

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

Regular KIND OF MEETING	EC BOCES MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	July MONTH	20 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 7:10 p.m. Roll call reflected that four Board members were present at BOCES and Craig Bailey was on the phone.

Mission Statement: Wendy Pottorff read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the agenda for July 20, 2015 as presented. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining from all votes because he could not hear everything that was being said.

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

Audience: Chuck Jordan, Dan Bates, Kim Steinhart, Will Bublitz, Les Layton, Gary Lewman and Mercedes McCue

Minutes: Wendy Pottorff moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of June 15, 2015 as presented. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Financial Reports: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for June of 2015 in the amount of \$381,475.83. Bart read the breakdown. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Action Item: **Haselden Change Order #11**
Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve Haselden's construction change order #11 for \$201,730.38. Dan went over the change order in the work session. The reason it is for such a large amount is because of the GOCO grant money. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Education Reports: **Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)
Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. They are in the 2nd week of summer school. He thanked the Methodist Church again for letting them use the building for summer school. He attended a CDE grant writing training. There will be a regional Teaching Strategies Gold Training at BOCES on Wednesday that some elementary staff will attend.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)
Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. She is aggressively looking for a middle school social studies teacher to replace Chris Jacobsen. Russell stated that Cindy Tacha talked to him about knowing someone that may be interested. Dirk stated that she may want to talk to Audrey Sales. Traci is glad that we waited a year before using the RANDA Solutions evaluation system because they have already made changes to it. She and Shirelle worked with Chuck Jordan and Dan Bates to figure out our new fire/tornado evacuation maps. Several elementary and secondary staff members attended the Math & Language Arts Date Team Training. She stated that the title of the training was a little misleading because it was more about curriculum than data teams. She congratulated Mardelle Martin for receiving a \$3,500 grant from the Colorado Library Consortium. She gave the Board a letter from Rocky Rockwell regarding his thoughts on the yearbook. He was not able to attend tonight's meeting but will be at the August meeting one if the Board would still like to talk to him. He thinks the class should only be open to high schoolers. Traci stated that right now there are only 5 students enrolled and they are all middle schoolers. She also stated that they are going to run the class this year as they have done in the past. The Board would like Rocky to attend the August meeting. She talked to Cody Weber about his school credit card being declined. He had told her that sometimes they would reserve rooms for parents but then parents would not

attend so it was easier to hold the room on a credit card and not charge for the room then presenting a check for all the rooms booked. Traci told him for the larger ticket items he could use her credit card and just use his school card for the incidentals. Bart asked about a bill for two rooms that seemed excessive. Mercedes McCue stated that they were able to get two rooms and fit 7 girls in one room and all the boys in the other room which saved money in the long run. Traci stated that MCC will be requiring all its college teachers to hold a masters in the area of their class by the fall of 2017. This will affect a few of our teachers. She asked MCC and was asking the Board if they would be willing to provide some sort of incentive for these teachers to get their master degree; such as paying for one credit. If we do not have the teachers to teach these college classes our college courses will be limited. Bart asked if they have investigated what MCC is charging us any further. Dave stated that we are still working on it and that MCC is going to make some changes to the current package. He and Traci stated that we are in the MCC community area so we aren't able at this time to look at using other community colleges.

Accountability: (none given)

Staff Report: (none given)

STUCO Report: (none given)

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

Dirk highlighted items from his report. They had about 100 people attend the Union Pacific League Rules Clinic. He had Rob Fager bring in port-a-potties because there wasn't any running water in the gym. He spoke to John Higgins and John told him that he will fund cross country for 2 more years. Right now there is \$1,800 in that account so John will add \$3,200 to the account to bring it to \$5,000. He knows of 2 girls and 2 boys that will join. The coach's salary and all other expenses will come out of this account. He feels that since the district isn't out any money that we should go ahead and run cross country. He stated the Teddy Bandy has expressed a lot of interest in coaching and that he has been talking to kids about joining. The Board agreed that he can go ahead and offer cross country.

FFA Report:

Mercedes McCue gave the FFA report. From May 18th to the 20th they attended chapter officer training camp. They learned their strengths. From June 1st to the 4th they attended the State Convention in Pueblo. Some of the members went up the day before and camped at Yogi Bear National Park, between Colorado Spring and Pueblo. She and Cheyanne went up the night before to be involved in selecting next year's State Officer team. They received 6th place in parliamentary procedure. They helped set up and tear down for Tornado Days on June 6th. They had their district retreat on June 15th and would like to have a regional fall meeting. They helped set up, serve and tear down for the July 3rd barbecue.

Board Reports:

Wendy stated that she volunteered our school to host the Region 2 CASB Fall workshop on September 29th. She believes this is a good chance to show off our new building. She checked into the policy support system. We did subscribe in February of 2014 and paid a prorated fee but the subscription ended in July 31, 2014 and the district did not re-subscribe. The price has increased by \$300 so it now cost \$750. Craig and Wendy both agreed this is something the district needs so the Board agreed to add this package.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. He and the Board discussed the open house times. Traci stated that the admin team would like to run an open house from 4pm to 7pm on August 21, 2015. There would be a short parent meeting at 5:30 to go over maps and drop off and pick up points. Then there would be a ribbon cutting at 6pm. Also, the junior class will be sponsoring a supper at 6:30pm. The Board discussed the times and decided to push the open house to 4pm to 7:30pm. Wendy stated that Lucy and Craig are getting a special ribbon for the ribbon cutting donated by the Chamber. Dan Bates stated that he was contacted last week by their marketing team to let the school know that Haselden plans to attend and to let them know what they can help with.

Audience Participation:

Gary Lewman wanted to give the Board ideas on how to teach students. He started by demonstrating all the different hand gestures there are which all are considered hand holding but all have very different meanings. He handed out folders with more information. He also offered to fund 6 2nd through 6th grade students to take a Stanford online class. This would cost about \$600. It was discussed that this could be 6 gifted and talented students.

Action Items:

Amended Budget

Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the amended 2015-2016 Limon School Budget. Kim stated that she added money to the yearbook fund and moved money into the Athletic budget as was discussed at the June Board meeting. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Amended Appropriation Resolution

Wendy Pottorff moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the amended appropriation resolution to spend the 2015-2016 school budget as presented. The total appropriation is \$26,520,276 with \$4,947,798 in the general fund, \$89,232 in insurance reserve fund, \$92,024 in pre-school fund, \$211,518 in food service special revenue fund, \$2,139,802 in bond redemption fund, \$18,594,722 in building fund, \$71,500 in capital reserve capital projects fund, \$105,880 in pupil activity agency fund and \$268,000 in trust and other agency funds. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Call for Nominations Resolution

Bart O’Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the resolution calling for nominations for school directors in the November 2015 election. Will Bublitz asked who was up for election. The Board stated that both Russell Lengel and Bart O’Dwyer will be termed out. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Sale of School Bus

Troy Jaklich moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the sale of bus #10 to Troy Thompson. Mr. Albers stated that we sold it for \$1,300 which is \$300 more than we would get as a trade in. The motion passed with three ayes and both Craig Bailey and Bart O’Dwyer abstaining.

Coaches

Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve Rocky Rockwell as head high school baseball coach and Laci Liggett as assistant junior high volleyball coach. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Teacher Resignation

Wendy Pottorff moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Chris Jacobsen as middle school social studies teacher. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Future Business: Work Session – Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment: At 8:11 p.m. Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

Approved: _____ President: _____
Date Russell Lengel