

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	February MONTH	18 DAY	2013 YEAR
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Jason Bandy
PRESIDING OFFICER

Bart O'Dwyer
MEMBER

Jack Horner
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx
SUPERINTENDENT

Russell Lengel
TREASURER

Sharon Newsom
SECRETARY

- Roll Call:** The regular board meeting was called to order by President Jason Bandy at 7:01 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Russell Lengel read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the agenda for February 18, 2013 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, & Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Charles Hoffman, Kim Trujillo, Elaina Rudder, Sharon Hansen, Kelly Linnebur, Annette Andersen, Teresa O'Dwyer, Ashley Pilling, Suzannah Linnebur, Chris Linnebur and Peggy Niebur
- Minutes:** Sharon Newsom moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** Mrs. Weisensee asked Sharon Hansen, Peggy Niebur and Teresa O'Dwyer to speak to the Board about doing away with the speech credit. Each class receives one hour instruction in reading and one hour in writing. Peggy stated she will teach the writing class and Sharon will teach the reading class. Speech is in all four years or the new reading/writing curriculum so she will be able to incorporate those standards in her class. Sharon stated that she will also hit on some of the speech standards just not as heavily as the writing class. Bart asked if they will still have a speech class. Traci stated that speech will be absorbed into the reading and writing classes. Teresa stated that although she did not like the idea of getting rid of the speech credit, she wouldn't be able to hit all the standards if a student just participated on the speech team. It was also a lot of documentation that took up a lot of time away from kids. She supports the change. Teresa asked Kelly Linnebur to perform her speech piece that won at the State Speech Meet.
- Financial Reports:** Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for January of 2013 in the amount of \$382,494.24. Russell read the breakdown. Jason asked Kim if our fund balance was low because property taxes haven't come in yet. Kim stated it was because of that and we have spent more than last year. The motion passed unanimously.
- Education Reports:** **Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)
Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report in the packet. Current enrollment is at 190 and the attendance rate continues to be good although we had about 50 kids gone today with the most of them home sick. Parent Teacher conferences were last Thursday and Friday but teachers are still meeting with parents that could not make it then. TCAPs start next week with the 3rd grade reading test. He talked about moving 5th grade back down to the elementary which was the plan when 5th grade was moved to the middle school. They are looking at filling the teaching positions with current staff. High school teachers would help with middle school and middle school teachers could help with 5th grade. They are a ½ a position short right now. Sharon asked if 4th grade would still be departmentalized. Joel stated that it would be but they wouldn't use the same teachers as 5th grade. It would look like what they are currently doing. He talked about SB 212 (CAP4K), School readiness. This will go into effect the 13-14 school year. Preschoolers coming into kindergarten all will require a learning plan. This will require a lot of data and observation from the kindergarten teacher. There are 3 choices for software to input data. He is looking at using Teaching Strategy Goal which is what HeadStart is currently using. There is a 4 year grant to pay for the software. He and Anna will attend a webinar tomorrow. He gave an update on the Read Act. They have established minimum capensity skills for Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. They have also defined what a

significant reading disability is. NWEA is currently listed as an assessment tool which is what we use now.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. The attendance rates are both below 95% due to respiratory and stomach illnesses. 90 parents attended parent teacher conferences. She thanked Richard Davis, General Manager at Denny's, for donating 4 \$25 gift cards. They were awarded to 4 families that attended conferences. She went over the changes to the graduation requirements that she would like approved. This mainly has to do with highly qualified teachers teaching the courses. Speech will be absorbed as discussed; PE will only require .5 credit and Personal Finance will replace Economics. Students will not receive credit for after school programs starting next year. She stated that the State has said that they will be making changes to graduation requirements but she will not see these until May so she wanted to go ahead and make the current changes. There will be 4 students inducted into the National Honor Society on February 28th. She congratulated the speech team and coaches on a very successful season. Also, she congratulated Alyssa Hansen and Shelly Chambers as Daniels Fund semi-finalists. She thanked Mrs. Higgins for the phenomenal job she has done stepping into the music teacher position.

Accountability:

Joel stated they met February 4th. Mr. Marx gave them a budget update and BEST Grant update. Chuck Pierce asked that the Board let them know if they have any charges for them. They will be looking at defining the role of accountability at their next meeting.

Staff Report: (none given)

STUCO Report: (none given)

Athletic Department Report:

Dirk highlighted items from his report. Basketball Districts will be held at Mullen High School. Tyler Kimble and Caleb Waite both qualified for the State Wrestling tournament. High school spring sports will start on February 25th and middle school will start on March 11th. He will be having a meeting with current 5th and 6th graders to see how many are interested in playing sports next year. Then they can decide if they have enough numbers or not to include the 6th grade again.

FFA Report:

Elaina Rudder stated that last week was FFA week. Also, their Quiz Bowl team placed 1st and will compete in June at the State Convention. They will have Chapter and District interviews in April.

Board Reports:

Sharon passed out the TCAP school rankings they received from BOCES. It showed that all three Limon schools are at or near the top for Reading and Writing. Jason asked Dirk if he could make a schedule for coach evaluations. Dave stated that the Board usually doesn't see the evaluations, he or Dirk will give the Board their recommendations. Dirk stated that the head coaches evaluate their assistants and he evaluates the head coaches.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx stated that the BEST Grant application will be completed and turned in this week. He found out tonight that the Board wants to hear the presentations earlier this year. They will have them in May instead of June. He shared a letter from CDE commending our Finance department on the great job getting them information. He asked the Board to let him know what direction they would like him to go after his presentations at the last Board meeting.

Audience Participation: None

Action Items:

1st Reading of Revised Policy IKF

Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of 2013-2014 Calendar

Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the 2013-2014 Limon School Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Salary Schedule

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the presented salary schedule. Bart asked Dave if the State has given any projections of the budget yet. Dave stated no and that we currently do not have a schedule but we don't have to give a salary step to all teachers. This is more for new staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Tuition Agreement

Jack Horner moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the tuition agreement with Agate School District as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve Andy Gaede as volunteer middle school assistant wrestling coach and Lindsey Blackwelder Taylor as middle school assistant track coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Accept Coach Resignation

Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Malcom as high school head volleyball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:00pm in the High School Library

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2013 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Adjournment:

At 8:10pm Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.