

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

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| Regular KIND OF MEETING | Media Center MEETING PLACE | 7:00 p.m. TIME | April MONTH | 10 DAY | 2017 YEAR |
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Troy Jaklich
PRESIDING OFFICER

Jason Bandy
MEMBER

Craig Bailey
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx
SUPERINTENDENT

Mike Hines
TREASURER

Wendy Pottorff
SECRETARY

- Roll Call:** The regular Board of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by Board President Troy Jaklich at 7:03pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone stood and recited the pledge.
- Mission Statement:** Craig Bailey read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the agenda for April 10, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Emily Rudder, Molly Wagner, Gary Lewman, Kay Rudder, Topper Parker, Kelly Packer and Kirsten Tacha
- Minutes:** Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 13, 2017 and the special board meeting minutes of March 27, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** None
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Craig seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for March of 2017 in the amount of \$361,620.84 and the Capital Reserve expenditures for March of 2017 in the amount of \$19,800.00. Jason read the breakdown. Kim stated that some of the property tax money has come in but not all of it. A portion of the payables was our MCC payment. The Capital Reserve expenditure is the payment for our new vehicle. Troy asked why payroll was up. Kim stated that she pays the spring coaches and our sub cost was up. Troy asked Kim if she could give them a print out of sub costs. The motion passed unanimously.
- Education Reports:**
- FBLA Report:** Molly gave the FBLA report. They had 1,200 orders for cabbage pockets. She thanked Jenny's, Limon Stop and Shop, King Soopers of Bennett, Brad and Traci Weisensee and members and their families for all the donated supplies. They ended up making 1,557 cabbage pockets and got rid of them all. They made over \$2,000 which will pay for half of their State trip. They will be leaving next Wednesday for the State Leadership Conference and be gone Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She, Jerry Allen and Stacy Larson will be the chaperones. Officer interviews will be on May 9th. She is anticipating 10 members running for offices this year.
- STUCO Report:** None Given
- FFA Report:** Topper Parker gave the FFA report. April is one of their busiest months. On the 5th they attended the Regional CDEs in Lamar. All the teams placed well and are registered to compete at the state contest on May 1st in Fort Collins at CSU. They served the Farm Credit banquet in Hugo on the 7th and the Limon Gun Club's annual Turkey Shoot on the 9th. They have the District 10 Banquet in Hugo on the 12th, chapter officer elections on the 13th and will be helping at the Heritage Museum on the 15th and 22nd. Their chapter banquet is on the 20th and everyone is invited. Emily thanked Wendy for writing a letter of recommendation for her. She is applying for a scholarship program through the NAAE which would give her professional development opportunities and mentors. Craig stated that he and Wendy saw Mercedes McCue at the FFA booth at the National School Board Convention and she was representing Limon well. The Board congratulated them on their great showing at the Regional CDEs.
- Staff Presentation:** None Given

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 243 students which is more than the secondary. Once the 5th grade moves up to middle school he won't be able to say that again for a while. Our attendance rate is still above our goal of 95%. He thanked Mrs. Bandy, Mr. Martinez and all staff members for all their extra efforts during testing. The end of year testing window for DIBLES will be open on April 24th thru May 12th. All students in grades K-3 will need to be screened. He will give the Board more information on how many students will be on a Read Plan at the next Board meeting. He gave summer school dates and times again. Science and social studies curriculum has been ordered and they are reviewing reading material. He thanked the kindergarten teachers and Darlene Price for all their work at Kindergarten round up. They had 32 out of 33 pre-kindergartners show up. Field trips start the end of April and go all through May. Hopefully the weather stays nice and dry. He thanked Mr. Love again and included a thank you letter from the American Heart Association for raising \$10,604.05 for them through Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. The Eastern Colorado Elementary Honor Band will be held in Kiowa on May 1st. Our spring concert will be on May 8th. The Bike Rodeo will be on May 16th.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Currently there are 241 students enrolled in the secondary. The secondary attendance rate combined is above our goal of 95%. She went to the job fair last week at UNC and met with a lot of possible candidates for the middle school social studies position and also 5 for the foreign language position. They just need to fill out an application. She currently has six interviews setup between now and next week. She included a list of upcoming events. Prom will be on May 6th and at the same places they went to last year. She congratulated the class of 2017 and their sponsors for a successful trip to Orlando, FL. She asked Kim to tell the Board how it went. Kim stated that the kids were good and that they had a glitch that cost them 4 hours but Sharon was able to get them all unlimited Fast passes for the weekend. She also congratulated Ms. Bellefeuille and her state science fair participants. Kelly Packer took 20 kids to Sterling for the high school math and science contest at NJC. Two students placed. Cole Younger placed 2nd for senior math and Drew Albers got placed 3rd for critical thinking. Traci stated that they had to figure out a different testing strategy then they're used to because if they answer a question wrong they get deducted points but if they don't answer the question then they don't get any points but they also don't get any points deducted. Cole told her that he answered 7 questions out of 30. Middle school will be going to NJC tomorrow.

Accountability:

Joel stated that their final meeting for the school year will be April 24th.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. High school baseball's record is 6-2 for varsity and 1-0 for JV. Districts will be on May 13th at Vista Peak. We've been lucky that we've been able to get all our games in so far. There were 27 teams at the 53rd running of the Warren Mitchell Invitational. There was a school that showed up that he didn't know were coming. He thanked Craig Bailey, Charlie Martinez and Ted Bandy for all their hard work putting on this meet. Middle school track has been to two meets. We had to cancel our meet on the 4th and rescheduled it for April 27th. Their last meet is on May 5th.

Board Reports:

Wendy updated the Board on the bills that are coming up. Although Senate Bill 61 doesn't affect our District, if there was a charter school that started in our district we would have to share our mill levy override funds with them. Senate Bill 267 by Senator Jerry Sonnenberg addresses funding for rural schools, transportation and rural hospitals.

Craig stated that he and Wendy attended one day of the National School Board Convention. There were over 6,000 people there. Also, the BOCES Board meeting will be on April 26th. The next LEF meeting will be May 3rd at 6:30pm. Last week they mailed out letters.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. They turned Tammy LeValley's extra room into a big wireless computer lab which is helping all the testing get done in three weeks. He included the bid they received to paint the ceiling of the big gym. Dan Bates gave him the name of one of their contractors to get another bid. Jay Hoskinson sent him some follow-up question on the roof grant application. He sent him back his responses. Jay will let him know when the BEST Board meeting and presentation is. Troy stated that he would like to attend. Mike asked about the roof leak over the Mitchell Event Center. Dave stated that the wind blew the rain in and it came down the wall and underneath which caused a lot of the floor damage. Bart put something down on

the roof and it didn't leak during our next rain storm. Dan Bates did come out and look at the damage. Troy stated that he noticed the sewer smell is back.

Action Items:

AD's Contract

Wendy Pottorff moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the athletic director's contract for Dirk Pedersen for the 2017-2018 school year. Dave stated that Dirk was picked as the 2A AD of the year. The motion passed unanimously.

Counselor's Contract

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the counselor's contract for Shirelle Bandy for the 2017-2018 school year. Dave stated that Shirelle does a great job. The motion passed with four ayes and Jason Bandy abstaining.

Probationary Teaching Contracts

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the following probationary teachers' contracts for the 2017-2018 school year -

Melissa Blandford
Cheryl Rockwell
Emily Rudder
Wendy Schubarth
Molly Wagner
Nicole Churchwell
Brandi Bellefeuille
Cherri Eurich
Andrew Love
Ginger Marx
Cheryl Thompson

The last 5 teachers on this list will move to non-probationary contracts next year. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Probationary Teachers' Contracts

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the following non-probationary teachers' contracts for the 2017-2018 school year -

Jill Coonts
Justine Liggett
Catherine Sauter
Anna Newsom
Larissa Hubbard
Stacy Larson
Kelly Packer
Tammy LeValley
Greg Scherrer
Shirelle Bandy
Sharon Hansen
Rocky Rockwell
Linnea Zeschin
Judith Cummings
Rebecca Frank
Sandi Pedersen
Carrie Bennett
Peggy Neibur
Dirk Pedersen
Kim Brossart
Donald Schmidt
DeAnna Steinhart
Teresa Monks

Dave stated that we have longevity with our teaching staff and they do a great job. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the school board meeting calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy EF-E

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy EF-E, approved prices for food service meals as presented. The USDA has told us that we have to increase our prices. They wanted a 12 cent increase but since we don't want to deal in pennies we have a 10 cent increase on lunches. The motion passed unanimously.

Continuation of Cross Country

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the continuation of cross country supported by Limon School. The Board had a discussion on whether to keep cross country or not. Dirk recommended to keep the program. It doesn't cost the district a lot of money and it's a good alternative option for some kids. He thought that there would probably be 4 boys and 2 girls on the team next year. Troy stated that we need to think about putting a limit on how many participants are needed to keep the program going. Mike asked why we don't have meets here anymore. Dirk stated that the hardest part is picking a day and also they have moved to automated meets with bibs that have transmitters on them. The motion passed unanimously.

Construction Agreement

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the construction agreement between Limon Public Schools and Structures Unlimited for the locker room remodel. Dave stated that our attorney put this agreement together and there is some extra stuff in there that is not part of the project but is in a standard construction contract. Bart is good with the agreement. Bart discussed concerns he has with the existing plumbing and with the tight time schedule. He thought that the access to the back of the school would still be open. He's hoping that they can tear everything out in May, get the plumbing and block work done in June and the finish work done in July. Dave said that the good thing is it's inside work so the weather won't slow them down. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, May 15, 2017 at 4:15pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 8:28pm Jason Bandy 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: _____
Troy Jaklich