

# 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	January MONTH	18 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 7:06pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Mike Hines read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the agenda for January 18, 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Dan Bates, Charles Hoffman, Mercedes McCue, Les Layton, Kim Steinhart, Stacy Larson and Gary Lewman
- Minutes:** Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 9, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action Item:** **Haselden Change Order #16**  
Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Haselden construction change order #16 for \$30,000.00 as presented. The Board choose to spend the money on front and back doors for the gym and a new dishwasher. The motion passed unanimously.
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for December of 2015 in the amount of \$310,645.54. Jason read the breakdown. Kim stated that we received the GOCO grant money. It was a check for \$113,000. The insurance for the new building was \$22,838.00 and this reflects our current vehicles. 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 239 elementary students enrolled. We are expecting a big kindergarten class next year in the 40's so the elementary enrollment should be up. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. Joel stated that Jill was just saying how few attendance letters she has had to send out so far this year. He included a DIBLELS growth graph showing the kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade growth from the beginning of school until the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. He thanked Mr. Love for setting up the Jump Rope for Heart assembly last Thursday. An elementary jump rope performance team came to entertain the crowd. Andy also invited neighboring schools and Genoa Hugo elementary came and appreciated being invited. He and Mrs. Hubbard will be attending a READ Act training at BOCES next week. He thanked Dave Stone for all the help with the Great Outdoor Colorado Playground grant. He did a lot in helping with the application process and managing the budget and working with the contractors. Troy asked Charles Hoffman to please put something in the newspaper about how grateful we are for all of Dave's help.
- Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are 263 students currently enrolled in the secondary. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95% in the middle school but just below in the high school. The secondary mailed out report cards before Christmas break and although there were a few glitches she would like to continue doing this. She included a discipline summary for the high school for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. The majority of issues were students needing to shave and the next was excessive tardiness. She congratulated all the students making the superintendent's honor roll, the principal's honor roll and the honor roll. We had 4 students on MCC's President's list and 2 on the Vice President's list. You can only get on this list if you are enrolled full time which is 12 credits. On January 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Scherrer and some of his students participated in Honor Band in Bennett. There were 38 middle school students and 29 high school students. She is always so

proud of how many of our students participate in this. Last Friday's professional development day was focused on safety. They went through lock down procedures and where to go in their classrooms. She included the state assessment calendar which is now on our website.

**Accountability:**

Joel stated that the next meeting will be February 1st.

**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. This is the last week for middle school boys basketball. Girls will finish mid-February. He congratulated the dance team on their state runner up finish and Becca Paintin for being selected to the All State Dance Team. There were a lot of schools here for the speech meet on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be participating in the State Speech Festival on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Middle school wrestling will start on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**FFA Report:**

Mercedes McCue gave the FFA report. They had their junior office interviews on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They participated in the Parade of Lights on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Members were dressed up as corn. Their theme was dashing through the corn, on a tractor pulling hay, over the fields we go, chanting all the way: FFA! They had their winter retreat December 29<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. They made helpful bags for the homeless and bonded as a junior and chapter officer team. She and Cheyanne Hope traveled to Douglas County for mock interviews on January 5<sup>th</sup>. They learned their strengths and what they could improve upon. They went to the Stock Show on the 14<sup>th</sup>. They have their District Quiz bowl on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Board Reports:**

Wendy gave a report about the CABS retreat she attended. They were told that the legislature doesn't want to talk about the negative factor any more. So they will be changing the wording. They don't believe there will be a rescission this year. They talked about the new Federal ESSA or Every Student Succeeds Act. There will be new approaches to assessments and accountability. CDE believes that we already meet requirements. She and Traci asked Cathy Sauter if she could take a class to the State Capital. Cathy is planning on taking a high school class and include her college students. CASB is excited for this and would like this to be a pilot program where students can write out question to ask the legislature and then write articles in the local paper about their experiences. They chose to do this on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Wendy invited all the Board members to join them.

Troy stated that they have had two track meetings so far and received to firm bids to resurface the track. Their hope is that the track can be patched for this spring and then resurfaced in the summer for \$125,000. Mrs. Bailey has found a few grants to apply for money and they have had a good response in asking for donations. He believes that we will be able to raise the money needed to resurface the track.

Jason stated that the sale of all the extra furniture in Bart O'Dwyer's storage shed went well. We took in over \$1,000. They had a lot of people show up. The town will charge us \$200 per load to take what's left to the dump. Charles asked if we have asked the commissioner's to waive the dump fee? They will ask that. Les Layton stated that they may want to grab some of the old desk for kids in IA that can't afford a project. Then they could refurbish the desks. He thought they could store them in the old pole shed. Jason stated that he doesn't want to store things just to store them for future projects. He asked if they will be building the trophy cases and could that be a project for those students.

Troy stated that the Board saw all the thank you cards from staff and appreciated them all.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. He attended the state superintendents on January 11<sup>th</sup>. They discussed a plan to increase funding for education. We will be receiving extra funding from the state for small rural districts. Our share is \$129,599.16. We cannot use it for a reoccurring expense. BOCES is entering into an agreement with UNC to allow districts to hire their student teachers for a full time teaching position. Flagler, Kit Carson and Woodlin looked at the furniture we have in storage last Wednesday and took some of it.

Some of the staff wanted Dave to bring up the idea of letting some staff bring their concealed weapon to school. Some of the other districts are doing this. We are lucky because we have a fairly large police presence in the community and respond quickly to the school. Jason stated that you can shoot at a fire range but until you are in a stressful situation, you don't know how you'll act and haven't been trained like the police to handle those situations. Joel and Traci both would be

nervous if we allowed this and thought there were more negatives than positives. Traci stated that she asked both the local police and the State Patrol and one was in favor and one was not. Craig asked if the school asked our insurance company about this. We have not. Charles Hoffman asked if we had a security advisory committee and if so if he could be included. We do have a crisis team. The Board agreed that they would not implement this at this time.

**Audience Participation:** Gary Lewman told the Board “recycling – in America we pay for everything”.

**Action Items:**

**Recycling Proposal**

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the recycling proposal from RecyCo as presented. Craig thought the proposal was too expensive. Troy and Mike agreed that it cost too much. Craig stated that he was open to the idea if it was a free service. Wendy stated that it is a good idea but not at this cost. The motion did not pass with all five Board members voting no.

**Lease Agreement**

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the lease agreement between the school and Les and Jona Layton for the school residence located at 861 F Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coach Resignation**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Cassandra Vernie as assistant dance coach. The motion passed unanimously.

**Grant Letters**

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve letter to El Pomar Foundation allowing the district to apply for a grant and a general letter of the Board’s support of the track project. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating the posting place for public meetings as presented. Craig read the resolution changing the posting place to the front doors of the new building with the new address. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policy EEAEF and New Regulation EEAEF-R – Emergency Reading**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised policy EEAEF, Video Cameras on school vehicles and new board regulation EEAEF-R, video cameras on school vehicles, effective immediately, as presented. Wendy stated that she talked to CASB and if we specify that it is an emergency reading it will be effective immediately. Traci stated that we will rely on staff to report any incident that needs to be reviewed. It isn’t feasible to watch and review all the footage all the time. Firefly initiated this procedure so they could review and work on any issues that may come up with the student that we transport to them. The Board wondered if it would be a problem for an administrator to be present while anyone else watched the video. Joel and Traci didn’t think so that that they would prefer it that way. 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 8:31pm. The motion passed unanimously. Traci and Dave were asked to join the Board. At 9:01 Traci left the meeting and then joined again at 9:41. At 10:09 Traci left and Joel was asked to come in.

**Out of Executive Session**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of Executive Session at 10:17pm. The motion passed unanimously.

**Elementary Principal/Bus Director Contract**

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the elementary principal/bus director contract for Joel Albers. The motion passed unanimously.

**Secondary Principal Contract**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the secondary principal contract for Traci Weisensee. The motion passed unanimously.

**FY2015 Audit**

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the FY2015 Audit with the correction listing Limon School District. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amended 2015-2016 Budget**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the amended 2015-2016 budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Budget Resolution**

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the following budget resolution – Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Limon School District RE-4J in Lincoln County that the amounts shown in the presented schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the “2015-2016 Budget” for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Work Session – Monday, February 15, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:**

At 10:25 p.m Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Jaklich