

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	December MONTH	11 DAY	2013 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 meeting was called to order by Board President Russell Lengel at 7:03 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.

**Mission Statement:**

Bart O'Dwyer read the district mission statement.

**Agenda:**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for December 11, 2013 taking out action item 12.2 because this policy already exists in our policies and adding action item 12.6, approving FLH as Owners Rep. The motion passed unanimously.

**School Officials:**

Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee & Dirk Pedersen

**Audience:**

Kim Steinhart, Charles Hoffman, Les Layton, Ellisa Noakes and Jeff Chamberlain

**Minutes:**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2013 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2013 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Participation:**

None

**Financial Reports:**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for November of 2013 in the amount of \$328,526.43. Bart read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously.

**Education Reports:**

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. Current elementary enrollment is 241. Attendance continues to be above our goal of 95%. Kindergarten is taking the MAPs test as a mid-year assessment. Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are giving the DIBELS this week and next. The elementary students put their ornaments on the Christmas tree at the Senior Center on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The elementary Christmas program will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas parties will be on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> this year. There will not be school for the kindergartners on the 19<sup>th</sup> and it will be an early dismissal for the rest of the students.

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

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. They have gained 12 kids in the secondary since October 1. Attendance rates continue to do well. She congratulated Mr. Scherrer and Mrs. Carr on doing a great job with the secondary music concert. Letters went out to parents with the final exam schedule. Those middle school students that have an exemption will have an activity in the gym during the test they are exempt on. Those high school students with an exemption do not need to be at school. She congratulated Kerrianna Tatum and Joe Weisensee for being selected to attend HOBY.

**Accountability:**

They moved the December meeting from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Report:** (none given)

**STUCO Report:** (none given)

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

Dirk highlighted items from his report. 11 boys were named to the football 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference. Terren Sanchez received an honorable mention. He gave the records for the middle school and high school basketball teams. Wrestling has their Badger Invitational this Saturday. There will be 26 schools here. Cheer finished 17<sup>th</sup> and Dance finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Spirit competition.

**FFA Report:**

Ellisa Noakes stated that they raised almost \$10,000 at the Hired Hand Auction. They sold 39 members. They had their District Speaking in Hugo. Mercedes McCue received a Gold and Blake

Paintin received a Bronze. They will have a float in the Parade of Lights. On December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> they will have their officer retreat.

**Board Reports:**

Bart asked that they pick a date and time to go over the budget. It was agreed upon to meet December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Board room. Craig stated that he enjoyed the CASB conference. Wendy and Troy agreed.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. They have chosen RLH as the owner's representative for the upcoming building construction. Jeff Chamberlain from RLH is here to answer any questions. Our school attorney has sent a letter to the Office of Civil Rights stating that because we have received the BEST grant, we will be building a new school that is ADA approved. There has been a lot of interest from construction companies in our upcoming project. Our next step will be hiring a construction company. Cass gave him a quote from someone to move all our inactive files on to discs. Cass would like to get started on this right away. Russell asked if the BEST grant money would pay for this. It was decided that they would discuss this further at a later date.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:**

**1<sup>st</sup> and Emergency Reading of Policy BEDF**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorrf seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> and emergency reading of Policy BEDF, Voting Method, as presented. Craig stated that he and Wendy were in a meeting at CASB and it was brought up that some Boards are not voting in alphabetical order and by law they need to. Bart didn't think we needed to change the way we have been voting. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 no vote.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of the Budget**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorrf seconded the motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of the 2013-2014 Limon School Budget as presented. Bart stated that the budget stills needs a lot of work. It was discussed that this will be just under the 3 months operational costs needed to be in our budget. Kim stated that unless budgets aren't cut we will be short another \$250,000 next year. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 no vote.

**Mill Levy Certification**

Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the mill levy of 21.834 mills for the General Fund and mill levy of 12.601 mills for the Bond Redemption Fund on total assessed evaluation of \$56,809,091. This will generate \$1,240,369.69 for the General Fund and \$715,851.36 for the Bond Fund. Also to give authorization to the administration to modify these amounts to meet State requirements if the assessed evaluation changes after December 11, 2013. Craig asked if this was for the old bond. Dave stated that no, it is for the new combination bond. We should still be able to pay it off early. Craig asked when do we spend the BEST grant money. Jeff from RLH stated that the BEST grant money is in its own budget that the State will issue checks from. We will have to approve the bills and send them to the State to pay. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 no vote.

**Amended Budget Resolutions**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorrf seconded the motion to approve the following amended resolution – Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Limon School District RE-4J in Lincoln County that the amounts shown in the presented schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the "2013-2014 Budget" for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coaches**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve Daniel Kappel and Andy Gaede as volunteer assistant wrestling coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

**Owner's Representative**

Troy Jaklich moved and Wendy Pottorrf seconded the motion to approve RLH Engineering to provide owner's representation services to Limon Public School. Jeff Chamberlain thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the school on this project. He is one of the principal owners of RLH. They have done about 10 BEST Grant projects. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:** Budget Workshop – Wednesday, December 12, 2013 at 7pm in the Board Room in the High School Library  
Work Session – Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:30pm in the High School Library  
Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

**Adjournment:** At 7:45pm Bart O'Dwyer 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 Russell Lengel