers, their schools, and how they have far exceeded the accomplishments and opportunities the founders envisioned for the programs.

Erica introduced Kelly Lubkeman who introduced the Longmont High School Students Modeling a Research Topic (SMART) Team students: Rose Adler, Caleb All, Jorge Arroyo, Graham Daniel, Grayson Hubbell, Lauren Roberts, Erin Skaggs, Greta Wedel, and Jackson Whitted who each shared their research project and their college plans. SMART Team students unable to attend the Board Meeting: Ezra Fehlberg, Grace Geyer, Emma Grassmick, Jenna Joseph, and Grant Olmstead.

Board member/Advisor Dr. Richard Martyr expressed his appreciation to Dr. Haddad for funding these special programs. With this support, many of these students were able to attend the international 2019 Experimental Biology Conference in Orlando along with 15,000 scientists from around the world.

Todd Fukai introduced Krystal Trinkler as the new Dean of Students for Soaring Heights PK-8. Krystal was honored to serve the Erie community and was humbled by the opportunity. She thanked her mentors in the District, introduced her husband, Ryan, and thanked Cyrus Weinberger for his support. Board members welcomed her and congratulated her on this new position.

Todd Fukai introduced Matthew Romig as the new Dean of Students for Erie High School and Soaring Heights PK-8. Matthew appreciated the warm welcome he has received, and was honored by the opportunity to work for such an incredible District. He introduced his wife, Heather, and appreciated support from Cyrus Weinberger and Matt Buchler. Board members welcomed him and congratulated him on this new position.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5.0)

- Looking forward to graduation ceremonies and the start of summer programs.
- Dr. Haddad will send out a report to the St. Vrain community sharing when town hall meetings will begin again in the Fall.
- Numerous activities and projects underway related to inclusion and equity -- Curriculum Department continues to ensure it is included in curriculum. Will reconvene plans this year to have teachers/staff participate in inclusion and equity training and will host with the national Summer Equity Institute.
- Reviewing code of conduct policies and procedures on a regular basis making sure no student is disadvantaged.
- Expanding and intensifying recruitment and retention of teachers and improving the teacher induction program to support new teachers.
- Will create an additional Parent Advisory Group to communicate with students' parents to share their children's personal school experiences to make sure students are receiving necessary support.
- Continuing to expand speaker series to share information with community through various Superintendent updates, brochures, in-person meetings, etc.
- Fall meetings will include partnering with students to continue conversations on equity, school safety, finance, etc.

REPORTS (6.0)

Season C Athletics/Activities Report (6.1)

Chase McBride provided an update on the Season C state competition results, and the celebrations in Fine Arts and the musicals that were held, some student-produced, at every school virtually or in-person. He was hopeful that all the middle school sports and unified sports will begin normal opportunities in the fall after they were cancelled this year. He expressed his appreciation to Brian Lamer and his team for the great care they took preparing the athletic fields, grounds, and stadiums for competition.

Chase introduced Niwot High School (NHS) AP/AD Joe Brown, and Joe introduced NHS Gymnastics Coach Marissa Purcell. Marissa introduced Silver Creek High School junior Mia Curry who was awarded her second, consecutive all-around state championship this year as a junior.

District Financial Statements – April FY 2021 (6.2)

Greg Fieth reported that Colorado Revised Statute 22-45-102(1)(b)(I-IV) requires the Board of Education to review the financial condition of the school district at least quarterly during the year. In addition to first and second quarter reports, the District has elected to present monthly financial statements during the remainder of the year.

At the work session prior to this Board meeting, Greg reported information related to the April 2021 monthly financial statements in compliance with all aspects of Colorado Revised Statutes. Nutrition Services and Community Schools were noted as departments that were heavily impacted by COVID.

Introduction of Superintendent's Budget for FY22 (6.3)

Tony Whiteley provided the Board of Education with the Introduction of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget – All Funds for Fiscal Year 2022.

The Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget was presented to the Board of Education this evening. The Public Hearing of the FY22 Budget will take place on June 9, 2021, and the final budget adoption is scheduled for June 23, 2021. This timing complies with all the rules and regulations of the State of Colorado. Tony reminded everyone that the budget can be seen in its entirety on the District website which includes Finance Department contact information.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Tony for the report he presented at the May 19, 2021 Study Session, and thanked him and his Finance team for all the complex COVID financing they had to track this year.

CONSENT ITEMS (7.0)

Jim Berthold moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 through 7.9. Chico Garcia seconded.

1. Approval: Staff Terminations/Leaves
2. Approval: Staff Appointments
3. Approval: Approval of Amendment to Design-Build Contract for Erie High School Modular Project
4. Approval: Approval of Change Order 1 to Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Contract for Lyons M/S Addition and Renovation Project

5. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Kubota Tractors
6. Approval: Approval of Purchase of Annual Maintenance (SmartNet) for Cisco Network Products
7. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Erie High School/Soaring Heights PK-8
8. Approval: Approval of Recommendation to Hire Dean of Students for Soaring Heights PK-8
9. Approval: Approval of Administrator Contracts for 2021/2022

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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

ACTION ITEMS (8.0)

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Concerning Fair Contributions for Public School Sites Between the Town of Erie and the St. Vrain Valley School District (8.1)

Dr. Richard Martyr moved that the Board of Education approve the IGA with the Town of Erie and further authorize the appropriate Board officers to sign the agreement. Paula Peairs seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that this IGA provides a methodology that requires the dedication of land or cash-in-lieu of land for the future acquisition and development of school sites based on housing type, acreage requirements, and student yield. This is a model that other communities and school districts have followed over the past twenty plus years. The Town of Erie and the District initially entered into a joint agreement in August of 1998. This year marks the time for the next ten-year extension of the IGA. This remains a critical component for the District in planning for growth and providing funds for school site acquisition and development. In the Erie community, this IGA has been instrumental in the acquisition and development of Erie High School, Black Rock Elementary, Red Hawk Elementary, Soaring Heights PK-8, and the newly constructed Highlands Elementary, set to open in the Fall of 2021. In total, Districtwide, over 590 acres for school sites have been acquired through the IGA's with municipalities.

A few minor language changes that have been negotiated with the town and with the Boulder Valley School District, which is also renewing their IGA with Erie at this time. All changes have been reviewed and endorsed by the District legal team. The fee structure has also been adjusted in the St. Vrain – Boulder Valley area of Erie due to increased land costs in this area. A 10-year inflation adjustment was agreed to from the fees established in 2011 to arrive at a new fee structure for 2021.

Based on the inflation adjustment the new proposed fees are Single-Family \$1,143 (Previous fee \$970); Duplex/Triplex \$997 (Previous fee \$846); Multi-family \$695 (Previous fee \$589); Condo/Townhouse \$409 (Previous fee \$347); and Mobile Home

\$925 (Previous fee \$785).

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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Concerning Fair Contributions for Public School Sites Between the Town of Frederick and the St. Vrain Valley School District (8.2)

Chico Garcia moved that the Board of Education approve the IGA with the Town of Frederick and further authorize the appropriate Board officers to sign the agreement. Jim Berthold seconded.

Scott Toillion reported that this IGA provides a methodology that requires the dedication of land or cash-in-lieu of land for the future acquisition and development of school sites based on housing type, acreage requirements, and student yield. This is a model that other communities and school districts have followed over the past twenty plus years. The Town of Frederick and the District initially entered into a joint agreement in July, 1996. This year marks the time for the next ten-year extension of the IGA. This remains a critical component for the District in planning for growth and providing funds for school site acquisition and development. In the Frederick community, this IGA has been instrumental in the acquisition of sites and development of Legacy Elementary, Grand View Elementary, and Frederick High School. In total, Districtwide, over 590 acres for school sites have been acquired through the IGA's with municipalities.

There are no proposed changes to the terms of the previous agreement or the fees, with the exception of the extension of the ten-year term through 2031.

The Planning Department is conducting a study of the components of the fee calculation including current student yields by housing type, sales of recent parcels of undeveloped land, and current estimates of costs associated with the development of land. If there are significant changes in the Tri-Towns area, the fee calculations may be modified in future fee structure updates to the IGA's.

The proposed fees are Single-Family \$970; Duplex/Triplex \$846; Multi-family \$589; Condo/Townhouse \$347; and Mobile Home \$785.

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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Approval of 22-23 & 23-24 School District Calendars (8.3)

Jim Berthold moved that the Board of Education adopt the proposed calendars for a two-year calendar period (2022-2023 and 2023-2024). Chico Garcia seconded.

Dr. Diane Lauer reported that the development of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 calendars began in February 2021. In establishing the calendars, the District Calendar Committee gathered numerous resources to guide the creation of the calendars, which included calendars from neighboring districts, schedules from nearby universities, testing schedules, and athletic and activities schedules.

In the proposed 2022-2023 calendar, school begins August 17, 2022 and ends May 25, 2023. In the proposed 2023-2024 calendar, school begins August 16, 2023 and ends May 23, 2024. Seven Professional Learning Community (PLC) Days are included, and remain the 1st Wednesday of every month, excluding October and January in both calendars.

The goals of the Committee included to support what is best for students, focusing on achievement; what is best for adults/teachers, providing opportunity for entry of grades prior to the end of a grading period; opportunities for teachers to improve practice; and meeting State/Federal requirements and District policy.

Board members thanked Diane and her calendar committee for their work.

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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

DISCUSSION ITEMS (9.0)

None

ADJOURNMENT (10.0)

Board President Joie Siegrist announced the next Regular Meeting will be held in the ESC Board Room on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. She wished all the students a fun last day of school and congratulated all the graduating seniors.

Jim Berthold moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., and Chico Garcia 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, absent; Joie Siegrist, yes].

Respectfully submitted,

Joie Siegrist, President of the Board of Education

Barb Steege, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Read and approved or corrected and approved on June 9, 2021.