

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	June MONTH	17 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 Board President Jason Bandy at 7:00 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members except for Jack Horner were presented.

Mission Statement: Russell Lengel read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the agenda for June 17, 2013 taking out approving the new 5th grade teacher from action item 12.10. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Audience: Kim Trujillo, Ellisa Noakes, Craig Bailey, Michelle Fisher, and Don Weidinger

Minutes: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Financial Reports: Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for May of 2013 in the amount of \$296,052.45. 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. Ending enrollment was at 194 and attendance stayed above our goal of 95%. He congratulated the 10 elementary students that never missed a day of school this year. On May 29th and 30th the staff worked on Student Learning Outcomes and curriculum. He thanked Traci Weisensee, Kelly Packer, Tami LeValley, Stacy Larson, Shirelle Bandy, Peggy Niebur and Rhonda Miller for meeting earlier and doing the ground work to make the Student Learning Outcomes process go faster. The teachers each typed up a curriculum document that is broken down into quarters so parents will be able to see what their student will be learning in each subject. Wireless Generation now known as Amplify will provide the iPads and software through the READ Act grant for kindergarten through 3rd to track kids through DIBELS. He and Anna Newsom have attended trainings on School Readiness. So far the trainings have not been very informative. Summer school reminder letters were sent today. All but 39 report cards were mailed. These 39 were held for unpaid bills. Class rosters have been set for next year. He thanked Shirelle for her work on the elementary schedule. It's set for next year with the exception of 5th grade. He thanked Lincoln County Commissioners for again providing students with school supplies. The Board discussed what they can do to collect the unpaid lunch bills. They will get a list of unpaid bills and discuss it further at their Board retreat.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Enrollment was down in both the middle school and high school compared to October count. The attendance rate for both middle and high school ended the year above our goal of 95%. She listed the number of students on the honor roll for both schools. About 2/3 of students in both schools were on the honor roll. The most common behavior issue in the middle school was disrespectful behaviors. The most common behavior issue in the high school was academic dishonesty. The one senior that didn't have enough credits to graduate did meet the requirements with summer school but will not receive their diploma until their bills are paid.

Accountability:

Joel stated they would like the Board to keep them in mind as we move forward with the bond campaign.

Staff Report: (none given)

STUCO Report: (none given)

Athletic Department Report:

Dirk Pedersen highlighted items from his report. Three athletes participated in CHSCA All State games; Tyler Koehn in basketball, Ashley O'Dwyer in basketball and Chandler Dohe in football. Three baseball players played in the 1A-2A All State game; Chandler Dohe, Tyler Koehn and Nate Adams. The coaches rule clinic will be held on July 15th. The fall coaches meeting will be August 8th and the 12th.

FFA Report:

Ellisa Noakes stated that 20 members camped by Sterling and attended the State Convention. Ashley Higgins was voted in as State executive committee member. They will leave of COLT camp in Aspen on the June 18th. They will help serve the barbeque on July 4th and are hoping to have a team together to walk for Walk for Life.

Board Reports:

Sharon Newsom stated that out of 21 BOCES Board members, 16 voted for or against hiring two lobbyists to push for help for rural education. The vote was 14 for and 2 against. Traci was asked by staff that the Board review the employee leave policy. Some staff members were not happy about getting double docked. Traci stated that she will go with the recommendations of the Board but she likes to have a policy that states clearly when you will be double docked. She would rather not be put in a position to decide which case is more important. The Board discussed the current policy. Sharon did not agree with being double docked when you were taking your freshman off to college but understood why it is important to be at school at the beginning and end of the year. It was discussed that this policy was put in place because some staff members were taking time off before and/or after Christmas break and spring break. They also discussed the incentive policies which are tied to the leave policy. It was agreed that they liked the incentive policies. They will discuss if they need to change any of the wording of the employee leave policy during the Board retreat.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. The BOCES superintendents met with Senator Johnston. He told them his proposal for PreK-12 education funding will be on the ballot this November. He wants double funding for Special Ed and to get rid of the October 1 count day. Dave along with Michelle Fisher and Don Weidinger from Neenan and Dan O'Connor from RBC will present the new school plans to the Rotary Club on June 18th. He attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday. Everyone there raised their hand in support of the building project. Jason stated that he told them that could use the school to hold their meetings if they needed a place.

Audience Participation:

Action Items:

2nd Reading of 2013-2014 Budget

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to table the 2nd reading of the 2013-2014 Limon School Budget as presented until the August Board meeting. Bart does not want to approve the budget as it is. He doesn't want to fall below \$1,000,000 in reserves. Jason stated they can work on it at the July Board retreat. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Resolution

Sharon Newsom moved and Russell Lengel 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 “2013-2014 Budget” for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. This motion was passed so Kim could pay bills in July. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach Resignation

Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Chad Malcom as wrestling coach. The motion passed unanimously.

School Board Meeting Calendar

Bart O'Dwyer and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the School Board meeting calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Elementary Handbook

Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the elementary student handbook as presented. Joel stated he added information on EZ School Messaging and added bullying consequences. The motion passed unanimously.

Middle School Handbook

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to table this action item until the next Board meeting. Traci stated she just noticed that some information was missing. The motion passed unanimously.

High School Handbook

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the high school student handbook as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Extra-Curricular Activities Handbook

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the extra-curricular activities handbook as presented. Dirk stated after discussion with coaches he added E stating a student who has broken training rules may not join another activity after the first regular season contest. He also added a M dealing with bullying. This will be required by 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

CHSAA Resolution

Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the resolution accepting CHSAA's constitution and by-laws, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Teaching Contracts

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the teaching contracts for Deborah Carr as new Music teacher and Catherine Sauter as the new High School Social Studies teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

Evaluation System Resolution

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve CASB's recommended resolution for our evaluation system for SB 191. We are using the State model. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Board Retreat – July 8, 2013 at Bart and Teresa O'Dwyer's house at 10:00am.

Work Session – Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:00pm in the High School Library

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, August 12, 2013 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Adjournment:

At 8:00pm Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.