

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	19 DAY	2018 YEAR
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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: Jason Bandy read the district mission statement.

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

Audience: Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Anna Weisensee, Jill Bull, Emily Rudder, Will Bublitz, Jerry Allen, Kalli Wilkins, Rachael Calkum, Peggy Niebur, Kirsten Tacha, Gary Beedy, Robin Tatum, Molly Wagner, Mikaela Taylor and Cathy Sauter

Agenda: Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the agenda for February 19, 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of January 15, 2017 and the special board meeting minutes of February 7, 2018 and February 19, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: Jerry Allen thanked the Board for their support and letting the Speech team continue this year. Kalli Wilkins and Rachael Calkum were State Champions. The piece they did is taken out of a book and might offend some people. He would like to take Kalli and Rachael to the National Speech meet in May in Denver. There is a \$100 entry fee and a \$200 judging bond that you will get back. Rachael and Kalli told the audience that their piece contains strong language, partying and suicide. They performed their piece for the Board and audience.

Gary Lewman asked the Board for their official support for the Bond issue to make Limon a destination place. He gave each Board member a sample resolution to look over.

Robin Tatum passed out a letter to each Board member and then read her letter asking that the Board consider raising the pay for the driver that takes her son to Denver each day. Her son has missed school because of transportation issues and no driver. She is asking that a driver be paid \$15 an hour.

Education Reports: **FBLA Report:**

Mikaela Taylor gave the FBLA report. They held FBLA week February 4th through the 10th. That Tuesday the FBLA officers had ice cream with the 8th graders to get them excited to join FBLA next year. They served breakfast to the staff that Friday. On February 8th they went to Sterling for Districts. They had 5 1st places, 6 2nd places, 4 3rd places, 5 4th places, 3 5th places, 2 7th places, 4 9th places and 1 10th place showings. 21 students will be attending and competing at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Vail on April 18th through the 20th. They are once again planning on selling cabbage pockets as a fundraiser to pay for this conference. Traci stated that she went to Sterling with FBLA and was impressed by how fast things went and how professional all the students looked.

STUCO Report: None Given

FFA Report:

Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. They went to the National Western Stock Show on January 17th. They went to an SAE ceremony, the rodeo and had a scavenger hunt. Through Food 4 America they taught the 4th and 5th graders about animal by-products and did a leather crafting activity. Miss Rudder went to a teachers' conference in Fort Collins. She is applying to be a

National FFA teacher ambassador. On February 7th they had district proficiency review, quiz bowl and district officer interviews. The quiz bowl team got 4th out of 6 teams. Anna's proficiency will be sent to State. She and Amy Weisensee applied to be District X officers. Amy is Vice President for 18-19 and Anna is President, which makes Miss Rudder the District Advisor. This week is FFA week nationwide. Today they had dress like a scarecrow and passed out coloring sheets to the elementary. Tomorrow is Ag Olympics during homeroom and break. Wednesday is official dress day and pass the rabbit. They will be going around the community asking Ag questions. Thursday is engage in agriculture. We have the privilege to have our National Southern Region Vice President, Ian Bennett coming by probably between 8:30am to 11:30am. Limon was selected for this honor because of having a premier SAE program, strong FFA week activities and a highly recommended teacher. Also on Thursday Ag members will be bringing their animals to educate the elementary and middle school students. They are also going to have people from Ag industries to help educate kids on what adults do to help our industry. Someone from Farm Credit, Cattle Women and Plains Heating will be here. There will also be multiple members with different SAE's showcasing their experiences.

Staff Report:

Peggy Niebur thanked the Board for the open lines of communications. She teaches English Comp. Limon decided a few years ago to separate comp and literature. Every fall Mountain View Electric holds an essay contest. This year she made it an assignment and Limon swept the contest. Seth Beedy got 1st place and will be going to Washington, DC. Dominik Bratsovsky and Anna Weisensee placed 2nd and 3rd and will be going to a leadership conference in Steamboat. Limon usually places but she doesn't ever remember winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This essay requires them to do a lot of research. She uses a lot of technology such as google classroom. Charlie gave her an updated COW. She appreciates that the middle school and high school use the common language when teaching writing. She believes the learning comes from rewriting. She conferences with each student on each of their writing pieces and will give a 10% grade increase if they rewrite their piece with the corrections. MCC is now requiring that a teacher have a master degree to teach their college courses. She has been teaching at Limon for 20 years and it doesn't make sense for her to take time away from her family to get a master's degree. She wants to keep teaching this course and thinks it is very beneficial for students going to college. She has talked to Traci and Shirelle and has been told that we need to offer a college comp class. She doesn't think it will be a good thing over the VNets. She doesn't think the kids will get enough feedback and one on one time for each of their writing pieces. Kim Steinhart stated that her son Sean has really used what he has learned in his class last year for every paper he has to write in college. He is even the proofreader for his dorm. Craig stated that he appreciated all that he learned. Peggy said that they use writing in all college classes. She wants her students to be independent writers and not need to have help with their papers when they go off to college.

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 198 students in the elementary. Our attendance rate continues to be above the goal of 95%. Parent Teacher conferences will be next week Wednesday and Thursday nights. The change to evenings only didn't affect the elementary because all of our conferences are pre-scheduled. Assessments begin with NWEA on March 5th. The PARCC will start on April 2nd and the CMAS will start April 9th. The end of year DIBELS assessment will begin on April 23rd. The last of the classroom parties was last Wednesday and as the principal it was a good day but as a bus driver it was a pretty rough drive home. He thanked Mr. Love and the elementary staff for making Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart an enjoyable experience for the elementary students. The 100th day of school will be on Monday, March 5th unless we have a snow day before then. This is a big deal in the primary grades. He drove two students to Sterling on February 9th for a GT program that the Northeast BOCES put on called Celebration Space Exploration. The 4th and 5th graders delivered thank you cards to the Limon Police Department and the Colorado State Patrol as part of the 7 Mindsets Attitude of Gratitude.

There are some changes in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety administration. School districts will be responsible for having a trainer available to them for behind the wheel training and theory knowledge classroom training. He is hoping to work with BOCES to see if they can find someone to work with all their districts. He understands that this is a good thing for the safety aspect but it is just another hoop we need to jump through to get drivers. The compliance date is February 7, 2020.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are currently 260 secondary students. Attendance is at the goal of 95% if you average both the middle school and high school. There has been a lot of sickness in the high school. She went over dates for upcoming events. Mrs. Sauter went over the History Showcase on March 14th in the Warren Mitchell Eventer Center. Her sophomore and junior kids have been working on either a paper, exhibit board or documentary for a national competition for National History Day. Their theme is conflict and compromise. Her kids will be presenting their projects to the community on March 14th from 5:30 to 7pm. She invited everyone to come and grill them on their projects. She believes if the kids have to present their projects to the community they will work harder on them. Ms. Sauter also told the Board that they inducted 14 new members in NHS last Wednesday. They had 16 students apply and 14 got in. Traci stated that Corrin Perry and Rachael Calkum performed at the Adams State Honor Choir Festival on February 15 through the 17th. Tucker Thompson attended the Daughters of the American Revolution Awards Ceremony with Mrs. Bandy. This will be the last week for one of our German exchange students. Her host family is being transferred to another state. She included a flyer on the fundraiser Mrs. Bennett and Big Sandy School helped put together for the Feasel family.

Accountability:

Joel stated that they met on February 12th. Cathy Sauter talked to them about google classroom. Shirelle gave a career and tech ed and 7 Mindsets report. The administration talked about the BEST roof grant.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. The high school boys and girls varsity basketball teams will be playing at Vista Peak high school this Thursday and Saturday. The girls play at 4pm and the boys at 8:30pm on Thursday. Woody Aguilar finished 2nd at the wrestling regional tournament and finished 3rd at State. Middle school basketball is over. He included the records for both boys and girls. He congratulated the speech team on a great showing at the State Speech Festival. Middle school wrestling has 7 members. They hosted the Limon Invitational today. Some schools didn't come because of the snow. The new matt is nice. He thanked Jason Bandy and the booster club for purchasing it. Baseball and high school track has their first practice on February 26th. Middle School track starts on March 12th. He has had a few people ask about how our basketball team can play at the Pepsi Center. In order for both girls and boys high school teams to play you have to raise \$5,000 by selling tickets to the game. The ticket would be good for the high school game and a Nuggets game afterward. They have 3 levels of ticket prices; \$28, \$38 and \$59. To make \$5,000 you would have to sell 174 tickets at the \$28 price. If you don't sell the required amount the school is responsible to pay the difference. Game times are early and we cannot pick a date, it is assigned. Also, you need to sign up by the end of April for next year.

Financial Reports:

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for January of 2018 in the amount of \$311,451.93. Jason read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Reports:

Wendy stated the Table 18 group, which is organized by Great Ed, is proceeding with Initiative 93. This would freeze property tax rates for income above \$150,000 at 7.2% to 7.0% and decrease the corporate tax from 29% to 24%. This would raise a lot of money for public schools. The Superintendents Finance Formula is working to build a new school finance formula. This goes along with what Table 18 is working on. She will be attending the Day at the Capitol on March 14th and invited the other Board members to attend. Our kids will be going on April 11th. CASB says that no one has their kids as well prepared as Ms. Sauter does.

Craig stated that the interviews for a new Superintendent went really well today. The finalist is John McCleary who is the current Superintendent in Holyoke. He is hoping to set up a meet and greet before the March Board meeting. Craig went to the SAC meeting with Board members at BOCES last Wednesday with Dave. The LEF meeting is this Wednesday.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Tom has received bids for refinishing the gym floor. The problem is that most companies are already booked for the summer. There is one company that says they can do it at any time. A guy from Trane was here on Wednesday to work on the boiler. It was working but now it is back to some rooms are too hot and some are too cold. Tom is going to ask LEF for money to get LED lights for the big gym. There is a rebate from Mountain View

Electric for putting in LED's. Shirelle and Charlie are getting things ready for the fast approaching testing window.

Action Items:

Out of State Trip

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the senior class out of state trip to Anaheim, CA from April 8th to the 10th. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of 2018-2019 School Calendar

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mike Hines moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy KF-E-2, weight room use form. The motion passed with four ayes and Theron Perry voting no.

1st Reading of Revised Policy GCBA-E

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy GCBA-E, Teacher Salary Schedule changing the substitute pay. When Kim was doing payroll she realized that the substitute pay rate was below minimum wage. They changed the scale from \$80 a day to \$85 a day. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve 1st reading of revised policy GDBA-E, Classified Salary Schedule. This is to add a new job classification line to the classified salary schedule that would pay \$2 above a regular para's rate because of a student needing a medically trained para. When a student no longer needs the medical para, the employee would return to their normal para hourly rate. Traci stated that this student will be full time after spring break. This will be effective January 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session with LEF Board –Wednesday, February 21, 2018 6:30pm

Work Session – Monday, March 12, 2018 6:00pm at Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, March 12, 2018 7:00pm at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 8:47pm Jason Bandy moved and Theron Perry 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: _____
Craig Bailey