

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

LIMON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4J

Limon, Colorado

Regular	Media Center	7:00 p.m	December	11	2017
KIND OF MEETING	MEETING PLACE	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

Craig Bailey
PRESIDING OFFICER

Jason Bandy
MEMBER

Mike Hines
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx
SUPERINTENDENT

Theron Perry
TREASURER

Wendy Pottorff
SECRETARY

Roll Call: The regular Board of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by President Craig Bailey at 7:00pm. Roll call showed all Board members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood and recited the pledge.

Mission Statement: Mike Hines read the district mission statement.

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

Audience: Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Anna Weisensee, Amy Weisensee, Emily Rudder, Kirsten Tacha and Greg Tacha

Agenda: Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the agenda for December 11, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of November 27, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Education Reports: **FBLA Report:** None Given

STUCO Report: None Given

FFA Report:

Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. Miss Rudder flew to Tennessee December 5th and received the best teacher in year 1-3 in Colorado award from Teacher Turn the Key. She listed the District X speaking contest winners. CJ Caton received a silver (4th) and Gaige Hilferty received a bronze in Creed speaking. Jaden Smithburg received a silver (4th) and Anna Weisensee received a gold (3rd) in Extemporaneous speaking, Amy Weisensee received a gold (2nd) and Mikaela Taylor received a gold (1st) in and will be participating at State in June. Amy Weisensee gave her prepared speech that she gave at districts and received 2nd place. Emily stated that a parent from Simla asked if Amy could give her speech at their School Board meeting to encourage them to start a FFA chapter there.

Staff Report: None Given

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 203 students in the elementary. Our attendance rate is above the goal of 95%. Teachers in kindergarten through 3rd grade are giving their second round of DIBELS assessments. The testing window opened last week and closes the end of this week. The elementary students participated in the annual tree walk on November 30th. The elementary Christmas program will be tomorrow at 7pm in the Activities Building. Christmas parties will be Thursday morning and students will be dismissed at 11:30. He thanked Mr. Scherrer for the senior band performance for elementary students on Wednesday. Head Start and Agate school were also in attendance. Joel thanked Carla Stone for helping out Cheraw school when they broke down between here and Flagler. Jason told Joel good job for narrating Peter and the Wolf for the Senior band.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are currently 263 secondary students. Attendance is above the goal of 95%. Finals started today. She congratulated Miss Graham and Mr. Scherrer for their music concert last week. Also the music parents and community for all their support. She also congratulated Miss Sauter. She entered ten students into the Voice of Democracy competition and at Limon School, Michayla Blatnick took first and Amy Weisense received 2nd

place. They had to submit both a written and voice transcript. Michayla received a prize of \$50 and Amy \$20. Embridge donated \$500 to the elementary and \$500 to the secondary to support at risk youth. They will also be sponsoring two \$1,000 scholarships for seniors. She appreciates Ryan and Sherrie Smithburg at Hoffman Drug for their monthly drawing supporting Limon School. She listed all the teachers that received \$50 for their classroom this year.

Accountability:

Joel stated that Mr. Packer moved the December 4th meeting to January 8th because of some scheduling issues.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. He listed the students that were picked for All Conference/All League and All State. High school wrestling hosted the Badger Invitational last weekend. 25 teams were invited and 24 showed up. He included the middle school basketball records. The high school spirit competition was held on December 8th and 9th. Cheer placed 7th and Dance placed 5th. He was impressed with all that Stacy Larson has done with her squad. The new scoreboards for the Activities Building were delivered last week. He is hoping they can be installed over Christmas break.

Financial Reports:

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for November of 2017 in the amount of \$429,499.46. Jason read the breakdown. There weren't any insurance reserve or capital reserve expenditures. Part of the general fund payables was our payment to BOCES. Craig stated that we get a lot of services from BOCES. Wendy stated that there is a lot of talk at CASB about BOCES hiring more mental health people. This would be mostly for smaller districts. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Reports:

Wendy stated Great Ed would like to hold a meeting in Limon to discuss initiatives they would like to get on the ballot regarding school funding. They are currently working on Gallagher because that is what is hurting us. In the work session they discussed having this meeting the evening of January 17th.

Craig stated that he went to a session at the CASB convention about Pera. What the governor is proposing is very similar to what Pera wants. The big difference is that in the governor's plan most of the increase would come from the employee. Pera has money to sustain itself for 74 years but they want to make these changes soon. Kim stated that what they want to do is so drastic.

Dave went to the CASB Convention to listen to Wendy and Craig's speeches. He said that they both did well. Wendy ran unopposed and is again on the Board of Directors.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. They had discussed most of what he had in his report during the work session. He gave a shout out to Greg Scherrer, Allison Graham and Joel Albers for the music concert last week.

Action Items:

2nd and Final Reading of New Policy KF-E-2

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of new policy KF-E-2, Weight Room Use form as presented. Mike asked Dave what his recommendation on selling cards was. Dave stated that we have the facility so he thinks we should do it. Dirk stated that we've done it for many years in the past. It's a good way to supplement the cost of the equipment in the weight room. Mike asked if a camera would be up and ready January 1st. Dirk said that Charlie wants to put one in the corner of the weight room. Charlie doesn't want a camera on its own system. Dave stated that Charlie said it will be done by January 1st. Dirk stated that we will need to train people because they are used to coming in the front doors and going up to the weight room. We will have to watch for the ones that haven't bought a key card. They discussed reminding people when they buy a key card to only use the back weight room door. He thought that we should start selling them January 2nd. They discussed if they should advertise this maybe on our facebook pages. The motion passed with four ayes and Theron Perry voting no.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy BEDB

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy BEDB, Agenda as presented. This change is to move the education reports in front of the financials so the kids can leave earlier. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy IHCDA

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy IHCDA, concurrent enrollment as presented. Craig stated that this is to increase the districts payment from 2 credits to 3 credits. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy GDBA-E, classified staff pay schedules as presented. This will be effective January 1st. The motion passed unanimously.

Purchase AptaFund

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the purchase of AptaFund, a new financial program, starting the 18-19 fiscal year. Dave stated that Mike Dixon recommended at the audit that we get a program that uses the cloud for backing up all our financial data. Kim stated that our current program has been corrupted since the power was turned off in the old school while she was doing payroll. They will train her onsite. Kim believes she can train both Jill and Cass on the purchase order portion of the system. Currently we are paying \$2,000 to get the Affordable Care Act forms and with this new system she will be able to do them herself. The motion passed unanimously.

Mill Levy Resolution

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the mill levy resolution as presented. It states that there is hereby levied a tax of 21.824 mills for the General Fund and a tax of 9.908 mills for the Bond Redemption Fund upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the Limon School District RE-4J for the year 2018. Jason pointed out that there is a typo in the resolution and that the word ‘if’ should be ‘is’ in the 4th sentence. The motion passed unanimously with the correction.

Superintendent Resignation

Mike Hines moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to accept the resignation of David Marx, Superintendent effective July 1st, 2018. The Board thanked Dave for this service to the school. Dave stated he was told never to accept a job offer for superintendent when there is construction or a lawsuit and Limon had both. Wendy talked to CASB on help with a superintendent search. This would come with a price. Jason stated that we paid for this one year and it wasn’t worth the price. Craig handed out a draft of a superintendent search timeline including a sample from BOCES on a job announcement. Jason stated that he’s been involved with this process a few different times and he suggested that all the Board members be on the hiring committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Budget and Superintendent Search Work Shop – Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 5:30pm at Limon School Conference Room
Next Agate SOPC Meeting – January 11, 2018 at 6:00pm
Work Session – Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 8:12pm Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. Jason would like to use the work session before the Board meetings maybe from 6 to 6:30 pm for things that the Board needs to discuss amongst themselves. Craig stated that this would still be open to the public. The only time they can meet without the public being invited is for an executive session and those can only be used for specific things. Jason stated that they need time for just the Board issues. Craig stated that he has heard a rumor that the Agate committee they are on will be dissolving because the new Board members do not want to dissolve the school. The motion passed unanimously.

Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

Approved: _____
Date

President: _____
Craig Bailey