

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## LIMON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4J

### Limon, Colorado

Regular	Media Center	7:00 p.m.	August	23	2017
KIND OF MEETING	MEETING PLACE	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

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 Troy Jaklich was absent.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone stood and recited the pledge.
- Mission Statement:** Mike Hines read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the agenda for August 23, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Traci Weisensee, Joel Albers, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Molly Wagner, Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Shirelle Bandy, Anna Weisensee, Wade Yoder, Amy Weisensee, Taylor Vaughn, Lyndee Yoder, Kirsten Tacha, Jerry Allen, Linnea Zeschin, Jaron Carpenter and Mikaela Taylor
- Minutes:** Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of July 17, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** Jaron Carpenter talked to the Board about his experience at the State Patrol Youth Academy that he attended this summer. He really enjoyed the 4 day program and wished it was longer. It was held in Golden, CO. Some parts were intimidating but they also go to do some fun activities and games. They got to drive a patrol car. He would recommend the camp to everyone especially if you are interested in law enforcement.
- Emily Rudder asked if they could give the FFA report early because that had a district meeting to attend. Anna Weisensee listed the events they have attended this summer. They helped with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July barbecue. They had their officer retreat in Fort Collins July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anna received a District X scholarship to attend a leadership conference in Washington DC on July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. She toured many different historical sites. They were all asked to develop a service plan. Her plan is to spread positivity. They participated in the Lincoln County Fair August 7<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. She asked the District Officers to introduce themselves and to tell the Board what their ignite about FFA topic is for the District Leadership Conference in Hugo on September 6<sup>th</sup>. She invited everyone to attend the parent member barbecue on August 30<sup>th</sup> in the Ag shop.
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and capital reserve expenditures for July of 2017 in the amount of \$685,491.69. Dave stated that Mike Dixon will be here October 30<sup>th</sup> for our audit. Troy asked Traci if all the new books were ordered. Traci stated that the English teachers have not found a new English program that wows them so they are staying with what works for them for now. There is still \$35,000 in the secondary budget for new books. The elementary used all but \$2,000 on their new programs. Jason asked how much we still owe Bart. Kim stated about \$200,000. Craig asked what the Earth Engineering Consultants were. Dave stated this was the company that had to test the concrete in the locker room. The motion passed unanimously.
- Education Reports:** **STUCO Report:** None Given  
**FBLA Report:** Mikaela Taylor gave the FBLA report. One August 13<sup>th</sup> they held their officer retreat at the school. They set goals and plans for upcoming events this school year. She thanked Tim Andersen for donating the pizza, drinks and dessert. On the 15<sup>th</sup> she, Tucker Thompson, Ashlyn Churchwell, Bradyn Tacha and Zarrah Dundes attended the 7 Mindsets training. They also helped present the 7

Mindsets poster during the first day of school assembly. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, the officers gave a presentation to all the business classes to encourage students to join FBLA. They will be serving the pancake breakfast with Peak Vista in the Limon Senior center before the Homecoming parade on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. On October 6<sup>th</sup> they will be attending the Colorado Fall Leadership conference in Sterling and on November 11<sup>th</sup> they will be holding a Veteran's Day social at the school. They will be advertising this better than last year and hope to have more veterans attend.

**Staff Presentation:** None Given

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. As of today we have 204 students enrolled in the elementary. The elementary teachers participated in a half-day webinar training on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> with Pearson to go over the new science program. There will be a social studies training on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He appreciates all the new resources the elementary have been able to purchase. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade started 7 mindsets on Monday. Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> will start after Labor day. He thanked Traci for purchasing all the eclipse glasses. It was a neat experience for all. They high school helped the primary kids and shared their glasses. Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers are giving the beginning year DIBELS assessments today and tomorrow. He met with Emily from CDE to discuss the kindergarten school readiness program. He welcomed Allison Graham as elementary music teacher and Tyler Deegan as elementary para. We may need to hire one more para. Cheryl Rockwell would like to start an elementary student council. The elementary also discussed having a float in the homecoming parade. He then went over everything going on with transportation. We are looking to hire more drivers. The driver that went to Tennyson and the driver that drove to Firefly have both quit. He has a driver for Tennyson but only for 3 weeks. Cindy Johnson will start driving to Firefly on Monday. He is looking into some sort of protection for the windows in the van.

**Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. We had close to 90 people participated in the first aid and CPR training. She appreciates Marilyn for coming out and training everyone. There were about 150 people who came to the school for the 7 Mindsets training including staff from Woodlin, Kit Carson, Genoa-Hugo and Stratton schools. Chelsea, the presenter, had never giving a training with students attending. She was very excited about that. The Lincoln County IOG paid the cost of the training and would like to pay for Chelsea to come out and do a training for a parent group. Shirelle stated that there's a different atmosphere at the school now. She said that it was the best 1<sup>st</sup> day of school ever. Traci stated that she thought the first day of school went smoothly. Craig stated that he had a lot of people complaining about the start date. Craig asked if the coaches were invited to the 7 mindsets training. Dirk stated that they have been doing a similar program for the last 3 years. They have 268 secondary students enrolled. Traci went over the state model evaluation system 17-18 pilot. The only extra thing the teachers will have to do is take a survey in the beginning and at the end of the year. They have reduced the number of standards, elements and professional practices. Shirelle stated that all sophomores will be taking the ASVAB test on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Shirelle went over all of the "wow" things from our testing scores last year. She talked about a new crisis plan website that we can use for free that we can download our crisis plan and staff can look it up on their phone. It also comes with a panic button with a GPS. Shirelle is starting a new program in the middle school to hopefully help with the middle school drama. There is a problem solving wheel that she went over with the middle school students to help them handle the issues on their own first before coming to her. She will teach this to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday.

**Accountability:** None Given

The next meeting is on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mr. Pedersen gave the numbers of athletes out for each sport and the dates of their first games.

**Board Reports:**

Wendy stated that students can attend the CASB convention. They will have their own sessions. Wendy suggested that Shirelle present the 7 Mindsets at the convention. Shirelle already filled out what was needed to get this on the agenda. Wendy stated that the deadline to get the resolution to be able choose any community college to use for college courses at school is tomorrow. Troy thought that CASB probably has a template to use for this resolution. Wendy was going to check tonight and let Troy know if he needed to sign something tomorrow. Traci stated that they are talking to Adams

State which Bennett is using now. The tuition is cheaper per credit than MCC. We need to make sure our teachers would be able to teach classes.

Craig stated that EC BOCES Board meeting is next week.

Jason asked if Dave heard back from Black Hills Energy about the doors for the bus barn. Dave stated they are waiting for their budget to see if they can do this.

Don Otto is selling his shop equipment and he may have items that Donny Schmidt could use.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. The first day of school went well. Starting on a Thursday gave both students and teachers a chance to get organized and ready to start the school year. Lacreata's new lunch program is working well. She is still learning how to use it but thinks it will be a lot better than the old one. LEF approved purchasing 25 computers and a charging cart for Stacy Larson. LINX is still working on the security system. Dan said that there will be a couple of people from Haselden coming out and finishing the drywall work. He spoke to Kendra Ewing and all the schools passed the resolution to reorganize Agate School District. The Commissioner will be meeting about this the end of September. Craig was surprised they are wanting 3 Board members on the committee because than we will have to post all the meetings. Jason stated he thought we had talked about taking over all of Agate's School District. The other Board members stated that we would only want the parts close to our district. Busing wouldn't make sense for the whole district. The school districts on the committee are Kiowa, Deer Trail, Limon, Simla and Byers.

Dave stated that the policy on surveillance stating that we cannot have the video showing in the front office was just a suggestion from CASB and that we can change this policy so we can turn on that tv.

**Action Items:** **2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Revised Policy GBGG**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of revised policy GBGG, staff discretionary leave as presented. Craig and Traci reworded the sentence about discretionary leave during testing to make it clearer. The motion passed unanimously.

**Change Order**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Structures Unlimited change order in the amount of \$8,5000 for repainting the locker rooms. The motion passed unanimously.

**Structures Unlimited Proposal**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Structures Unlimited proposal for the dirt and concrete work for the sewer line in the amount of \$6,000. They are supposed to come out at Christmas break to put the liner on. The total cost to the district will be about \$42,000. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coaches**

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the following coaches – Jerry Allen as head speech coach, Nathan Welp as assistant high school coach and Karen Sitko as volunteer cheer coach. The motion passed unanimously.

**Advisory Committee Members**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to table this action item until next month because they haven't had they don't have their lists yet. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agate Planning Committee**

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve Wendy Pottorff and Craig Bailey to the Agate School Organization planning committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Haselden Roof Repair Proposal**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Haselden proposal for the roof repair of the Mitchell Event Center in the amount of \$34,000 with \$10,000 paid by the district and the rest paid by Haselden. Dave stated that we are matching 30% of the cost and that this could help with our BEST grant roof proposal showing we are willing to pay a portion. They will be going all the way to the roof cap. They will be done before winter. The proposal says that this will start in September. Kim stated that we will need to increase the general fund base to pay for everything that was approved tonight. Craig said that the Board needs to have a budget meeting after the audit. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:** Work Session – Monday, September 18, 2017 at 4:15pm in the Limon School Media Center  
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:** At 9:01pm Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Troy Jaklich