

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	March MONTH	11 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 7:02 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.

Mission Statement: Bart O'Dwyer read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for March 11, 2013 adding the early release on March 4th to action item 12.6. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Audience: Charles Hoffman, Kim Trujillo, Elaina Rudder, Craig Bailey, Wendy Martinez, and Cassie Alcorn

Minutes: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Financial Reports: Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for February of 2013 in the amount of \$275,728.44. Russell read the breakdown. Jason asked Kim if the property taxes came in yet. She stated we received a check today for over \$200,000. We should receive two big checks in March, smaller checks in April and May and two bigger checks in June. The total should be close to \$1,000,000. 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 192 but three more are starting this week. Attendance rate continues to be above our goal of 95% but we had the flu and colds go through last month. The main focus in the elementary right now is TCAP testing. Summer school dates have been tentatively set for July 15th through August 2nd. Kindergarten Round-up is set for April 26th. The current numbers from HeadStart for next year's kindergartners is 37. He thanked Charlie for being able to get our old Dr. Seuss software to work for our Read Across America assembly celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. The 100th day of school was moved back a few times because of all the snow days. Report cards will be sent home this Thursday with students.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Current enrollment in the middle school 120. The attendance rates in the middle school is above our goal but the high school is taking longer to get back to normal. We included an itinerary from Mrs. Phillips for the Senior Trip. Prom will be April 13th at the National Western Stock Show building with after prom at Boondocks. She congratulated Mr. Scherrer and Mrs. Higgins for the excellent performance at the Spring concert. She also congratulated the four new NHS inductees; Sara Meyer, Kelly Linnebur, Celie Vick and Shonda Yowell. She concluded with what is going on in the counseling office.

Accountability:

Joel stated the next meeting will be April 29th.

Staff Report: (none given)

STUCO Report: (none given)

Athletic Department Report:

Dirk highlighted items from his report. He included the high school basketball regular season records. The boys won both their games at regionals and the girls won one and lost one. The boys will be playing at State starting Thursday at CSU in Pueblo. Tyler Kimble and Caleb Waite both competed at the State wrestling tournament. Middle school wrestling has finished their season. There are 26 boys and 25 girls out for high school track. There are 22 boys out for high school

baseball. They will have a meeting with the junior high boys after spring break to see what the numbers look like for next year. He added middle school girls basketball uniforms to next year's rotation because they are in very poor shape. He would like to only have one participation fee of \$125 per athlete next year which would equal 2 sports this year. Those students that play in more than two sports would get a discount and those that only play one might be encouraged to play in another sport. We need to start thinking about enrollment numbers for next year. Our cycle comes up and to play 11 man football our enrollment shouldn't be less than 135. Looking at our current numbers it will be close. Should we drop down to 8 man for probably two years then our numbers will be back up to play 11 man or should we stay at 11 man?

FFA Report:

Elaina Rudder stated she just came from their District Officer meeting. They have 7 members receiving proficiency awards, 3 receiving American Degrees and Anthony Hass is applying for Colorado State Farmer. The Chapter Banquet is on April 18th at 6:30 and the District Banquet is in Hugo on April 16th. She invited the Board to attend both.

Board Reports:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx stated that the BEST Grant application in and will be reviewed by CDE. We should learn if we received the grant in June. He commended Shirelle for all her hard work getting all the grades ready for TCAP testing. Traci ordered math samples for teachers to look at. Traci stated that Kendell really liked the 2012 samples but there was a discrepancy with the quote so they are waiting to clear that up before ordering. Joel stated that the elementary would like to see some samples from other companies. Bart stated that he hopes that the new texts teach math and not reading and writing. Dave stated that the new standards focus on problem solving not just computation.

Audience Participation:

None

Action Items:

2nd Reading of Revised Policy IKF

Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the 2nd reading of revised Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd Reading of 2013-2014 Calendar

Jack Horner moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the 2nd reading of the 2013-2014 Limon School Calendar as presented. The motion passed with four ayes and one no.

2nd Reading of Salary Schedule

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the 2nd reading of the presented salary schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve School Closures

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the school closures on February 21st and 27th due to bad weather. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Early Release

Jack Horner moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the early release of school on February 20th at 12:30 and the late start of 10am on February 25th due to bad weather. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Early Release

Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the early release of school on February 28th at 2:30 due to district basketball in Denver and March 14th at noon for State Basketball at CSU in Pueblo. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bus Purchase

Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a new bus as presented. Joel gave the Board payment options for a 53 passenger from three payments up to seven payments. Dave stated that we need three new buses for our routes but we could also use them for activity trips. He suggested that they buy two now and another one next year. Bart asked if we could order them without the high back seats. The only plus he can tell on those is it keeps the kids from talking to each other. Dave stated that we could order the coach seats if we wanted. Jack asked about the lease option. It ends up being a wash in the end and we wouldn't have the bus. Russell stated that the amount we are currently paying on repairs is outrageous. Dave would like to

have an amount set in the budget so we don't get into this circumstance again. Jason change the action item and Bart O'Dwyer moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the purchase of 2 new buses, a 65 passenger and a 53 passenger, with the 5 year payment option on approval of a budget meeting between Mr. Albers and Mr. Marx. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach

Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve Jodi Hilferty as volunteer drama coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, April 15, 2013 at 6:00pm in the High School Library

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2013 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Adjournment:

At 8:24pm Jack Horner moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.