

# 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	May MONTH	16 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 7:08pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Craig Bailey read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Mike Hines moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the agenda for May 16, 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. After hearing the FFA report, Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda adding action item 12.11b, approving the FFA out of State overnight trip. 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, Judy Cummings, DeAnna Steinhart, Topper Parker, Shirelle Bandy and Stacy Larson
- Minutes:** Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 18, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** None
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for April of 2016 in the amount of \$272,910.75. Troy asked Kim if this was more the norm or if \$400,000 like the last two months were typical. She stated that the norm is \$300,000. The next two months will be higher because of all the end of year ordering. July and August will be really low. The motion passed unanimously
- Education Reports:** **Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 229 elementary students enrolled. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. He included a sheet on the kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade DIBELS. We have 16 students identified with a “significant reading deficiency” which is down from last year. Summer school letters will be sent out later this week. The elementary awards assembly will be Thursday, May 26 at 9am in the Warren Mitchell Event Center. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Scherrer took 42 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students to participate in the elementary honor band held at Kit Carson school. The Spring Music Concert was held last Monday. He thanked Mrs. Higgins and Mr. Scherrer, staff and students for all their hard work. We will be offering a tuition based full day kindergarten again next year. This year went very well. The bike rodeo has been postponed until Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> because of the rain. All the field trips are done and successful. He thanked all the bus drivers for their help in getting the kids safely to their destinations. The elementary will be going to the Limon Museum on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the last month there have been 26 activity trips and they’ve logged 3,800 miles. School will be dismissed at noon on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.  
**Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. We currently have 262 secondary students enrolled. The attendance rate is above the goal of 95% in the middle school and just below in the high school. Tomorrow is the last day of school for the seniors. She asked the Board to meet by the high school girls’ locker room at 1:30 pm on Sunday to get ready for graduation. Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> will be the middle school awards night and 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation in the Warren Mitchell Event Center. The awards will be at 6pm and the continuation at 7pm. She’s excited to have Molly Wagner for our Business Ed program and Emily Rudder for the Ag Ed position. Molly came in last Thursday and met with Mr. Marx, Charlie and Rocky. She would like to send her to a BOCES on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Business Conference. She is working on getting her Career and Tech Ed

credentials. She included the schedule for the final exams. She asked the Board if she could order the new math books and Mr. Rockwell's books. Kim did build these costs in the budget. The Board agreed to let her order the new books. This is for geometry, algebra 1 and 2. Stacy asked the Board which one they should order, the hardback or the workbooks. The Board agreed that they should order the hardback books. She congratulated Mr. Schmidt and his students for their projects for the IA fail. Braden Kappel's grandfather clock was the overall winner. She thanked the staff for making it through all the ups and downs the last few years with all the moves, construction and the first year in the new school. Shirelle went over the counseling office news. She included the master schedule with the current enrollment numbers. She hasn't received every students schedule back yet. The Board was happy to see how many have enrolled in the business classes. Craig asked if we were going to offer college Spanish. Shirelle stated that Mary Andersen is still looking for a teacher for this class. She included the NWEA reports showing our students overall performance. She invited the Board to look at the cafeteria wall. Each student created their own character word.

**Accountability:**

Joel stated that he was at a ballgame so he asked Traci to talk about what was discussed. Traci said that they went over the master schedule, staff openings and math text books. Mr. Weber did a follow up on career and technology education. Joel said that Cindy Tacha is a new member to accountability.

**STUCO Report:** Shirelle stated that STUCO has decided to purchase 2 benches for the front of the school. They would like to see more thing on the walls of the school. Shirelle asked if the large picture of the badger was going up near the Warren Mitchell Event Center. The Board asked her to contact Cheryl Clanin because she was trying to raise funds for some sort of Badger for the walls.

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

Dirk Pedersen highlighted items from his report. Spring sports is coming to an end. There will be 15 high school track athletes and 4 alternates competing at the State Track Meet this weekend at Jeffco Stadium. The high school baseball team are district champions. They will play games on Friday in Pueblo. Our softball team was nominated to be recognized by Tom Robinson and CHSAA for their kindness to the Rock Ford softball team last fall when one of their players was killed in a car accident. When they were traveling through Limon our girls gave them all good bags and had signs made up for them. There will be an assembly on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Event Center to recognize them. Troy asked if the baseball team were going to Pueblo the night before the game. Dirk stated that he wouldn't recommend this. He believes they would be a better night sleep at home.

**FFA Report:**

Mercedes McCue gave the beginning of the FFA report. On April 21<sup>st</sup> they held their Chapter Banquet. The new officer team was installed; President Topper Parker, VP Anna Weisensee, Secretary Eleanna Rosler, Treasurer Ronnie Bailey, Reporter Ashlyn Gillis, Sent Jaden Smithburg and Historian Mikaela Taylor. Cheyanne Hope and she gave their retiring addresses. On April 30<sup>th</sup> three members helped with eh Big R Cattlemen's Day preparing and serving food. On May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> they participated in Sate CDEs. Topper Parker received a silver in Ag Mechanics. She and Cheyanne participated in a State Officer mock interview process. There are currently 22 candidates for 10 officer positions. She introduced Topper as the new FFA President. Topper went over their upcoming events. On June 6<sup>th</sup> they are going on a prestate FFA camping trip to Lake McConaughy in Nebraska. The Board discussed whether they would need to approve an out of state overnight trip. It was decided that they needed to add this to the action items.

**Board Reports:**

Wendy Pottorff stated that the Colorado School Finance Project are discussing the equity of school finance and would like the school boards, administrators, teachers and parents to be better equipped with information and background on why school finance isn't adequate nor equitable. The ESSA summit is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Shirelle is working on getting people to go to this. The Mental Health Professional Disclosure School Safety Act will have a signing ceremony on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This bill allows a mental health professional to disclose limited information about a client to school district and law enforcement if, in the professional's opinion, there is an "articulable and significant threat" to a school or the occupants. Lawmakers avoided most of the major budget cuts.

They discussed the current fish tank contract. We still owe about \$8,300. The contract is up on 12/31/2019. There are 6 students enrolled in aquaculture next year. Shirelle stated that typically there are between 5 and 10 enrolled but there are 19 students enrolled this year.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. We are scheduled to present to the BEST Board on May 25<sup>th</sup>. There are several districts going for roof work grants so they may go up on the 24<sup>th</sup> to listen to their presentations. Troy asked when we will know if we get the grant. Dave stated by that afternoon we should know if we are on the top of the list. Our PPOR funding for next year is going up to \$121.71 a student which will bring in an additional \$70,000. He thanked Kim and Wendy for getting everything done for teach appreciation week. He found out that we will need a Radon text on the new school. He talked to Chuck and he is getting information to do this. They will get it done this summer. All the new doors are on and painted. They discussed the SOT (Specific Ownership Tax) money. Dave talked to Tom Pellet???????????????? about this issue. He believes we can ask the county to go back and get this money or go forward as we have been. If we do not go back for the money, it will be used to retire the debit sooner. Jason and Craig both stated that they wouldn’t mind going back for the money if it is possible. There is about \$50,000. We need to write a policy for this. Dave will find out if there is a deadline that we need to get this done by.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:**

**Full Time Business Program**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the full time business program with FBLA Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

**Teaching Contract for Wendy Schubarth**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the probationary teaching contract for Wendy Schubarth as elementary special education teacher. Joel stated that Wendy did her student teaching with Deanna Steinhart and she has taken the Place Test. The motion passed unanimously.

**Teaching Contract for Emily Rudder**

Mike Hines moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the probationary teaching contract for Emily Rudder as ag teacher and FFA advisor. Emily has taught for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Teaching Contract for Molly Wagner**

Jason Bandy moved and Trey Hines seconded the motion to approve the alternative teaching contract for Molly Wagner as business teacher. Wendy stated that she has heard from community members that they are excited that we are going to offer business courses. Traci stated that Molly and Emily know each other through prior FFA events. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policy EF-E**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised policy EF-E, Approved Prices for Food Service Meals. Lunch prices have gone up 15 cents to comply with what CDE requires that we charge. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policy JQ-E**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised policy JQ-E, List of Student Fess, Fines and Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Revised Policy JLCE-E**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of revised policy JLCE-E, student health history form. According to the school nurse, we do not have to have parental permission to look up students’ immunization records. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2016-2017 Limon School Budget**

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2016-2017 Limon School Budget. They discussed the staff raises. Troy and Jason thought they agreed to a 2% raise but the budget was made with a 4% or \$500 raise. Craig stated that Mr. Marx was recommending this budget and he believed we have enough money in the budget for the 4%. Kim stated that she would like to get contracts out before school is out. Troy said to send out the contracts with the 4% raise. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nurse Contract**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the nurse contract 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Benefits Plan**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve benefits plan. Mike O’Dwyer went over the plans during the work session. We will be going with Cigna for our health

insurance and MetLife for our dental plan. Troy asked Dave if he was ok with switching insurance companies. Dave said yes he was ok with it. Troy asked the staff that were present if they were ok with the change. DeAnna Steinhart stated that she was ok with it as long as they were given insurance contacts to call in case they had issues. The motion passed unanimously.

**2016-2017 Coaches**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve 2016-2017coaches as presented. Dirk stated that Lindsey Taylor still needs to get some things done to be approved to coach for high school. The motion passed unanimously.

**FFA Out of State Trip**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the FFA out of state overnight trip to Lake McCaughey in Nebraska in June. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into Executive Session in accordance with CRS24-6-4-2(4)(h) to discuss student matters at 8:50. Traci, Dave, Kim, Stacy, Shirelle and Joel were asked to stay. At 10:05 Stacy and Kim left and they switched to personnel topics. At 10:50 Traci, Joel and Shirelle left. The motion passed unanimously.

**Out of Executive Session**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of Executive session at 11:20. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Work Session – Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:**

At 11:21 p.m Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Jaklich