

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

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Media Center MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	August MONTH	17 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 agenda for August 17, 2015 adding action item 12.4 to approve MCC proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee
- Audience:** Chuck Jordan, Dan Bates, Kim Steinhart, Charles Hoffman, Les Layton, Cassidy Thompson, Sean Steinhart, Gary Lewman and Mercedes McCue
- Minutes:** Troy Jaklich moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of July 20, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Financial Reports:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for July of 2015 in the amount of \$234,849.58. Bart read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action Item:** **Haselden Change Order #12**
Wendy Pottorff moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve Haselden's construction change order #12 for \$73,955.23. Dan went over the change order in the work session. The motion passed unanimously.
- Education Reports:** **Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)
Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We have a projected enrollment of 233 students in the elementary. We are all very excited to start the new school year in our new school. He then gave the Board some updates on the transportation side. He worked on the CDE-40 which was due in August. This is a transportation report that CDE requires. The new bus should be ready mid September and then will be turned over to Colorado West to put our stickers on it. Randy Reed will do the CDE inspection. He charges half of what Colorado West charges. He told the Board that we are short on drivers. We will be running four routes in the morning and only 3 routes in the afternoon. The morning routes will be driven by Joel, Jerry, Marianne and Rhonda. The afternoon routes will be driven by Joel, Jerry and Rhonda. Bob Horton is interested in the south route but still needs to be certified.
- Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)
Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. She welcomed Nathan Ayers as the new middle school social studies teacher. She included the schedule for the open house on Friday. The secondary projected enrollment is 268 students. They ended the year at 246 students. She included information about the Colorado Measures of Academic Success for this year. They have shortened some of the testing times and/or tests. The results of the social studies test the 12 graders took last fall will not be released. Traci went over MCC concurrent enrollment proposal. She would like to look at picking up one more credit for students. So instead of paying for 3 credits we would pay for 4 credits. She asked the Board if they wanted to retro activate it to last year or just start this year. Russell stated to just go forward for this year. Craig stated that the policy will need to be changed. Bart asked if we should give teachers incentives to get their masters since MCC will require a masters in the area they are teaching for college classes. Russell stated that maybe the school could pay a 1/3 of the tuition and MCC could pay a 1/3 and the teacher pay a 1/3. Traci stated that it

costs \$400 to \$500 per credit hour and could cost up to \$20,000 to get their masters. She stated that we would need to offer this to all district teachers.

Rocky talked to the Board about the yearbook. It was indebt when he took it over. Some schools sell ads but we haven't because of all the other fund raising we do. He thought that maybe we could do one fund raiser a year to go towards the yearbook budget. He hasn't met his deadlines in the past but he doesn't want his name on something that isn't just right. In the last 10 years we haven't sold more than 100 books in a year. Troy asked the students in the audience why they don't purchase a yearbook. Cassidy stated that they were too expensive. She would probably get one her senior year but her mom makes a scrapbook. Sean and Mercedes agreed that they were too expensive. Rocky suggested that we sell them for \$30. Craig suggested that we pay \$7,500 to zero out what is owed in the budget and add \$1,000 to the budget and sell the books for \$30. It was also suggested we put the older yearbooks for sale at a lower rate of \$15 or \$20 at homecoming.

Sean Steinhart and Cassidy Thompson talked to the Board about the HOBY Leadership conference they both attended this summer. Cassidy stated that the trip was life changing. It was more about finding yourself and who you are. It taught her to be the greatest leader she can be. She learned that peer influence makes it hard to be a leader but she was able to find her voice. Sean stated that they traveled to a park with about 200 kids and did some landscaping. They attended lectures and learned cheers or sing-a-longs. Sean demonstrated a cheer for the Board. Traci asked them what they are going to bring back to their peers. Sean said outgoingness and happiness and integrity. Cassidy said that she learned that words have amazing power and that the knowledge of those words has power.

Accountability: (none given)

Staff Report: (none given)

STUCO Report: (none given)

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

Dirk was not at the meeting. Troy asked about sports schedules. He's had parents ask him about them this summer. Traci said that usually they are on the website but the website has been down all summer. The foundation calendar is out tomorrow and has the schedules on it. Kim stated that she had emailed the schedule if she was asked for them. Charles Hoffman stated that if we need to put something on the internet we can use the Leader website or their facebook page.

FFA Report:

Mercedes McCue gave the FFA report. They had fair August 3rd to the 8th. She and Cheyenne went to Washington, DC in July for the best leadership conference she's ever attended. They toured many monuments and went over their Living to Serve Plans. She plans to get her doctorate and provide discounted health care on the weekends. She asked the Board if they would be interested in a WLC presentation. Russell thought they could do a community presentation. Dave asked that they give one to the students.

Board Reports:

Craig asked if we were going to get glass for around the history wall picture. Bart asked what the price would be. Craig stated that Hoffman donated \$1,000 that we could use towards that. Wendy reminded the Board that CASB has their fall workshop on September 29th at the school. She asked that we invite the school board candidates who returned their petitions. They will need the cafeteria and 2 break out rooms

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. He has received a lot of positive feedback on the school building. We've had quite a few new students enroll. Wendy stated that we received \$500 from Econolodge for student school supplies.

Audience Participation: None

Action Items:

Teacher Contract

Wendy Pottorff moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the teaching contract for Nathan Ayers for middle school social studies teacher. He is originally from Illinios. He was a para at Cherry Creek. He spends his summer in New Hampshire at a youth sports camp. The motion passed unanimously.

CHSSA Resolution

Craig Bailey moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the resolution approving CHSAA committee/council members as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Coaches

Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the following coaches – Ted Bandy Jr. as high school head cross country coach, Lindsey Taylor as high school volunteer assistant cross country coach, Whitney Liggett as high school volunteer assistant volleyball coach and Nathan Ayers as high school assistant football coach. The motion passed unanimously.

MCC Contract

The Board decided that an action item wasn’t needed for this.

Future Business:

Cornerstone Presentation – Monday, September 21, 2015 at 3:00pm
Work Session – Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center
Next School Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 8:42 p.m. Bart O’Dwyer 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