

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

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Choir Room MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	March MONTH	16 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 7:00 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Wendy Pottorff read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the agenda for March 16, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee & Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Dean Twiss, Lisa Gates, Les Layton, Kim Steinhart, Charles Hoffman, Gary Lewman, Dan Bates, Sharon Hansen, Annette Andersen, Stacy Larson, Mardelle Martin and Shirelle Bandy
- Minutes:** Wendy Pottorff moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of February 16, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action Items:** **Haselden Change Order #8**  
Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the Haselden change order #8 for \$13,108.00 as presented. Dan Bates went over the change order with the Board during the work session. The motion passed with four ayes and Bart O'Dwyer abstaining.
- Presentations:** Dean Twiss, a foundations class teacher at the Limon Correctional facility, gave a proposal to the Board for bus stop shelters made by the offenders in his class. He gave the proposal to the town and they thought it was a good idea so the next step was to ask the school. He would like to submit a grant application to Mountain View Electric for a community service project grant of \$5,000 to pay for the materials. The school would just need to tell them where they would like them to be placed. He believes they can build 3 or 4 structures and put them on a pallet system so they can be moved easily. The Board agreed this is a wonderful idea.
- Stacy Larson gave a presentation regarding our current math curriculum. She stated that the math portion of the PARCC test was miserable. The Algebra 2 test was very hard with a lot of advance math that she hasn't taught in that class. The Geometry test was better but still had some advance math questions. The presentation of a problem is so different then how they are teaching it now. Shirelle stated that the standards have moved down a grade so expectations are higher. Stacy stated that everything should be adjusted. Cherry Creek has thrown away their math books and has made their own curriculum and is willing to share with us. The high school and middle school will be adjusting what is taught next year but it will be trial and error and every current class will take a hit. The whole state will get hit hard by the new tests. Troy asked if everyone got the same test. Shirelle stated that they didn't all have the same test and this was so they couldn't cheat off of each other. It was random and not assigned tests. Stacy thought that just from walking around while students were testing that there were three different tests. Each test may have 6 or 7 questions but for each of those questions there were 3 parts. Annette stated that if you got the first part wrong the rest would be wrong. She also asked the Board what is she not suppose to teach because there is no time in the day to add more. Stacy said for everyone to remember that they are still just kids and need the time to celebrate and have breaks. Annette stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is struggling testing on the computer and even in the math test there was a lot of reading and typing. Mardelle stated that the terminology is different where we say write a paragraph and the test says write an essay. Shirelle said that we need more technology in the hands of our students. Bart agreed but said it just wasn't cost effect yet. He asked what can the School Board do for the teachers. Sharon said that they can complain to the

State and let the State know that rural schools need to be provided with more technology. Wendy stated that teachers can go to the Capital every Wednesday to be heard or write letters. Shirelle was glad that we didn't have any computer issues and that the state is looking at making the PARCC part of graduation requirements.

**Financial Reports:**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for February of 2015 in the amount of \$262,241.60. Bart read the breakdown. We should be getting money from the County soon. The motion passed unanimously.

**Education Reports:**

**Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. Enrollment is at 237 students and the attendance rate continues to be above our goal. The elementary will again use the Methodist Church for summer school. The dates will be July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten round-up will be Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade beginning band performed at the spring music concert on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Report cards were sent home with students last Thursday. He gave a GOCO update. They asked him to redo the budget on their form which he did and submitted this weekend. He received an email saying we should know something this week. He gave an update on the transportation audit. Nothing major was found. There was some foam on some bus seats that needs to be replaced. There weren't any issues with the driver files. Joel just needs to improve on documentation for potential bus driver hires.

**Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Enrollment in the secondary is at 247. The attendance rate for the middle school is above our goal of 95% but the high school is below. NWEA testing will begin right after spring break. She said that there was a good article in the Limon Leader about the testing. Shirelle stated that there is a new online system that she hopes is better. Teachers should be able to log on by themselves. Some states are going just with the NWEA test as their state assessments and she is hoping Colorado will follow. Traci met with some reps including the President of OfficeScapes regarding our frustration with them. She received an email from them saying we were \$30,000 over budget but we had never received or picked from the promised three proposals. There was miscommunication between RLH and OfficeScapes on what our furniture budget really is. They brought a breakdown of cost by classrooms. Some rooms will need to be looked at such as the IA, Ag and band rooms. They will be out again on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our new furniture deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Traci asked the board about scanning the inactive files. Bart stated we do not have the money to scan all of them. He suggested we start scanning the graduating class and leave the rest as files. The state archive does offer free space to store old files. We would just need to buy the boxes. Kim wasn't sure how much the boxes would cost. She stated that Cass was concerned about getting access to the files for transcripts. Bart stated that we should be able to store the old files because he hasn't needed his transcript in years. The middle school has 8 students competing at the State Science Fair at CSU on April 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Stacy Larson gave information about this year's prom being held at the Lone Tree Golf Club in Centennial with the after-prom at the Family Sports Center nearby. Traci congratulated Mrs. Larson on a successful Pi day, Mr. Scherrer and students for their spring concert performance, Sean Steinhart, Emma Gaede, Sayla Kimble and Rachael Calkum for participating in the Western Slope Chorale Festival, Becca Paintin for writing a winning essay for MVEA, Alex Carr, Amy Weisensee and Anna Weisensee for their essays being selected to advance to the district level in the Deer Trail Elks Lodge Americanism Essay Contest; and all the new members to the National Junior Honor Society. Shirelle stated that all pre-registration forms were given to students. She has received about 50% back so far. They have 10 students so far interested in a new business class. They want to offer 4 business classes all in the afternoon right now. They believe they will get about 10 more kids signed up. Traci stated that we will get reimbursement money for the business classes but it will be a year out.

**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. He updated middle school girls and high school basketball final records. He congratulated Matthew Florek, Devin Christian, Luke Meier and Jayci Hollenbaugh for making the 1<sup>st</sup> team All League. Jayden Hilferty is the Wrestling 2A Heavyweight State Champion, Kaleb Gaede finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the team finished 11<sup>th</sup> which was the best showing in the last few years. Jayden was also selected to 2A All State in wrestling. Baseball has 19 kids out

and their first game is tomorrow. High school track has 17 boys and 17 girls out. Their first meet will be March 21<sup>st</sup>. The 51<sup>st</sup> Warren Mitchell Invitational will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. He received an email from Tim Andersen who is donating \$500 to the school with more to come to help with any real or perceived loses at the gate.

**FFA Report:** (none given)

**Board Reports:**

Craig asked if they should advertise to sell the furniture we won't be using. Sharon Hansen asked the Board not to sell any of their classroom furniture. They would like to see their new space before deciding what they do not want. Traci stated that we have not promised our old furniture to anyone. She would rather not overspend on furniture and wait until we move in to see what we still need. Also, she said that just because you may not want something, someone else may have use for it. Traci said that except for middle school who would like to keep their current student desks all the other classrooms will get new desks. Craig asked if we could run an ad to see if anyone wants the furniture such as the elementary and high school desks. He's afraid that if we hold on to the old furniture, that no one will want any of it. He thinks we should get some money for things we know we won't be using. He also asked Dave if there was any talk about letting people in and selling doors or light fixtures. Dave thought that this was too big a liability issue.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Jay Hoskinson will be down next Tuesday to go through the locker rooms with he and Chuck Jordan. This is for a supplemental BEST grant to renovate the locker rooms. They will find out from Jay what the grant cycle looks like and how much districts are asking for. Moving twice is a concern. One of the moves is contracted to Johnson Moving Company but they are looking at using groups such as the boys scouts, that would like to raise some money by helping us move. Stacy Larson asked that they ask for local help because there are a lot of groups that could use the chance to raise money.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:**

**Full Day Kindergarten**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve full day kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. Craig stated that they approve this with the proposed cost of \$10 a day unless they qualify for free or reduced lunches then it would be free. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Revised Policy JICA**

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of revised policy JICA, student dress code. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of New and Revised Board Policies**

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following new and revised Board policies –

- AED Accreditation
- BEC Executive Sessions
- DAB-E Financial Administration
- DEA Funds from Local Tax Sources
- DEB Loan Programs
- FB Facilities Planning (**NEW**)
- FB-R Facilities Planning (**NEW**)
- FBC Prioritization of Facility Improvements (**NEW**)
- FBC-R Prioritization of Facility Improvements (**NEW**)
- GBGAB First Aid Training
- GCO-R Evaluation of Licensed Personnel
- IHBB Gifted Education
- IHBEA English Language Learners
- IKA Grading/Assessment Systems
- ILBC-R Early Literacy & Reading Comprehension
- JF Admission & Denial of Admission
- JFABD Homeless Students
- JKF Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students

Craig asked the Board if they wanted to include volunteers to the wording of policy GBGAB, First Aid Training. It was discussed and Dirk stated that volunteers are considered coaches so the

wording is already in there. They did decide to add “contracted employees” to cover those employees that aren’t coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2015-2016 School Calendar**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2015-2016 Limon School Calendar as presented. The start date was discussed. Bart would like to start on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Traci stated that no matter what the start date will be students will be here on the 17<sup>th</sup> to start practice for fall sports. Dirk didn’t think Mr. Scherrer would have enough time to prepare the band for homecoming if we started on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Bart didn’t believe we would be able to start setting up classrooms until August 10<sup>th</sup> at the earliest. He believes that staff has the idea that on July 17<sup>th</sup> when occupation is turned over to the district that staff will be able to start setting up and this is just not true. It was decided to change the start date to the 31<sup>st</sup> and add some Fridays for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**Superintendent’s Evaluation**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the superintendent’s annual performance evaluation. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Craig Bailey moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into an Executive Session in accordance with CRS24-6-402(4)(f) to go over the Superintendent’s contract at 9:27pm. The motion passed unanimously and Mr. Marx was asked to stay. At 9:43pm, Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Superintendent’s Contract**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the amended superintendent’s contract for Dave Marx. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coach**

Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve Mike Kochis as assistant middle school track coach. The motion passed unanimously.

**School Closure**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the school closure on February 23<sup>rd</sup> because of bad weather and road conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

**Part-Time Teaching Position**

Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the part-time business education teaching position for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Craig asked Kim Steinhart when teaching contracts needed to be approved. Kim stated at the April Board meeting. Craig asked if the Board wanted to meet earlier to go over the pay scale before contracts were approved. It was decided to move the work session at the next Board meeting up an hour. Also, Russell asked that Chuck Jordan come to all of the Board meetings.

Work Session – Monday, April 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Adjournment:**

At 9:51pm Troy Jaklich moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Russell Lengel