

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	February MONTH	15 DAY	2016 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 7:00pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Mike Hines read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the agenda for February 15, 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Dan Bates, Chuck Jordan, Charles Hoffman, Mercedes McCue, Les Layton, Stacy Larson, Sharon Hansen, Kirsten Tacha, Greg Tacha and Gary Lewman
- Minutes:** Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of January 18, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action Item:** **Haselden Change Order #17**
No Change Order
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for January of 2016 in the amount of \$269,322.72. Jason 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. We currently have 236 elementary students enrolled. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for this Wednesday night and Friday morning. Some elementary teachers have already started meeting with parents. The kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers are updating and identifying students with a significant reading deficiency. We had the last of our three elementary parties on Thursday. Andy Love also did Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart on that day. According to Andy we've collected more online donations than last year. He still needs to count all the cash and checks. Joel applied for an Early Literacy Assessment Tool grant to pay for the Amplify and Burst Reading programs. We had our first tornado drill last Thursday and all the elementary fits in the bathrooms. He thanked Chief Yowell for helping with the drill and Mrs. Thompson who had to deal with a sick student during the drill.
Andy Love gave a short report of what he is doing in elementary PE and high school weights. He just finished with Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. He will start the fitness testing next. He has different programs in his weights class depending on what they need such as a football program or one to just tone up. He is also offering before school and after school weight lifting sessions. He has a good turnout after school. He's teaching the 6th graders that show up the technique of lifting. He will be switching to just a before school session starting at 6:15am when baseball starts. He has setup the new weight equipment that he was able to purchase with money from LEF and individual donations and he believes it has a more efficient flow. He was able to order a lat pull down row machine at no cost to us because of the mix up in the original order. He is working with Carla Stone to write a grant for new cardio equipment. Jason Bandy stated that the booster club may be willing to purchase a new leg press machine.
Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)
Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are 266 students currently enrolled in the secondary. The attendance rate is below our goal of 95% in the middle school and in the high school. There are a lot of upcoming events. NHS induction is tomorrow morning. Emma Gaede, Donnelly Diggins and Rachael Calkum will be attending both the Adams State Choir in Alamosa

February 18 thru the 20th and the Western Slope Chorale Festival in Gunnison March 3rd through the 5th. The Solo and Ensemble contest will be here this weekend. The music parents supper and spring concert will be March 3rd. PARCC testing starts March 14th. The senior trip is April 1st thru the 3rd. The ACT for juniors is on April 19th and the PSAT for sophomores is April 20th. She is currently researching textbook options. BOCES suggested that Traci ask Lori Cook for more math textbook companies to look at. She did not have a preference but suggested we look at ones with strong problem solving. She congratulated Sean Steinhart for being selected and performing in All State Choir, Cheyenne Hope for being selected as a finalist for the Daniels Fund Scholarship, Mercedes McCue for being selected as a finalist for the Boettcher Scholarship and James Berndt for being selected as a finalist for the Greenhouse Scholarship. The new National Honor Society inductees are Donnelly Diggins, Brooklyn Caton, Zachary Churchwell, Ronnie Bailey, Rachael Calkum, Kaitlynn Alcorn, Cole Younger, Brooke Smith, Tucker Thompson, Corrin Perry and Kalli Wilkins. Cheyenne Hope was going to perform her state winning impromptu speech tonight but she is ill so she will be at the next Board meeting.

Accountability:

Joel stated that they rescheduled the meeting to February 29th because of the weather.

STUCO Report: (none given)

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

Dirk Pedersen highlighted items from his report. He updated the high school basketball records. The district tournament will be the week of February 22nd. Regionals will be in the Sterling area and the State tournament will be at CSU-Pueblo on March 10th, 11th and 12th. We have four wrestlers qualify for the State tournament; Jayden Hilferty, Kaleb Gaede, Woody Aguilar and Braden Kappel. Middle school basketball is finished. Cheyenne Hope took 1st place at the State Speech Festival. Ashlyn Churchwell and Shalynn Hoffman placed 2nd, Cora Saunders and Donnelly Diggins placed 3rd, Alex Sullivan placed 4th, Keturah Tatum and Emma Gaede placed 9th and Eleanna Rosler placed 9th. Middle school wrestling will host the Limon Invitational on February 17th. There will be 12 school coming and we will be using 1 gym with 2 mats. High school spring sports will start February 29th and middle school track starts March 14th.

FFA Report:

Mercedes McCue gave the FFA report. The district quiz bowl was moved to February 17th because of the storm. The Ag Hall of Fame banquet is this Thursday at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. 13 students will be going to learn proper etiquette, see the induction of influential ag leaders and learn why they have earned the honor to be part of the Hall of Fame. Anna Weisensee, Jonathan Rosler, Tristan Peck, Braedon Frasier and Ashlyn Gillis will be receiving their greenhand degrees because they were a part of junior high ag. This will give them a chance to run for a district office. Next week is FFA week. Monday is greenhand and FFA spirit day, Tuesday is Ag Olympics, Wednesday is pass the duck and Thursday is Ag day. Topper Parker and Anna Weisensee will be running for a district officer position on March 8th. Mercedes thanked Mrs. Weisensee, Mrs. Hansen and Dave Taussig for writing excellent letters of recommendation for the Boettcher scholarship.

Board Reports:

Wendy Pottorff gave a report about the Day at the Capitol. 34 Limon high school students attended. They were able to go on the House floor and be introduced. She stated that the CASB staff were very impressed with how the large group of students handled themselves. They met Senator Jerry Sonnenberg's aide and were able to sit in the Senate chambers. They were also able to sit in on a Senate committee on the death penalty. Wendy stated that Ms. Sauter prepared her students very well. Mercedes said that as a student she thought it was interesting and very educational. It was a different environment then they are used to and it was a great use of their time. Charles Hoffman said that Kyle Berndt is writing an article for the paper. Traci thanked Mary at MCC for helping to pay for fuel for the bus. This is because a college government class also went. She also thanked Don Anderson at BOCES for coming to talk to the government classes before the trip to get them prepared. Wendy included some bills to watch and CASB's position on them.

Craig Bailey attended the BOCES board meeting and there wasn't anything new. Mike Hines is going to attend the superintendents meeting at BOCES on Wednesday. Craig stated that LEF approved money for additional AEDs. Troy stated that they also approve \$750 towards new instruments for Greg Scherrer. Troy also asked that if someone is wanting to ask for money from LEF that they have a firm proposal with exact amounts to present before the committee. Joel asked

how much money LEF has. Craig stated they have \$20,000. Sharon Hansen asked if they will fund consumables. Craig stated that there are some members that will not fund things that they believe the district should be paying for.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. He asked the Board what they thought of contracting with someone with larger equipment if we get another snow storm like the last one. It took many man hours, even with the skid steer and tractor to move and remove all the snow we got. Craig suggested we advertise it in the local paper. With Tom out until late March, Jerry Allen is filling in and helping out. The OCR visit went well over all. The ramp in the hallway still needs to be adjusted. Coulter made it clear to OCR that we wanted this issue wrapped up. Les finished moving everything out of Bart O'Dwyer's storage shed and swept the whole building. There ended up being 1 load to the dump but it was unclear if the district was charged for the dump fee or not. Troy discussed the health insurance meeting at BOCES given by Advanced Benefits Advisors. They proposed high-deductible plans with gap insurance which is similar to our current HSA accounts. They also proposed self-funded plans but no one wants to go this route because we wouldn't be able to afford it. Troy suggested we speak with our broker and see if he can check on different options. Troy stated that with the Affordable Care Act, we will be considered a small group next year which means we can join an insurance pool which should help bring our costs down. Jason stated that we need to be careful about rate changes. Just because a new company has a lower rate doesn't mean that they won't go up higher than the original company the next year. Sharon stated that changing insurance companies often is frustrating as an employee.

Audience Participation: Kirsten Tacha asked the Board to consider moving Parents Night this Saturday to another date so parents can go cheer on our State wrestlers. Dirk stated that they tried to move it to Friday but this didn't work out. Parents' night is always on the last home game. He wishes they didn't have to schedule during other games but it isn't always possible and they just have to try and work around other sports schedules if possible.

Action Items:

Out of State Senior Class Trip

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the out of state senior class trip. Sharon Hansen went over their itinerary and budget. They are going to San Diego, CA. Their goal is to keep the kids busy at all times. They are going in April because they saved about \$6,000 by not going during spring break. The six sponsors are Stacy and Rob Larson, Cody and Ruby Weber, and Carrie and Shawn Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach Resignation

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Shirelle Bandy as head dance coach. The Board was sad that she was giving this up. She has had a lot of success as head coach. Jason stated that family comes first and their kids are getting older and playing sports. The motion passed with four ayes and Troy Jaklich voting no.

Cancellation of School

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the cancellation of school on February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd due to bad weather. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy EEAEF and New Regulation EEAEF-R

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy EEAEF, Video Cameras on school vehicles and new board regulation EEAEF-R, video cameras on school vehicles, as presented. Craig stated that there weren't any changes from the 1st reading. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into Executive Session in accordance with CRS24-6-4-2(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters at 8:13pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of Executive Session at 10:15pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 10:20 p.m Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff 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