

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LIMON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4J Limon, Colorado

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Choir Room MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	April MONTH	20 DAY	2015 YEAR
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Russell Lengel
PRESIDING OFFICER

Wendy Pottorff
MEMBER

Troy Jaklich
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx
SUPERINTENDENT

Bart O'Dwyer
TREASURER

Craig Bailey
SECRETARY

Roll Call: The regular Board of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by Board President Russell Lengel at 7:01 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.

Mission Statement: Troy Jaklich read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for April 20, 2015 moving action item 13.13 to 6.3. The motion passed unanimously.

School Officials: Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee & Dirk Pedersen

Audience: Chuck Jordan, Les Layton, Kim Steinhart, Charles Hoffman, Dan Bates, Sharon Hansen, Annette Andersen, Stacy Larson, Layne Higgins, Jill Coonts, Linnea Zeschin, Kendell Kropp, Peggy Niebur, Judy Cummings, Erin Younger, Randy Younger, Tammy LeValley, Annette Andersen, Amy Weisensee, Brooke Younger, Carrie Bennett, and Rocky Rockwell

Minutes: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 16, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items: **Haselden Change Order #9**
Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Haselden change order #9 for \$30,662.00 as presented. Dan Bates went over the change order with the Board during the work session. The motion passed unanimously.

Klipp Change Order
Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the Klipp change order for \$15,950 as presented. This is for the playground blueprints and will be paid out of GOCO grant funds. The motion passed unanimously.

World Compass
Wendy Pottorff moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve World Compass furniture bid of \$18,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations: Mrs. Weisensee told the Board that next year the science fair will be part of a high school science class and the middle school will again participate on a volunteer basis. She introduced Amy Weisensee and Brooke Younger who received an honorable mention for their science fair project out of 380 projects. Amy stated that 12 middle school students volunteered to make a project and 8 of those made it to State. Brooke stated that it took a lot of time but she learned that some projects won scholarships. Both Amy and Brooke presented their science fair project to the Board which was the effect of energy drinks to your teeth.

Stacy Larson gave the Board a hand out showing the cost and fund raising for Prom. She included years past that she had information on. They received \$4,235 in monetary donations for the after Prom. They used \$3,000 of that to purchase items in town for prizes. Bart stated that the sophomores said that they were told they have to have the after Prom party out of town next year. Stacy and Peggy Niebur both stated that this is not true and that the junior class votes on this at the beginning of the school year.

Financial Reports: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for March of 2015 in the amount of \$348,054.20. Bart read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously.

Education Reports: **Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. Enrollment is at 236 students and the attendance rate continues to be above our goal. Teachers in K thru 3rd are doing the final DIBELS assessment. This information is used to gauge student growth and determine any students with a significant reading deficiency. Summer school letters are being sent out this week. We had 29 of 31 next year's kindergartners show up for Kindergarten Round Up. All but one want full day kindergarten. Lincoln County will not be providing students school supplies this year. Charlie Hoffman asked what the county spent for Limon. Jill stated that she had those figures and would email them to him. The elementary raised \$10,409.42 for the American Heart Association by participating in Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. This is the most we've raised. We have officially won the GOCO Grant of \$113,499.00. Joel included the brochure that was given to parents at kindergarten round up regarding full day kindergarten.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Enrollment in the secondary is at 247. The secondary attendance rate is at 95.23%. High School Academic Awards ceremony was last Thursday the 16th. They did not serve dinner this year because it was held in the gym and she heard both good and bad comments about that. There are two teaching positions currently open in the secondary; a part-time Business Education position and a full-time Foreign Language position with the knowledge that BOCES will provide at least 2 VNets hours. There are currently 17 students interested in the business education classes. The Rural Teacher Job Fair was cancelled due to lack of interest. She went over all the upcoming events. The senior trip was a success. She only heard good things about it. Sharon Hansen stated that the kids were kept busy. Carrie Bennett said it was a great trip. Tyler Seaman was awarded the Colorado Distance Learning Association Teacher of the Year and will attend the annual conference on Wednesday at CU in Boulder. Shirelle Bandy did an outstanding job scheduling all the testing this year. Jill Coonts stated that there were more technical glitches this time around. Stacy Larson stated that the glitches were fixed by the time her group tested but the content on the test was still way above what is currently taught. Annette Andersen stated that the 3rd grade did not have to type for the End of Year computer tests.

Accountability:

Joel stated that the last accountability meeting of the school year will be on April 27th.

Staff Report: (none given)

STUCO Report: (none given)

Athletic Department Report: (stated report was in the packet)

Dirk highlighted items from his report. He updated the baseball and track records. He thanked Craig Bailey for his work helping the Warren Mitchell Invitational run smoothly. The L Club ceremony will be May 1st. The dance team and girls track are up for new uniforms next year.

FFA Report:

Layne Higgins reported that on April 1st they were in Sterling for the District CD contest. They will not be able to go to State because it falls on graduation. On April 10th they had their chapter officer interviews.

Board Reports:

Craig stated that he, Dave and Bart went to the Limon Education Foundation meeting. They talked about replacing the school tractor during the work session. It was decided to have the May Board meeting in Haselden's construction trailer at 3pm on May 18th. Wendy stated that she relayed the teachers' frustration with the PARCC testing to the legislators. They were told that they are hoping the testing shows how much technology is needed in all the schools. She encouraged the teachers to write to their legislators because they need to hear from more than just School Board members. It looks like only \$25,000,000 is being budgeted for schools instead of \$200,000,000. She included two handouts. Wendy also reported that the town of Limon proclaimed the street between D and F would be named Badger Way. We will have a new address which will be 912 Badger Way. This is in the 900 block and we needed an even number so the number 912 was picked because the original building was built in 1912.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Boxes and carts should be here tomorrow. Construction is moving along and windows are going in and rooms are being painted. He let the Board know how much he appreciated all the efforts to make this year work by the staff. He thanked Charlie and Shirelle for making the testing go as well as could be. He included a proposal from Plains Heating and Air Conditioning to install one of our existing roof top units to the IA drafting room since this will be used this summer for an admin office. The Board was going to discuss this further at their next workshop.

Audience Participation: Some of the teaching staff spoke to the Board about next year's school calendar. They would like to start school on August 24th so the school year is as normal as possible. They believe this is in the best interest of the kids, staff and community. Bart stated that every school district has complained that people were still in the building working when school started. Sharon stated that she would not complain and that it should be noted that this year we started school with boxes in the way and not everything perfect. The teachers stated that if they needed to wait until the evening to work in their rooms to stay out of the way of the construction workers they were willing to do this to get things ready. Both Dan and Chuck thought that the August 24th start date was very reasonable. After July 17th they would need to do an air quality check before OfficeScapes and the Promethean boards could be to set up classrooms. OfficeScapes will need about 2 weeks to set up furniture then our current things can be moved into rooms.

Action Items:

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy GDBA-E, Classified Staff Pay Scale, as presented. There was discussion on what they should list for the cook's pay scale. They could not agree on the amount so they decided to table the reading until after they could discuss this further after seeing numbers for the budget. Craig Bailey withdrew his first motion and moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to table the 2nd and final reading of Policy GDBA-E until the May Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised List of Student Fees

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the revised policy JQ-E, List of Approved Student Fees, Fines & Charges and revised policy EF-E, Approved Prices for Food Service Meals, as presented. Craig stated that he added the full day kindergarten fees and the reduced sports fees to JQ-E. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of New and Revised Board Policies

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of the following new and revised board policies -

- AED Accreditation
 - BEC Executive Sessions
 - DAB-E Financial Administration
 - DEA Funds from Local Tax Sources
 - DEB Loan Programs
 - FB Facilities Planning (**NEW**)
 - FB-R Facilities Planning (**NEW**)
 - FBC Prioritization of Facility Improvements (**NEW**)
 - FBC-R Prioritization of Facility Improvements (**NEW**)
 - GBGAB First Aid Training
 - GCO-R Evaluation of Licensed Personnel
 - IHBB Gifted Education
 - IHBEA English Language Learners
 - IKA Grading/Assessment Systems
 - ILBC-R Early Literacy & Reading Comprehension
 - JF Admission & Denial of Admission
 - JFABD Homeless Students
 - JKF Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students
- The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of the 2015-2016 School Calendar

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2nd reading of the 2015-2016 Limon School Calendar option A with the August 24th student start date. Traci recommended that they have senior sneak again over spring break and have graduation on May 22nd. The Board agreed with this. The motion passed unanimously.

Probationary Teacher Contracts

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the probationary teacher contracts as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Probationary Teacher Contracts

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the non-probationary teacher contracts as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Counselor's Contract

Wendy Pottorff moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the counselor's contract for Shirelle Bandy. The motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Director's Contract

Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the athletic director's contract for Dirk Pedersen. The motion passed unanimously.

School Closure

Craig Bailey moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve moving the last day of school to May 7th because of the home all day track meet on Friday, May 8th. We still have one snow day left we could use for this. It was also decided that we will dismiss at 11:30am. The motion passed unanimously.

School Board Meeting Calendar

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the School Board Meeting Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Craig stated that he couldn't attend the Monday September meeting so it was moved to Tuesday for that month. The motion passed unanimously.

Secondary Student Handbook

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the secondary student handbook as presented. Craig asked Traci if she updated with the changes to policies. Traci stated as best as they could. She needs to change the school address on page 22. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution

Wendy Pottorff moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the resolution restoring the negative factor before providing TABOR refunds as a statewide priority. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher/Coach Resignation

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to accept Tyler Seaman's resignation as Spanish teacher and head cross country coach effective May 15, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room
Work Session – Monday, May 18, 2015 at Noon. at South Side
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, May 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Haselden's Construction Trailer

Adjournment:

At 9:02pm Troy Jaklich moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

Approved: _____
Date

President: _____
Russell Lengel