

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LIMON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4J Limon, Colorado

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Choir Room MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	February MONTH	16 DAY	2015 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 of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by Board President Russell Lengel at 7:01 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 Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for February 16, 2015 moving 12.6 Approve Senior Class Trip to 6.1, moving 12.1 Approve Haselden Construction Change Order #7 to 6.2 and adding 12.6 Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policy JICA, Student Dress Code. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Audience:** Les Layton, Kim Steinhart, Charles Hoffman, Linnea Zeschin, Zane Carpenter, Gary Lewman, Dan Bates, Layne Higgins, Madison Lengel, Sharon Hansen, Stacy Larson and Shalynn Hoffman

**Minutes:** Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of January 19, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**  
**Senior Class Trip**  
 Madison Lengel read the itinerary for the senior class trip. There are a total of 24 seniors going. Each student will have \$50 spending cash. The trip sponsors are Tyler Seaman, Sharon Hansen, Carrie and Shawn Bennett and Turin O'Brien. Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the senior class trip out of state to Anaheim, California over spring break. The motion passed unanimously.

**Haselden Change Order #7**

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the Haselden change order #7 for \$69,682.03 as presented. Dan Bates went over the change order with the Board during the work session. He stated that there was a math error in last month's change order for over \$500 to the good so he reflected that credit on this change order. The motion passed with four ayes and Bart O'Dwyer abstaining.

**Audience Participation:** Gary Lewman first asked the Board if he needed separate time for each item he had. Russell stated that no, he could address all his items at one time. He complimented the school for the academic letter for students. Regarding the discussion last month about the Ellicott game where fans became unruly he stated that bad behavior should be penalized by the officials and the game should be forfeited. Regarding the issue about a student's grade appeal from last month, he said this struck a chord with him as this happened to him and he believed the Board should award the student the grade he earned and not the grade he was given. He also stated that because we were getting a new building this would be a good time to improve our academic policy expectations. He would also like for us to improve on our health education and gave examples and then he gave handouts to the Board.

Stacy Larson informed the Board that she is ordering t-shirts for March 14, 2015 which is the ultimate Pi day.

**Financial Reports:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for January of 2015 in the amount of \$261,392.77. Bart read the breakdown. Bart stated we have \$30,000 less than last year and that we are still going in the wrong direction. Kim stated we will be getting our next payment in March. The Board discussed that because our property taxes increased that the State payment is lower. Kim stated that the lunch fund

has over \$30,000 that will be transferred into the general fund and will make it even to last year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Education Reports:**

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. Enrollment is at 229 students but we have 2 new students starting this week. The attendance rate continues to be above our goal. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Teacher conferences will be this Thursday evening and Friday morning. The testing window will begin on March 9<sup>th</sup> and end in late April. He thanked Andy Love for organizing Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart which is our annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is this Thursday. Students are already bringing in their projects. Kindergarten round up will be Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> in the foyer of the Activities Building. He thanked some local businesses and organizations for their support of the GOCO playground application. The elementary school is participating in a penny war to raise money for the playground. Bart asked if the matching funds would be taken from what the BEST grant's budget for the playground. Joel stated that the district is responsible for 10% and 15% is from in kind or donations. We have \$45,000 for playground equipment in the BEST grant budget. He is fund raising to enhance our GOCO application showing the community's and the school's dedication to a better playground.

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

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Enrollment in the secondary is at 249. The attendance rate has fallen below our goal of 95%. She stated that most of the absences are seniors that she believes are feeling like they are done with school. Stacy Larson and Justine Liggett will present a math program update at the March school board meeting. She made a change to the dress code in the secondary student handbook that she has as an action item. She is including a sentence stating that the length of dresses, skirts or other similar clothing will be no less than two inches above the knee. Promethean came back to give another presentation to teachers. Stacy Larson and Sharon Hansen both agreed that this was a much better presentation. Stacy didn't think we needed to spend the \$2,000 for a professional development day with them. She believed we had enough staff that knew the boards and who could support the rest of our staff. The National Honor Society induction will be February 27<sup>th</sup>. 16 out of 17 applicants made it in. She congratulated Kelly Layton, Elivia Hilferty and Emma Gaede who made All State Choir. She also congratulated the Speech team on a successful season.

**Accountability:** Joel stated they had a meeting on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. They discussed the testing schedule, the building updates and budget projections. Their last meeting of the school year will be April 27<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. Boys and girls middle school basketball are done. He updated all the basketball teams' records. District basketball will be held at Vista Peak high school on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Regionals will be held at Mullen high school and Sheridan high school and State will be at CSU-Pueblo. 3 wrestlers qualified for State; Kaleb Gaede, Braden Kappel and Jayden Hilferty. Spring sports officially starts February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**FFA Report:**

Layne Higgins gave the FFA report. On January 21<sup>st</sup> they went to the Stock Show. They were supposed to go on the 20<sup>th</sup> but the weather and roads were bad. State Officers, Nicole Fisher and Jacob Walter visited them on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup> they had their district contests. Cheyenne Hope received a district scholar award and is now district secretary. Mercedes McCue is district vice president. This week is FFA. They want to start passing out patches to recognize those that go above and beyond in FFA.

**Board Reports:**

Russell Lengel stated that they received a thank you card from Traci Weisensee and family. Craig Bailey stated he attended the BOCES Board meeting, the Limon Education Foundation meeting and a CHSAA meeting. The hot topic at the CHSAA meeting was baseball and in particular, pitching. They want to change to pitch count instead of innings pitched. They have postponed passing this until next year. Dirk stated that there would be different counts for JV and Varsity games and smaller schools. Wendy Pottorff stated that she and Dave went to Denver for a Day at the Capital. They got to hear Don Anderson from EC BOCES speak. Also, the Board is invited to this Wednesday SAC meeting at BOCES. Craig and Wendy will be attending with Dave.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Some staff members have moved to make room for another computer lab. He appreciates everyone's willingness to make changes to accommodate this year's testing. Craig asked if the new school will have enough computer labs for testing. Traci stated that she thinks there will be. They plan on using the COWs and the flex rooms if we need them. Dave was told that in a few weeks there should be over 100 workers on the school construction site. Charlie is working on getting a good price on the Promethean boards. He stated that Charlie always tries to get the best deal for the district.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:**

**Design of New School Plaque**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the design of the new school plaque as presented. They agreed to the format Craig had presented adding a line for the superintendent. They discussed what date to put on it. August 21<sup>st</sup> was discussed as maybe a good date for the open house and a dedication. They decided to hold off on putting a date until they know more about when the building will be finished. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of New and Revised School, Community and Home Relations Policies**

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the following new and revised school, community and home relations policies –

- KB Parent Engagement in Education
- KBA District Title I Parent Involvement
- KBA-E School-Level Title I Parent Involvement Policy – NEW EXHIBIT
- KDB Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information
- KDB-R Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information – regulation
- KDDA Press Releases, Conferences & Interviews
- KDE Crisis Management
- KFA Public Conduct on District Property
- KF-E Fee Schedule for Public Use of School Facilities

Craig made the changes from the first reading. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of New and Revised Education Agency Relations Policies**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the following new and revised education agency relations policies –

- LBB Cooperative Education Programming
- LBD Relations with District Charter Schools
- LBD-R Relations with District Charter Schools – Regulation
- LBD-E Intent to Apply to Become a District Charter School (form) - NEW EXHIBIT
- LBDA Facilities Planning & Funding for District Charter Schools
- LBDA-R Facilities Planning & Funding for District Charter Schools – NEW REGULATION
- LBDB-I Relations with Institute Charter Schools – NEW POLICY
- LC Relations with Educational Research Agencies

Craig made the changes from the first reading. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E**

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to table the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of revised policy GDBA-E, classified staff pay schedule until after their budget work shop. The motion passed unanimously.

**Full Day Kindergarten**

Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to table the approval of full day kindergarten until the March Board meeting. Joel asked that they table this until March so they can work on schedules and staff issues. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coaches**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the coaches as follows - Rocky Rockwell as co-head baseball coach, Andy Love as assistant baseball coach, Tyson Liggett, Jason Bandy, Troy Jaklich and Don Schmidt as volunteer assistant baseball coaches and Chris Penny

as volunteer middle school assistant wrestling coach. The motion passed four ayes and Troy Jaklich abstaining.

**Executive Session**

Craig Bailey moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the Board of education to go into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, pursuant with CRS24-6-402(4)(h) to be followed immediately by an executive session for the annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent, pursuant with CRS24-6-402(4)(f). The motion passed unanimously. Accordingly, the Board of Education went into executive session at 8:14pm with all members of the Board, Superintendent Dave Marx, Secondary Principal Traci Weisensee and the student and parent in question. This portion of the executive session was not recorded. The Board concluded the executive session related to the student matter at 9:56pm and both the student and parent as well as Principal Weisensee left the meeting. The Board then opened the executive session for the annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent at 9:56pm with all members of the Board and Superintendent Dave Marx and began recording at that time. Mr. Marx left the meeting from 10:05pm to 10:50pm. At 11:25pm, Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the approval of the Superintendent’s annual performance evaluation will be on the March regular meeting agenda.

**Future Business:** Work Session – Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at noon to receive building updates and discuss budget  
Work Session – Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room  
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Adjournment:** At 11:26pm Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich 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