

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	January MONTH	14 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 7:00 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Sharon Newsom read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the agenda for January 14 , 2013 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, & Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Charles Hoffman, Kim Trujillo, Elaina Rudder and Tyler Seaman
- Minutes:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** None
- Financial Reports:** Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for December of 2012 in the amount of \$380,558.74. Russell read the breakdown. 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 191 and the attendance rate continues to be good. Students in 2 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will do a math screener on MAPs this month. The longer assessment will be in the spring. We are getting ready for the TCAP starting in February. He presented two quotes for a tool to help with the management of SB191. They both include the State rubric to help with the evaluation piece. PD-360 offers a professional development piece but BloomBoard is looking at adding this. There is a big price difference in the two companies. He and Traci would recommend the lower priced BloomBoard. They offer a free webinar but Traci would like to have them come out to train administrators and teachers. This would be an additional \$1,000 plus travel expenses. Joel also stated that report cards were sent home with students on Thursday.
- Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. The attendance rates were still very good in both schools. She and Joel interviewed four applicants for the music position. Brenda Higgins will serve as the music teacher for the second semester. Brenda asked that Beth Craig be hired as a piano accompanist for one hour a day. Finals week went well even with the change in schedule and the early release because of snow. Report cards were mailed. She gave the numbers for the high school and middle school honor rolls. She also gave the numbers of discipline referrals. She will email the itinerary for the upcoming professional development day. They will be working on curriculum, data, and SB191. She congratulated Elaina Rudder, Garrett Keenan and Schaeffer Thompson for their scholarships.
- Accountability:**  
Joel stated their next meeting will be February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
- Staff Report:**  
Tyler Seaman presented to the Board what he is currently doing. He has 5 Spanish classes, one Spanish 1, three Spanish 2 and one Spanish 3. He teaches the Spanish 2 and 3 classes all in Spanish and expects the kids to speak only in Spanish if they can. He coached junior high volleyball even though he had no experience or knowledge of volleyball. He will be testing 17 students for the WAPT test which replaces the CELA test. He is helping some elementary students with reading. Traci noted that Tyler is also taking over the GT position left by Cindy McCallum.

**STUCO Report:** (none given)

**Athletic Department Report:**

Dirk highlighted items from his report. High School Varsity Boys Basketball are at 9-0 and the Girls are at 7-2. There will be a wrestling tri here on Thursday. He asked Jason if they will have a peewee wrestling signup then. Jason stated that yes he would like to do that. Middle school boys basketball will finish up their season on the 26<sup>th</sup> and then wrestling will start on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Middle school girls basketball will be finished on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Limon hosted a speech meet here last Friday. 20 schools showed up but some left early because of the weather. State speech will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FFA Report:**

Elaina Rudder stated that they had a officer retreat on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. They had a member draft with members but into teams. The officer of the team is to encourage her members to attend as many functions as they can. Next Thursday is FFA day at the Stock Show. February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup> is FFA Week. They will have a petting zoo for the elementary students to visit on that Thursday. Five members will be going to the Hall of Fame Banquet on February 28<sup>th</sup> thanks to the Fraiser's for donating some of their tickets.

Elaina gave the Board the senior class itinerary. She stated that Mrs. Phillips said they have \$14,000 in their account which is more than enough for the trip.

**Board Reports:**

They read the three thank you cards for the Christmas bonus. Russell thanked Les and staff for their work to get the school ready for Mike Bass's funeral.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Marx presented to the Board five year plans for salaries, Curriculum, technology, and transportation. He would like to start working these into the budget. There was a discussion on each piece. He would like to start with \$500 salary increases. We give a \$500 Christmas bonus but this does not help with PERA. Maybe we do away with the bonus. He also included a plan to help those planning on retiring to earn more those last three years to help them with PERA. They would have to sign a contract stating that they would be retiring after that third year. We would recoup the extra pay when we hire a new teacher at a lower salary. Jack stated that he has a problem with this. He stated that those people working in the private sector haven't had raises either. Dave stated that this isn't the employees fault. They discussed that if the insurance rates continue to increase that staff may have to start paying for some of it instead of the district. Dave is talking to Sharon Daxton Vorce about the new math curriculum. They discussed the cost of giving 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders a technology device to be used their four years at school. They may charge students a \$50 fee to help with the cost of the e-texts and the upkeep of the devices. Charlie Hoffman stated that students would then have to pay to attend public schools. Joel stated that there are schools in the city that ask parents to pay all kinds of fees.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:**

**Early Release**

Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the early release of school on December 19, 2012 due to bad weather. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amended Board Calendar**

Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the amended Board Meeting calendar moving January's meeting to January 14<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coach**

Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve Kortney Hubbard as volunteer middle school assistant basketball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Work Session – Monday, February 18, 2013 at 6:00pm in the High School Library  
Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, February 18, 2013 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

**Adjournment:**

At 8:18pm Jack Horner moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.