

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	May MONTH	13 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 Vice Chairman Jack Horner at 7:00 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members except for Jason Bandy were presented.

**Mission Statement:** Sharon Newsom read the district mission statement.

**Agenda:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for May 13, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Audience:** Charles Hoffman, Kim Trujillo, Ellisa Noakes, Craig Bailey, Carrie West, Sharon Hansen, Carrie Bennett, Chuck Pierce, Terri Spencer Diggins and Peggy Niebur

**Minutes:** Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Participation:** Carrie Bennett reported to the Board what she is working on in her classroom in the middle school. She is working on publishing pieces from each grade. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is doing a class encyclopedia, 8<sup>th</sup> graders do a "Who Am I" book that they present to their parents at their 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation ceremony. 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working on a time capsule that integrates all of their subjects.

Sharon Hansen asked the Board to consider the high school teachers request to do away with the Senior Sneak. A copy of a letter signed by high school teachers was in the Board packet. The trip was originally intended to give the seniors, especially those that lived on a farm, a view of the outside world but most students have traveled so the reason isn't valid anymore. She was disturbed to hear that drinking on sneak is a tradition. She believes it is expensive and not fair to ask the community to support it. The kids are disobedient and they don't care. They don't think it's fair to be responsible for kids that don't care if they get into trouble. They believe that the money the students raise can be used for learning enhancements or field trips. Peggy Niebur stated that her husband's coworkers were saying the sponsors must not have been doing their job. Charles Hoffman stated that he had nothing but respect for the kids that came forward and that the sponsors did everything they should have been doing. Sharon stated we are putting the school in a bad liability situation. Jack asked what percent of kids go on the trip. Sharon stated about 90%. They would like for parents to take this over. Jack stated that the Board will have some discussions on this.

Dave Taussig asked the Boards permission to send home notes with students regarding the summer sack lunch program. He stated that this year they will be providing two days of hot lunches along with two days of sack lunches. They moved the location to the railroad park and will be offering the lunch Monday through Thursday. The food is donated and they are applying for a grant. Dave also wanted to make a public comment that Douglas County schools require their students to be involved with some type of community service as part of their high school career. Traci stated that this is a service learning program.

**Financial Reports:** Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for April of 2013 in the amount of \$305,528.15. 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. Current enrollment is at 195 and attendance continues to be above our goal of 95%. He was very pleased with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading TCAP results. He included a pie chart of the results in his report. He learned that there is supposed to be funding for kids identified as "significant reading deficiency" on CDE's READ report. He doesn't know how much the funding will be. Summer school letters were mailed. We usually have

around 35 kids attend. He thanked Kathy, Linda, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and high school students for all their help with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders on their I-On Health presentations. He has applied for a grant through CDE to pay for the tool to monitor students for the Early Literacy Assessment. He and Anna will be attending a regional training for the School Readiness program. He included all the activities for this month.

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

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. The attendance rates continue to improve but high school will probably not make the goal of 95%. The teaching staff will work additional days in May to work on student learning outcomes that is required by SB191. She congratulated Mrs. Zeschin for her success with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade play, Mrs. Higgins for the production of Bye Bye Birdie and Mr. Schmidt and his students for the awards received at the IA Fair. She included a list of all the upcoming events. She congratulated Shelly Chambers for receiving the Daniels Fund scholarship. The tutors gave a short presentation on bullying. Bart stated that he believes this is a much bigger problem than what people think. Traci stated that there will be a training for staff in August.

**Accountability:**

Joel stated they met on April 29<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the Improvement plan, the Best Grant and the awards banquet.

**Staff Report:** (none given)

**STUCO Report:** (none given)

**Athletic Department Report:**

Dirk Pedersen highlighted items from his report. There will be 12 girls and 6 boys going to State Track. High school baseball finished their season at 12 and 3. They lost at Districts last weekend so their season is over. He asked the Board if they wanted to include the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in middle school sports again this year. The Board agreed to this. He stated that the date of State Baseball is on a 2 year cycle. The schools are split about 50/50 who like that date and who do not. There are schools that are planning to hold graduation on that Saturday but they let parents know that it could move to Sunday if they were to play at State. Dirk stated that bullying was discussed at the AD conference. All athletic handbooks will have to have a section regarding the consequences for bullying by the 2014/2015 school year.

**FFA Report:**

Ellisa Noakes stated that she is the new chapter president. On May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> they went to Fort Collins for District CDEs. No one made it to State. They will have their fish release this weekend. They have the State Convention in Sterling and COLT camp coming up.

**Board Reports:**

Sharon Newsom stated that BOCES is ending the ECEC program. Dave stated that each district will have to figure out what to do with those students. We pay BOCES \$30,000 a year for three slots. The funding isn't there anymore to keep this program going. Traci said that one option will be bringing them back to school.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx thanked Kim and Peggy for putting everything together for Teacher Appreciation week. He and Michelle Fisher will be presenting our proposal to the BEST Board on May 29<sup>th</sup>. We should know by the early June if we are on the list. Les is looking at the projects for summer and will be hiring students for summer help.

**Audience Participation:**

**Action Items:**

**Late Start**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve late start on May 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the bad road conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coach**

Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve Sheryl Fagerlund as head volleyball coach for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

**2013-2014 Coaches**

Sharon Newsom moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve 2013-2014 Coaches as presented. The motion passed with three ayes and Bart abstaining.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2013-2014 Budget**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2013-2014 Limon School Budget as presented. The Board asked if there was an increase in the State funding. Kim stated it is showing an increase but that could change. They did base the new budget on the increase. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resignation Letter**

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to accept Stephanie Mauck's letter of resignation as teacher at Limon Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

**Probationary Teacher Contracts**

Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the probationary teacher contracts as presented. SB191 will change the probationary and non-probationary status for teachers. They can go from non probationary to probationary. The motion passed unanimously.

**Non-Probationary Teacher Contract**

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the non-probationary teacher contracts as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Work Session – Monday, June 17, 2013 at 6:00pm in the High School Library

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, June 17, 2013 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

**Adjournment:**

At 8:20pm Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.