

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

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Mr. Weber's Room MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	December MONTH	09 DAY	2015 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 7:17pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Jason Bandy read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the agenda for December 9, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Dan Bates, Charles Hoffman, Mercedes McCue, Greg Tacha, Les Layton, Kim Steinhart, Cheryl Thompson, Ginger Marx and Kennard Holley
- Minutes:** Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of November 23, 2015 as presented. Craig stated that we needed to add that Mr. Marx and Mr. Layton were asked to attend the executive meeting. The motion passed unanimously with the addition.
- Action Item:** **Haselden Change Order #16**
There wasn't a change order because the District still needs to decide what they want to spend the reserve money on.
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for November of 2015 in the amount of \$393,598.15. Jason read the breakdown. Coaches were paid that is why the payroll was up. The motion passed unanimously
- Education Reports:** **Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)
Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 235 elementary students enrolled. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. Teachers have begun the second round of DIBELS testing. Lori Brewer is doing the mid-year check for Teaching Strategies Gold. The elementary students hung their Christmas ornaments at the Senior Center. The Christmas program will be Tuesday, December 15th and parties will be Thursday, December 17th. He welcomed back Debbie Thieman, who is going to be an elementary special education teacher. Also, Wendy Schubarth will be doing her student teaching with Ms. Steinhart's 3rd grade class next semester.
Mr. Albers asked Cheryl Thompson and Ginger Marx to talk to the Board about their full day kindergarten classes. Cheryl stated that the 1st grade teachers have told them how excited they are to have full day kindergarten available because they will be better prepared for 1st grade. They started the year out with a rest time for the students but soon learned that they did not need it. They are both very grateful for a full day program because it is really difficult to fit in all the curriculum in a half day. They are now able to have literacy centers, craftivites, social center and include science and social studies. They both love their new rooms. All the students are currently attending full day.
Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)
Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are 263 students currently enrolled in the secondary. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. She congratulated Mrs. Carr and Mr. Scherrer for the concert last night. She thanked the music parents for all their help in raising money for the music department. She welcomed Hanna Pang who will be doing an internship with Shirelle and also Brenda Higgins who will be teaching music and choir next semester. Next week is finals week. They will have 3 finals on Tuesday, 3 on Wednesday and 2 on Thursday. Anyone that hasn't paid their MCC bill will not be able to enroll in a MCC class next semester. The Board asked if everyone paid their bills last year. Traci stated that they did.

Accountability:

Joel stated that Cody gave a Career Tech report. Mrs. Weisensee talked about RANDA and the assessment data. He thanked Traci for doing most of the talking at the meeting.

STUCO Report:

Mercedes McCue stated that they are organizing a dance at the community building on December 17th from 8pm to 11pm. They will have an ugly sweater contest.

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

Dirk Pedersen highlighted items from his report. He just got back from a very exciting game. The boys lost by 1 point. Kaleb Gaede placed 1st in his weight class at the Akron Wrestling tournament. State Spirit is this weekend. Cheer will perform at 9:03 Friday morning and Dance will be perform at 8:42 Saturday morning. Finals will be Saturday afternoon.

FFA Report:

Mercedes McCue gave the FFA report. She thanked those that attended the Hired Hand Auction. They presented Pronghorn Ace a check for \$1,400 to go towards the soldier support. They had their game night December 3rd and raised canned food and \$100 to be donated to the Methodist Church. The District Speaking Events were held on the 7th. Cheyanne Hope and Eleanna Rosler both placed 1st in their events. They will be representing Limon at State in June. They will be holding junior officer interviews on December 17th. They will also be participating in the Parade of Lights on the 17th. Their winter retreat for junior and chapter officers will be December 29th through the 30th.

Board Reports:

Wendy gave a report about the CABS convention she attended with Mike and Craig. She also reported that the Senate approved an overhaul of the No Child Left Behind law. Moving control from the federal level to the state level. One of the speakers at the convention was the General Manager of Intel. They have a program called Intel K-12 which she thought was something we should look into for our students. Day at the Capital is in January and she thinks we should send a high school class such as the Government class up. Greater Ed would like to give a presentation to Eastern Colorado at the school about the School Finance Act. It would be a 30 to 40 minute presentation plus some time for questions and answers. Troy thought this was a great idea. They discussed having it in January or February and contacting the BOCES to make sure all rural eastern plains schools were invited.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx stated that during the Superintendent meeting at BOCES they learned that in 2 to 3 years about 40% of teachers will probably be retiring and we may have a teacher shortage. Charles Hoffman asked how the school will do if we have to pay for the retirement of 40% of our teachers and pay the salaries of new teachers. The Board stated that we pay into PERA and wouldn't be paying retired teachers plus the new teachers would start off at a lower salary than the retiring teachers so it would save the district money. Dave stated they were also told that a lot of big district will have a rescission this year.

Audience Participation:

Kennard Holley would like to have a recycling receptical outside of the school with 3 bins inside for plastic and cans. He would pick them up and compact them and take them to the Springs. He is trying to get all of eastern Colorado to recycle more. Craig asked if the new containers by the post office were his. He stated they were. Troy asked that he submits a written proposal to the Board for them to consider. Les was concerned about how this would work and what we would have to do. Mr. Holley stated that the district would pay \$250 a month.

Action Items:

Mill Levy Resolution

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the resolution levying property taxes for the year of 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy GDBA-E, Classified Staff Pay, as presented. This updated the cook's pay and added pay for bus trainer. The motion passed unanimously.

Lease Agreement

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to table the lease agreement between the school and Les and Jona Layton for the school residence located at 861 F Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Handbook

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Limon transportation department handbook as presented. Joel stated that he made all the corrections they had discussed last month. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve Chris Penny as volunteer high school assistant wrestling coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Contract

Wendy Pottorff moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the teaching contract for Debbie Thieman as special education teacher. The motion passed unanimously,

Future Business:

Staff Lunch – December 17th, 2015 in the Limon School Cafeteria

Work Session – Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Limon School Conference Room

Work Session – Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, January 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 8:15 p.m Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy 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