

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

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Haselden Trailer MEETING PLACE	3:00 p.m. TIME	May MONTH	18 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 3:13 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.

Mission Statement: Wendy Pottorff read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Troy Jaklich moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for May 18, 2015 adding action item 12.8 1st reading of the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Audience: Chuck Jordan, Les Layton, Kim Steinhart, Charles Hoffman, Dan Bates, Gary Lewman and Mike O'Dwyer

Minutes: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 20, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items: **Haselden Change Order #10**
Craig Bailey moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the Haselden change order #10 for \$7,376.22 as presented. Dan Bates stated this is for the curb and gutter which the town is splitting the cost with us. Also, saw cut and patch for the permanent gas line and adding a data outlet to the speech office. Bart asked if they really needed to survey for the curb and gutter since they were just connecting from existing curb and gutter. Dan stated that they are doing this to be safe. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for April of 2015 in the amount of \$337,326.85. Bart 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. The school year ended with 233 students. Our attendance rate never fell below the goal of 95% all year. All testing was completed. 23 students were identified with a significant reading deficiency and will be put on a Read Plan. Over ½ of the 23 were kindergartners, which is what you want so that we can work on getting them up to grade level. We will receive funding for the 23 students but he doesn't know how much yet. It has been a different amount per student each year. Summer school letters were mailed and he will send a reminder letter in June. Mrs. Coonts and her 5th graders held a bake sale to raise funds for the Special Olympics. It was supposed to be held during Track and Field Day but since that was cancelled because of the rain they held it in the cafeteria. They raised \$602. He included a list of perfect attendance kids. He is still collecting applications for the 4th and 5th grade social studies teaching position. He hopes to start interviewing next week. Joel also talked to the Board about purchasing a new bus. He contacted Colorado West and asked them to give him a quote based on the same criteria of the bus we purchased in 2012. For a 78 seater including chains would be \$103,000 or \$133,000 for extra storage. It would cost \$475 more to go from a 250 engine to a 260. He included a financing proposal which would include a \$52,000 down payment and 2 more annual payments around \$26,000. Troy asked about trading in some of our buses that are taking up space. Joel is supposed to check on trading in bus 9 and bus 10. Craig stated that the purchase will be an action item in June but we need to wait until after this year's budget ends to purchase it.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Enrollment in the secondary ended at 247 which was one more than our October count. The secondary attendance rate is at 95.48%. She included a second semester discipline summary. She stated that the only item that wasn't accurate was the number of lunch detentions. She did not enter them all. She included the middle school and high school honor roll percentages. She congratulated Mr. Schmidt and his students for the IA Fair. It was only moved up a day but with all the testing they all did an amazing job on getting their projects done. She stated that Mercedes McCue would not be here today for the FFA report because she was attending the COLT training. She updated the Board on the Astronomy Project. We do not have to pay for anything but will have access to the building and equipment. They want to purchase the former ECEC building but it is taking longer than they thought. They are thinking it will be another 6 to 8 months before the purchase is finalized. She was asked if she will have any teaching positions to approve in June. Traci stated that she closed the part-time business teaching position. She only had one person interested in it. Also, Tyler Seaman will be teaching two Spanish classes over the VNets.

Accountability:

Joel stated that the last accountability meeting was on April 27th. The next meeting will be the second Monday in September.

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 the baseball and track records. The girls scored 6 points at the state track meet and the boys scored 2 points. Justin Peter won the 100 meter dash at the Special Olympics event. Dirk needs to tell Teddy Bandy that kids of all ages can participate in this. He changed the athletic handbook to say that the rules apply from the first day of fall sports practice until the last day of official competition. He also added that students must be an active participant in order to serve their suspensions and they cannot serve the suspension as a manager. The current volleyball coach is pregnant and due during the season so he has talked to Whitney Liggett about volunteering as a coach so we have more than one coach available. He did not list a cross country coach. He is going back and forth on whether to find someone. Right now he knows of 2 girls and possibly 1 boy interested. Craig stated that he would like to try at least one more year for the program. Charlie Hoffman asked if Lindsay Taylor was asked to coach. Dirk stated that he did talk to Lindsay but she didn't think she could take off work for fall and spring sports. Dirk agreed with Craig that they should try one more year.

FFA Report: (none given)

Board Reports:

Dave stated that he was asked if the new building could be used for church services starting in January. They have used the band room in the past. He wasn't sure which church wanted to use it. Les is supposed to check to see if he can get further information on this. Wendy stated that they contacted the town too. Troy asked about the gym usage in the summer. He was asked if there is open gym. Volleyball and basketball are using it now during the week and Mike O'Dwyer is using the weight room from 6:15 am to 7:15 am each morning. The town typically does not have open gym during the summer. Troy asked if the town paid for the use of the gym. Kim stated that they pay an annual discounted fee because we use both the softball and baseball fields.

Mr. Scherrer gave Dave a school lease and purchase plan for new instruments that he needs. The Board discussed other ways to pay for these instruments such as the Limon Education Foundation.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. He thought that all the moving should be done today.

Audience Participation: Mr. Lewman gave the Board and administration items to read for the summer.

Action Items:

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy GDBA-E, Classified Staff Pay Scale, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised List of Student Fees

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of the revised policy JQ-E, List of Approved Student Fees, Fines & Charges and revised policy EF-E, Approved Prices for Food Service Meals, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Extra-Curricular Activities Student Handbook

Troy Jaklich moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the extra-curricular activities student handbook as presented. Craig stated that we may need to change the civil rights wording. The motion passed unanimously.

Coaches

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the coaches for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion passed with four ayes and Bart O’Dwyer abstaining.

Resolution Changing Physical Address

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the resolution changing the school’s physical address to 912 Badger Way. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Designating the Posting Place for Meetings

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the resolution designating the posting place for public meetings to the front door of the Activities building for May, June and July and then the front door of the new school. Craig will fix the typo on the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Insurance

Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the health insurance plans for Limon Public Schools employees as presented. Mike O’Dwyer went over the renewal plans. He included two high deductible plans. One plan has a non-embedded deductible and one has an embedded deductible. The embedded policy has a higher maximum out of pocket amount than the non-embedded. The only difference in the non-embedded policy and our current high deductible policy is the \$1,000 increase to the deductible but this is only for prescriptions. Mike also stated that our current dental insurance premium went up. He recommends moving to Principal Insurance for our dental. We’ve had them in the past. Also, the vision plan increased. Mike included a VSP alternative option which is not that different from our current policy. The Board decided that the increase to the vision was not enough to make a change. Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to amend the approval of the health insurance plans to include policies BC12, BC17, 22A and 22E, the Principal Policy for our dental and our current VSP for vision. The district will pay \$565.00 towards the employee’s health insurance plan. Kim and Dave will send out a letter with a date and place for an open enrollment meeting to be held before June 12th. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of the Budget

Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the 2015-2016 Limon Public School Budget as presented. Kim stated that she added the State adjustment of \$142,000. This should be correct but the State has taken it back before. She didn’t take out Tyler’s salary or add the amounts for the new tractor and bus. Also, she budgeted \$40,000 for the insurance increase and it will only be \$20,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Craig asked if he could attend the July meeting via VNets since he will be out of town. Russell said this was fine and to check with Jarred at BOCES to see if he can connect through VNets.

Work Session – Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at East Central BOCES

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at East Central BOCES

Adjournment:

At 4:56 p.m. Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich 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: _____
Russell Lengel