

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	20 DAY	2017 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 7:01pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone stood and recited the pledge.
- Mission Statement:** Mike Hines read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for February 20, 2017 adding to 12.10 to accept a coach resignation. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Emily Rudder, Zach Churchwell, Kelly Packer, Janelle Packer, Topper Parker, Gary Lewman, Molly Wagner, Zeb Baylie, Sharon Hansen and Shirelle Bandy
- Minutes:** Mike Hines moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of January 16, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** None
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for January of 2017 in the amount of \$304,092.00. Jason read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously.
- Education Reports:**
- FBLA Report:** Zach Churchwell gave the FBLA report. Districts was extremely successful. 16 members will be attending State. They need to do some fundraising for this. They have talked about selling cabbage pockets and possibly Krispy Crème Donuts. Molly stated that they raised \$371 with the shoot for the loot. FBLA week was two weeks ago. They had a dress up day each day and the senior members talked to the 8th graders about the pros for joining FBLA and they enjoyed ice cream in the foyer. He included the list of place winners at districts which were as follows – 1st place winners were Drew Albers, Zachary Churchwell and James Holt, Giselle Galvan, Erin Albers and Makinna Hubbard, Zarah Dundes and Mikaela Taylor, 2nd place winners were Tyler Deegan, Sean Steinhart and Kaden Larson; 3rd place winners were Zachary Churchwell, Hauk Hubbard and Tucker Thompson; 4th place winners were Mikaela Taylor, Bradyn Tacha and Kit Bellefeuille; 6th place Kasey Martinez; 9th place Takoda Batterton. Both Kasey and Takoda were bumped up and will be going to State due to other students dropping out. Bradyn Tacha was also chosen as the District 3 Reporter for 2017-2018. They only accepted 2 new officers. Molly stated that State is on April 19th thru the 21st. Also, there are 16 schools in our District. Molly received a lot of compliments on how well her students did. The Board congratulated her and said it was a great 1st showing.
- STUCO Report:** None Given
- FFA Report:** Topper Parker gave the FFA report. They took 16 students to the National Western Stock Show on January 18th where they competed in a scavenger hunt and watched the FFA Rodeo. On February 8th they had members compete in the District X competition. Amy Weisensee, Logan Marx, Kiersten Holt and Mahalie Owens placed 4th in the Quiz Bowl. Anna Weisensee is the District Vice President-Elect and Amy Weisensee is the District Treasurer-Elect. The ag advisors graded proficiencies, which are similar to scholarship applications. They can receive a monetary award as well as recognition from industry sponsorship. This week is FFA week. They will be dressing up

each day. Wednesday is the Hall of Fame Banquet in Denver at the Renaissance Hotel. They will be taking 7 members. Thursday is the petting zoo day for the elementary. Emily stated that there are 11 schools in their district.

Staff Presentation:

Sharon Hansen talked to the Board about the CCIRA conference she attended with Peggy Niebur, Carrie Bennett and Linnea Zeschin. She thanked the Board for sending them. They each go to different break-out sessions and are able to share what they've learned amongst each other. They did learn that most schools are digital and kids have one on one technology which we are not there yet.

Sharon also talked about the textbook samples that they have looked at. They can't decide right now. Each has a piece they like but not everything they want. Literature doesn't change much but most of the things they are looking at are too liberal. They are looking at companies that Texas is using. Troy asked when these would need to be ordered. Traci stated that at least 8 weeks before the start of school but right now middle school social studies is the 1st priority. If they do not find a series they love we will not be purchasing anything for English.

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 235 students as of today. We will be getting another 3rd and 5th grader next week. Our attendance rate is still above our goal of 95% even with all the bugs hitting the elementary. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for March 2nd and March 3rd. He included the assessment dates for the NWEA, PARCC, CMAS and DIBELS. The last of the classroom parties was last week on Valentine's Day. He thanked Mr. Love for making the Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart fundraiser an enjoyable experience for the kids. He should have the amount they raised for the American Heart Association at the next Board meeting. The 100th day of school for the primary students is on Thursday, March 2nd barring any snow days before then. He drove 3 elementary students to Sterling last Friday to participate in the gifted and talented Ultimate Celebration where they were able to participate in such discussions as emoney, solving Colorado's water problem and computer mapping. This Wednesday, the Colorado Christian Women's Choir will be performing for the elementary and then hold a workshop for Miss Blandford's choir class.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Currently there are 240 students enrolled in the secondary. The middle school attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. The high school attendance rate is just below which is partly due to the sickness bugs going around and one student that had been absent a lot is now doing online classes. She listed all the upcoming events. The Spring Concert will be March 7th and the senior trip from March 30th to April 1st. Lindsey Frasier will be teaching Senior English class for the next 3 weeks under the supervision of Mrs. Hansen for her Master's program. She congratulated Zane Korinek for winning \$1,250 in the keyhole race at the National Western Stock Show. Also Mr. Scherrer and the 33 middle school and 28 high school band students that participated in Eastern Colorado Honor Band in Bennett on February 1st. Tucker Thompson placed 2nd in the MVEA's 2017 essay contest and Kasey Martinez placed 3rd. They will be able to attend the Colorado Education Institute Youth Leadership Camp in July. NHS had six new inductees – Giselle Galvin, Mikaela Taylor, Eleanna Rosler, Ashlyn Gillis, Mia Tucker and Anna Weisensee. She thanked Miss Sauter for all her work with NHS. Nissa Calkum and Cassidy Thompson performed in the All State Choir on February 2nd through the 4th. Rachel Calkum and Sean Steinhart performed in the Adams State Honor Choir Festival on February 16th through the 18th. Cassidy, Rachel and Sean will perform in the Western State Honor Choir on March 2nd through 4th. Sean and Cassidy were selected as Daniels Fund Scholarship finalists. They have interviews on Wednesday. Makinna Hubbard and Sean were selected as Greenhouse Scholarship finalists. We will be hosting a pep rally for Kaleb Gaede probably next week. Shirelle went over what is going on in counseling. She is working on the master schedule for next year. Traci stated that they will be offering an art class for middle school and one for high school and a welding class to see how much interest there is. Shirelle would like to continue with the career presentations during homeroom. She would even like to include middle school and the elementary. She is getting ready for testing. Troy asked if she had a good plan. She stated yes, we will be using four labs so it will only take two weeks to complete each test. Kathy Winkelman volunteered to come in and help during this time.

Accountability:

Joel stated they had a meeting on February 6th. Nine members attended. Eleanna Rosler and Emily Rudder gave the career tech report. They went over schedules, the locker remodel plan and spring activities.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. He gave the middle school basketball final records and the high school girls and boys varsity basketball records. Regionals are a different format this year. We won't find out where we play until Sunday. Kaleb Gaede won the 2A State Wrestling at the 220 weight class. Woody Aguilar came in 5th at his weight class and Braden Kappel 6th. It was great to see all the Limon fans supporting these three competitors. Middle school wrestling has 20 participants. They've been to four tournaments so far and hosted their annual tournament on February 15th with 13 teams participating. He thanked Cory Fox for running the wrestling program which made things go very smoothly. High school spring sports will start on February 27th and middle school will start on March 13th.

Board Reports:

Wendy went over all the bills that are coming up in the House and Senate. Senate Bill 61 will force local school districts that have passed a mill levy override to share those funds with charter schools in their district. A lot of the bigger school districts are concerned about this bill. Limon is taking about 20 students to the Days at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 8th. There will be a statewide town hall meeting on Colorado's budget on Wednesday, February 22nd. You can go to Great Ed Colorado's website to listen to this. There is another bill to increase funds for kindergarten. She and Dave will be going to the winter legislature on Thursday and Friday this week.

Craig stated that they had a good LEF meeting. All four requests were either fully or partially funded. Their next meeting is May 3rd.

Troy said that during the teacher meeting, Stacy Larson brought up that she would like to use more technology in her classroom but that there is never a COW that is available. Traci stated that the one in the library is not supposed to leave the library right now but she would like to get a few computers for the library so that they can use the 30 laptops that are in that COW elsewhere. Shirelle stated that the computer lab next to her office isn't used much and Stacy could bring her classes in there. Troy also stated that the staff would like more pep rallies during the year. Sharon Hansen asked if they could be at the end of the day so as not to interrupt core classes. Troy said there was a lot of talk about the calendar.

Jason said that Bennett is predicting possibly 10,000 new students in their district. He asked if any of the marijuana tax money goes to the state budget for schools. Wendy stated that right now you have to apply for some of this money and it can only go to drug prevention classes. Dave stated that they would like to start using lottery money for schools. Wendy heard that the state doesn't see how they can close rural districts to save costs. She thinks that we need to bring more kids up to the capitol building because she saw how the legislators acted when our kids visited. They were more attentive and sitting up in their seats.

Troy read the thank you note from Kim Taussig and Brenda Liggett.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. Tom Head and Zeb Baylie raised an additional \$3,000 locally to go along with the \$3,000 they are getting from LEF for 250 new folding chairs and racks. They had a walk through with 3 construction companies last Friday. Tim McKay is working on the permit from the state. Jay Hoskinson is helping with the roof grant and hopefully it will be finalized this week. Cave Consulting helped get a new estimate from a roofing company. He and Wendy went to Denver to get a legislative update. The forecast for next year's budget is not good. They are hoping to use lottery money.

Action Items:

2nd and Final Reading the 2017-2018 School Calendar

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of the 2017-2018 school calendar A as presented. Troy asked the administration which calendar they liked. Joel stated that the elementary teachers voted for calendar A. Traci had the same result with the secondary teachers. She asked the Board if they reconsidered calendar C because there wouldn't be any conflict with honor band or athletics. Troy asked each Board member. Jason didn't have a preference, Mike liked A but wants to move graduation to the 27th, Wendy would like

to go with whatever the administration decides, Craig would like the start day to go back to the 21st and graduation on the 27th. The Board asked why they wanted to start on a Thursday. Traci stated that the teachers requested that we start late in the week to just go over class rules and syllabuses. We haven't done this before so she would like to try it and see how it works. Shirelle stated that having 5 days the first week of school is too much for kids. The Board asked why graduation was moved up. Traci said that it was changed with the new school. Shirelle stated that if it's moved it will have some of the staff working on Memorial weekend. She also likes to have all her graduation stuff done before school is out. The Board decided to keep the start date the same but move graduation to the Sunday before Memorial Day. Mike Hines moved and Jason Bandy seconded the amended motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of the 2017-2018 school calendar A moving graduation to May 27th. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey voting no.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy JJH

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2nd reading of revised policy JJH, student travel, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy IKF

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy IKF, graduation requirements, as presented. Traci stated that this would be for all our current high schoolers. She removed the students with an IEP paragraph and will add that paragraph to the student handbook. They also learned that they can only award one single diploma so she changed the honors diploma to honors endorsement. She also removed the objective based diploma paragraph.

The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of New Policy IKF-2 and IKF-2-E

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of new policy and exhibit IKF-2 and IKF-2-E, graduation requirements, as presented. This will be for the class of 2021 and on. Shirelle stated that one of the major changes is that English and Math will now have testing requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised and New Policies

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the following new and revised policies –

BCB	School Board Member Conflict of Interest
BEDF	Voting Method
BID/BIE	School Board Member Compensation/Expenses/Insurance/Liability
DAC	Federal Fiscal Compliance (NEW POLICY)
DJB	Federal Procurement (NEW POLICY)
DJB-R	Federal Procurement (NEW REGULATION)
DKC	Expense Authorization/Reimbursement
GBEA	Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest
JRCB	Privacy & Protection of Confidential Student Information (NEW POLICY)
JRCB-R	Privacy & Protection of Confidential Student Information (NEW REGULATION)

Craig stated that these came from CASB and were mostly federal policies probably for the food program. They decided to add Dave's name as administrator for policy JRCB. The motion passed unanimously.

Revised School Board Meeting Calendar

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the revised School Board meeting calendar changing the April Board meeting from April 17th to April 10th. The motion passed unanimously.

Coaches

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve Jason Bandy as volunteer middle school assistant wrestling coach and Zeb Baylie as volunteer high school assistant baseball coach. The motion passed with four ayes and Jason Bandy abstaining.

Senior Class Trip

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the senior class out of state trip to Florida. Sharon stated that 14 students will be going along with 3 official sponsors and 3 additional adult guests who will be paying for their own expenses. The three sponsors are herself,

Kim Steinhart and Donny Schmidt. She said that it's a good group of kids and she doesn't expect any problems. They have a couple of students with health issues so she's glad that her daughter Turin is going as a guest. The motion passed unanimously.

Cancellation of School

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the cancellation of school on February 2nd because of the icy road conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Accept Resignations

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Nathan Ayers as middle school social studies teacher and for Teresa O'Dwyer as speech coach. The motion passed with four ayes and Troy Jaklich voting no.

Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into an Executive Session in accordance with CRS24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss the superintendent's evaluation at 9:10 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Executive Session

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of an Executive Session at 12:55 am. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 12:57 pm Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines 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