

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	15 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: Wendy Pottorff 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, Kasey Martinez and Will Bublitz

Agenda: Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the agenda for January 15, 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 11, 2017 and the special board meeting minutes of January 8, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Education Reports: **FBLA Report:**

Kasey Martinez, FBLA Treasurer, gave the FBLA report. Testing for districts will be on January 18th. The district competitions will be held on February 8th. They held a Christmas party the week of finals and invited all high school teachers to join. FBLA week will be February 4th thru the 10th. They will hold dress-up days to spread excitement for the chapter and encourage younger students to join the program. They will be doing a recruitment activity with the eighth grade students to encourage them to join as they enter high school. There are currently 38 members. Traci stated that FBLA will be receiving the Increasing your Chapter by 10 Award.

STUCO Report: None Given

FFA Report:

Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. She listed the junior officer team. They will help plan FFA week, go to the officer team for mentoring and help the officer team fulfill their duties. They held their officer winter retreat on December 19th and 20th. They finalized plans for the 2nd semester and went to an escape room and watched a Christmas Carol at the Buell Theatre. They took a personality test to help them understand each other and how to work best with one another. They are going to the National Western Stock Show on Wednesday, January 17th. They will be teaching 4th and 5th grade students science for the day in January and discuss food by-products and have a leather activity. Four students are filling out proficiency applications. This is a SAE based award. The four are Mikaela Taylor, Johanna Mergelman, Sammy Chambers and Anna Weisensee. FFA week is the week of February 19th. Things will look a little different this year. The chapter banquet is on Thursday, April 26th. Anna included an article about Ms. Rudder from the publication The Fence Post.

Staff Report: None Given

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 202 students in the elementary. Our attendance rate is above the goal of 95%. Teachers have finished the second round of mandatory assessments in December. He included a grade level DIBELS report showing where all the students, kindergarten through 3rd, were at the beginning of the year and where they are all at

now. The end of year assessments will start the last week of April and end the 1st week of May. He also included a report from Teaching Strategies Gold which is an observation based assessment we use for kindergarten. Mrs. Brewer does this for both the kindergarten classes. He thanked Mrs. Bandy for setting up the viewing of the movie Wonder for the elementary students and for helping the kindergarten through 2nd grade with 7 Mindsets. He also thanked Mrs. Rockwell for helping with the 7 Mindsets assembly. The annual Teddy Bear Picnic will be on January 25th. The elementary student council is also going to have a white out day where all elementary students and staff will be encouraged to wear white to school.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are currently 261 secondary students. Attendance is above the goal of 95%. Report cards were mailed home after break. She is working with Mrs. Bandy on next year's master course schedule. MCC is requiring all MCC teachers to be master qualified by August. Brandi Bellefeuille will be able to teach college science classes but we probably will not have a teacher for US History and English Comp college courses. She congratulated Ashlyn Churchwell for getting on the President List at MCC. She included the percentage of high school and middle school students that made the honor rolls. Also, we had 34 middle schoolers and 20 high schoolers participate in honor band last week in Bennett. The state speech meet at Heritage High School will be January 26th and 27th. NHS induction ceremony is on February 14th at 9:45am with a luncheon at noon for new and current members. There will be information on the senior trip at the next regular board meeting.

Accountability:

Joel stated that they held their meeting last Wednesday after needing to change the date a couple of times. Twelve members attended. Mr. Packer updated them on the Agate school situation. They discussed the feedback they received from the Candidates night. The administrators went over a draft of the testing schedule. Zeb and Jerry gave a facility update.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. Kaleb Gaede and Hauk Hubbard were named for football All State 1st team. Javier Zamora was named for the 2nd team. He gave an update on the high school basketball teams records. The girls are currently undefeated and the boys have only lost one of their 7 games. High school wrestling will host a tri on January 18th. Middle school boys basketball have one game left for the season. The speech team held their Limon Invitational on January 12th. There were 90 kids that participated. They will hold their Speech and Sweets on January 22nd. Middle school wrestling will begin on January 22nd with their first tournament on February 2nd. The scoreboards were installed over Christmas break. He's received a lot of compliments but they sent the wrong controllers. He thanked the school board for allowing them to purchase new wall mats, backboards and benches for the Activities Building. This gym is used a lot so it's great to be able to update things. Mike asked if we have any kids coming from Hugo for baseball. Dirk stated that Hugo doesn't know yet if they will have a team. We would be their option to play for if they don't. If we do get some players they will need to have a physical and pay the activity fee like our kids do.

Financial Reports:

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for December of 2017 in the amount of \$322,873.27. Jason read the breakdown. Kim said that we had a big bond payment in December. Craig stated that the general fund looks good. It's nice to see it stay consistent. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Reports:

Wendy stated she hopes everyone will register and come this Wednesday to the Great Ed presentation starting at 7pm. Traci said that she tried to register online but it kept kicking her out. Craig stated that the flyer for the superintendent position needs clarification. For qualifications when it says administrator's certificate, it can be a principal or superintendent certificate. Craig also said that they had four interviews for the head BOCES director positions. All four went really well. The superintendents will need to approve their pick at Wednesday's SAC meeting. There is a letter to the Board from the National Association of Agricultural Educators thanking them for allowing Emily Rudder to attend their conference in Nashville, TN in December. There is also a letter from the Agate School Board President and Vice President letting Limon School know that they are going in a different direction and have cancelled the School Organizational Planning Committee. Dave has heard that they would like to get the high school going again in Agate. There are also thank you cards from staff for the Christmas bonus.

Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Dan will be out tomorrow with some guys to try to figure out what is going on with the heating system. Dave talked to Jay Hoskinson and has begun to work on the roof grant again. He thinks we have a much better chance with our match amount. Emily Rudder talked to him and the Board during the work session about purchasing a vehicle for the Vo-Ag program. Don Anderson sent out the superintendent opening info to our BOCES sups and the Executive Directors of BOCES in the State. Dave’s received several phone calls asking about the position.

Action Items:

FY2017 Audit

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the fiscal year 2017 audit as presented. The Board thanked Kim for all her work with the audit. The motion passed unanimously.

Posting Place Resolution

Mike Hines moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating the posting place for public meetings as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of 2018-2019 School Calendar

Theron Perry moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. The Board asked staff in the room if they liked the calendar and starting early. Jill and Kim both liked it. Emily stated that it is a little tough on those that need to be at fair the week before coming back to school. Traci pointed out an error in the dates listed on the side for the October parent teacher conferences. She would also like to change the April teacher work day to sometime in November. She would rather they be earlier in the school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Revised 2017-2018 School Budget

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 2017-2018 revised school budget as presented. Everything that was discussed in the budget work session should be reflected in the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Appropriation Resolution

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the amended appropriation resolution as presented. The appropriated amounts are as follows –

General Fund 6,128,484 with 97,300 in Insurance Reserve Fund and 87,015 in Pre-School fund

Special Revenue Funds, Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund 168,766

Bond Redemption Fund; Capital Projects Fund, Bond Fund 2,286,735 and Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund 1,693,376

Enterprise Funds, Food Service Fund 238,103

Trust/Agency Funds, Agency Fund 390,000

For a total of 11,089,779. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach

Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve Molly Wagner as volunteer assistant middle school track coach. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy KF-E-2

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy KF-E-2, weight room use form. Craig stated that they have been asked if someone isn’t going to be here a full year can they just pay a portion of the fee. Right now the policy states it’s a one-time fee that will be prorated after March. They discussed and agreed on offering a \$100 payment per quarter or a one-time fee of \$300. We would be able to regulate the expiration date on the keycards. The motion passed with four ayes and Theron Perry voting no.

Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into executive session in accordance with CRS27-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel issues with Dave Marx at 7:56pm. Joel Albers joined the meeting at 8:15 until 8:35 than Traci Weisensee was asked to join at 8:35. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of executive session at 8:40pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Elementary Principal/Bus Director Contract

Mike Hines moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the elementary principal/bus director contract for Joel Albers as presented. They changed his contract from a twelve month contract to an eleven month contract. 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 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Great Education Colorado Presentation – Wednesday, January 17, 2018 7:00pm in the Warren Mitchell Event Center
Special Board Meeting Executive Session – Wednesday, February 7, 2018 5:00pm to Review Superintendent Applications
Work Session with LEF Board – Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:30pm
Special Board Meeting Executive Session - Monday, February 19, 2018 TBD for Superintendent Search Committee Interview Field of Candidates
Work Session – Monday, February 19, 2018 6:00pm at Limon School Media Center
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, February 19, 2018 7:00pm at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 9:02pm Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. Craig stated that Wendy can't go to the Hall of Fame dinner honoring Don Kimble so Dirk has an extra ticket. Dave was going to see if he can go. The motion passed unanimously.

Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

Approved: _____
Date

President: _____
Craig Bailey