

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

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Media Center MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	March MONTH	14 DAY	2016 YEAR
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Troy Jaklich
PRESIDING OFFICER

Jason Bandy
MEMBER

Craig Bailey
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx
SUPERINTENDENT

Mike Hines
TREASURER

Wendy Pottorff
SECRETARY

- Roll Call:** The regular Board of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by Board President Troy Jaklich at 7:10pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Wendy Pottorff read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the agenda for March 14, 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Charles Hoffman, Mercedes McCue, Les Layton, Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Ted Bandy, Teresa O’Dwyer and Cheyenne Hope
- Minutes:** Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of February 15, 2015 as presented. Craig stated that the amount given to Mr. Scherrer for instruments from LEF was \$7,500 not \$750. The motion passed with the correction unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** Gary Lewman wished the Board a happy PI day and gave the Board donuts with the pi symbol on them.
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for February of 2016 in the amount of \$406,303.16. Kim asked Mary Andersen at MCC about the dual credit payment. Traci stated there is a discrepancy from payments in the past. They are waiting to hear back from Mary. Traci stated that there are 16 students that still owe for college courses but only 7 have completed the payment plan paperwork. Kim stated its been a struggle to get payments, \$10,831.50 is still owed this semester. The 1st semester is completely paid for. Troy asked Les if the \$10,000 for home repairs would be enough. Les said probably not. Jason 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. He wished everyone a Happy 100th day of school. We currently have 236 elementary students enrolled. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. Kindergarten is the only grade that is below the 95% attendance rate. The 3rd through 5th graders started the PARCC assessments today. He only heard of one glitch that was quickly resolved. The elementary summer school dates will be July 11th through July 29th this year. They use this time as a jump start for the next school year. Kindergarten round up will be on April 29th in the foyer. The elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday on Thursday, March 3rd. He thanked Kim Brossart for setting this up and Charlie Martinez for getting the interactive Dr. Seuss story working for the assembly. 3rd quarter report cards were sent home last Thursday.
- Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)
Mrs. Weisensee asked Teresa O’Dwyer and Cheyenne Hope to make their presentation before her Board report. Teresa introduced Cheyenne as the State Speech 1st place winner for impromptu speaking. Cheyenne stated that in impromptu speaking, she has 5 minutes to come up with a speech on one of the topics she is given. For her final event her topic was if two wrongs don’t make a right try a 3rd. Cheyenne gave her winning speech. The Board congratulated her on her win. Traci highlighted items from her report. There are 266 students currently enrolled in the secondary. The attendance rate is at our goal of 95% in the middle school and but below our goal in the high school. Upcoming events are the PARCC English and math assessments, NJC math/science competition, freshman orientation, senior trip, state science fair at CSU in Fort Collins. Eight students with five projects will be presenting. The spring musical, the ACT for juniors and the PSAT for sophomores will all be in April. Houghton Mifflin gave a presentation last week on their

math curriculum. She hopes to have a company picked by May. She has had 6 people interested in the business teaching position. It is currently listed as a part time position but she would like to offer it as a full time position. The deadline for applications is May 1st. She has heard from 3 individuals interested in the Ag position. Two of which are out of state. This position closes on April 18th. She would like one or two members of the Ag Advisory Committee to be in on the interviews. She's only had one person interested in the Spanish teaching position. She will be attending a job fair on April 7th and 8th. They are still working on the master schedule. It's hard to build it without knowing about the business program. Wendy stated that she was able to go to the fairgrounds and see the science fair projects. Traci said that they were able to use G/T funds to pay for the 4 or 5 students that are identified as gifted and talented. Traci stated that we need to talk about the materials we will need for the business program. Wendy suggested we talk to Calhan because they dropped their business program last year. Troy asked Joel how the job fair in Fort Hayes went. Joel stated it was disappointing.

Accountability:

Joel reported that they had the meeting on February 29th. Shirelle came and talked about the testing schedule and the comparison between the TCAP and the PARCC and CMAS. Their last meeting for the school year will be April 25th.

STUCO Report: (none given)

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

Dirk Pedersen highlighted items from his report. Winter sports are done. The girls basketball team won the district championship. There were three high school wrestling state placers. Kaleb Gaede got 2nd, Jayden Hilferty and Braden Kappel both got 4th. High school track will compete in their first meet on March 26th in Berthoud. The Warren Mitchell Invitational will be held on April 9th. There will probably be less teams participating because Cheyenne Wells is having a track meet the day before. There should be around 35 teams still participating. Troy asked how much we charge for an entry fee for the Warren Mitchell track meet. Dirk stated \$150 which is typical of most meets.

FFA Report:

Mercedes McCue gave the FFA report. On March 5th they had their beef weigh in for those who are going to participate in the Lincoln County Fair with cattle. On March 8th they participated in District events. They won and will be moving on to the state competition at the convention in June. Topper Parker and Anna Weisensee ran for a district office. Topper received Vice President and Anna received secretary. In April they will have District Career Development Events, the district banquet and chapter officer interviews. On April 21st they have their Chapter banquet. She invited everyone to come. On May 1st and 2nd they will attend the State CDE's at CSU. If they win, they will compete at the national level during the national convention in November.

Board Reports:

Wendy Pottorff stated that Building a Better Colorado is working on a bill to get on this year's ballot to debruce all of the state revenues. They have three proposed titles. The one CASB is guessing will most likely find its way onto the ballot is the proposed debruce 10 year sunset with similar strict obligations to use the money for education and transportation. The initial implementation of ESSA will begin next school year with the full implantation taking place the 2017-2018 school year. The State Board of Education and CDE are still working out the details of how it will affect Colorado schools. Regarding TABOR; if nothing is done by 2020 the negative factor will run out and everyone will be at base which means we will all be on a level playing field. There are about 60 school districts that won't be able to survive this. If the debrucing bill makes it through it will help 30% of the negative factor. The teacher shortage, especially for rural districts, is still a concern. South Dakota passed a 1% sales tax to be used for teacher salaries. There's talk about a cigarette tax in Colorado that would go strictly to mental health.

Troy stated that we received a grant from Cooper Clark in the amount of \$5,000 for the track. Mike stated that he attended the superintendent meeting at BOCES.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. The two BEST Grant applications for the locker room and roof are in. Jay is optimistic this year that we will get the funding. He stated that both Shirelle and Charlie have done a lot of work with scheduling and getting the computer labs ready for the State assessments. The roof company was out to check the leaks in Cass's office. They don't believe it's a roof issue, but a problem with the roof top units getting snow in them and when it melts it comes down the vents. They are looking at a way to stop the snow from getting in

these units. The bells are still not working as they should be. LINX is supposed to come out again and work on them.

Audience Participation: None

Action Items: **2016-2017 School Calendar**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve 1st reading of the 2016-2017 school calendar B. They discussed all four calendars. Calendars A and C were dropped because of the week off at Thanksgiving. Craig thought it would be a struggle for parents to find daycare for those two extra days off. The majority of staff voted for calendar A, in second was calendar C. Calendar B and D received the least amount of staff votes. The Board asked the administration which calendar they preferred between B and D. Traci picked B, Joel picked B and Dave picked D. They discussed how they would use the Monday and half a day Tuesday before Christmas break on calendar D. Joel stated that this was not good teaching time in the elementary. Dave stated they could have their Christmas party. Jill Bull asked why the staff was asked to vote on a calendar if the Board wasn't going to follow their recommendation. The Board stated that they did listen to the staff but were doing what they thought was correct. Jill stated that she would have rather had them pick a calendar and let staff know which one instead of letting us think we had a say in it. The motion failed with Craig, Jason and Wendy voting no. Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the 2016-2017 school calendar D. The motion passed with three ayes and Mike Hines and Troy Jaklich voting no.

Superintendent's Annual Performance Evaluation

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the superintendent's annual performance evaluation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Contract

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the superintendent's contract for David Marx. The only change from last year's contract was to delete the line regarding paying for accumulated vacation days. The motion passed unanimously.

3 Year Contract with LCDC

Wendy Pottorff moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 3 year contract with LCDC for the CPP program. It was discussed why this was on a 3 year contract. Craig stated that it was yearly but Scott Vratil wanted it changed to 3 years so the Board didn't have to vote on it each year. The motion passed with 4 ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

Coach

Ted Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve Troy Jaklich as a high school baseball volunteer assistant coach. The motion passed with four ayes and Troy Jaklich abstaining.

1st Reading of Revised Board Policies

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the following revised policies as presented –

ADD	Safe Schools
ADD-E	Safe Schools Exhibit
AE option 2	Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment
AE-R option 2	Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment
AEA	Standards Based Education
AEE	Waiver of State Law and Regulation
BC-R	School Board Member Financial Disclosure – Regulation
BDFa	District Personnel Performance Evaluation Council
BE	School Board Meetings
DAB-E	Financial Administration Online Posting of Financial Information
DEA	Funds from Local Tax Sources
GBGAB	First Aid Training
IKA	Grading/Assessment Systems
JLCD-R	Administering Medications to Students – Regulation
JLCE	First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
KLG	Relations with State Agencies

They discussed policy ADD with the optional section on child sexual abuse and assault prevention plan. Administration did not want to include this in the policy and since this was the only change, this policy was removed from the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy GBGG

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy GBGG, staff discretionary leave as presented. Craig stated that they added the bus driver time off. They are following what the bus drivers currently do but this wasn't in the policy. Also, now they can accrue their discretionary leave. They get 4 routes of paid discretionary leave per school year. It was discussed if a cap should be put on this. The Board decided not to put a cap on it because no other school employee has a cap. The motion passed unanimously.

Renner Contract

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the contract alternate 1 with Renner to resurface the track in the amount of \$127,500. Craig stated that the goal is to have enough money to choose alternate 2 by this summer. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach Resignation

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Brenda Higgins as assistant volleyball coach. Jason read Brenda's letter. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into Executive Session in accordance with CRS24-6-4-2(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters at 8:49pm. Dave Marx was asked to stay. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of Executive Session at 10:05pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center
At 10:06 p.m Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

Approved: _____
Date

President: _____
Troy Jaklich