

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

Regular	Media Center	7:00 p.m	May	21	2018
KIND OF MEETING	MEETING PLACE	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

Craig Bailey  
PRESIDING OFFICER

Jason Bandy  
MEMBER

Mike Hines  
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx  
SUPERINTENDENT

Theron Perry  
TREASURER

Wendy Pottorff  
SECRETARY

**Roll Call:** The regular Board of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by President Craig Bailey at 7:14pm. Roll call showed all Board members except Jason Bandy were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone stood and recited the pledge.

**Mission Statement:** Mike Hines read the district mission statement.

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

**Audience:** Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Anna Weisensee, Jill Bull, Will Bublitz, Emily Rudder, Molly Wagner, Mikaela Taylor, Shirelle Bandy and Drew Albers

**Agenda:** Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for May 21, 2018 adding action item 12.14, approve moving Mardelle Martin, Librarian, from classified to certified 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 16, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Participation:** Gary Lewman asked the Board to consider adding a health curriculum teaching students healthy eating habits. He stated that there are studies showing you can live longer by eating a salad a day.

**Education Reports:**  
**FBLA Report:**  
 Mikaela Taylor gave the FBLA report. Ten of the 20 members that attended the state conference in Vail placed in the top 10. Seven members will be attending National Conference in Baltimore, MD June 27<sup>th</sup> thru July 2<sup>nd</sup>. They made \$1,000 from their Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser. This will help with their costs for Nationals. They had 11 members run for office for next year. The new officer team is Kit Bellefeuille – Parliamentarian, Ashlyn Churchwell – Treasurer, Sidney Hines – Secretary, Bradyn Tacha – Vice President and Mikaela Taylor – President. They held their first FBLA banquet on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was more of an ice cream social. They made \$2,300 from the silent auction of items donated from community members and businesses. They made \$3,049 from their cabbage pocket fundraiser.

**STUCO Report:**  
 Drew Albers is the new student council president. There were 10 people that ran for the 5 office positions. The new officers are Brylie Thompson, Kory Tacha, Camden Smithburg and Ky Bandy. The Homecoming theme for next year is A Road Trip to Victory. Their idea for dress up day and floats is for students to pick a city and dress up like someone from there. The major plans they have is to bring back a drink vending machine and to donate \$200 to FBLA for plants under the reader board in the dirt parking lot.

**FFA Report:**  
 Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. They gave out numerous awards at their banquet on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The new 2018-2019 officer team is Ashlyn Gillis – Reporter, Jaden Smithburg – Treasurer, Amy Weisensee – Secretary, Mahalie Owens – Vice President and Anna Weisensee – President. They had their State CDE’s April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The Agriculture Sales team of Eleanna Rosler, Amy Weisensee, Mahalie Owens and Ashlyn Gillis along with Anna Weisensee in Employment Skills all placed in the gold category and were first overall which means they will be competing at Nationals in October. This is the first time the Limon FFA Chapter will be competing at Nationals. The State Convention is June 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. Anna will be going up earlier because she was selected to be on

the State nominating committee. They have 27 members going to State Convention. Cheyenne Hope is running for a state office. Mikaela Taylor will be competing in Prepared Public Speaking and the Parliamentary Procedure Team will be competing as well. They received a gold placing in their National Chapter Award which means they are one of the top ten chapters in the state out of 110 chapters. Mikaela gave her prepared public speech to the board and audience. She had to write it herself, it had to be ag related and be 6 to 8 minutes long. Her speech was on the waste of food in the US and ideas on how to stop it.

**Staff Report:** None Given

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 196 students in the elementary. Our attendance rate never fell below the goal of 95%. The elementary awards assembly is on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Warren Mitchell Event Center. The Elementary Honor Band was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Elbert School. He thanked Ms. Graham and Mr. Scherrer for their efforts with the spring music concert that was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We had 100% participation in the full day kindergarten program this year. The weather was great for track and field day on May 16<sup>th</sup>. He thanked all the agencies that helped put on the Bike Rodeo for the elementary on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo tomorrow for the last elementary field trip. On Friday, Cheri Eurich let he and Traci know that she was chosen for the GE Adaptive Program Grant. This will be for K-12. She will be receiving supplies including a 3D printer by the end of September. Cheri is very excited for this. Marianne Johnson has decided not to drive bus for the school anymore. Rhonda Blackwelder has also told Joel that she is done driving bus.

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

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. She thanked Kim for all the gifts, effort and thoughtfulness during Staff Appreciation week. The staff had a lot of good things to say about it all. The middle school and high school were at the 95% attendance rate. Today was the last day for seniors. She reminded Board members to meet by the high school girls' locker room on Sunday at 1:30pm for graduation. L Club Banquet is tomorrow night and the middle school awards and 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation ceremony will be Wednesday night. She congratulated Miss Rudder for being selected as the 2018 Outstanding Early Career Teacher Award for Colorado Agricultural Education. The banquet will be June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in Fort Collins. She also congratulated Mr. Schmidt and his students for all their projects and awards received at the IA Fair. She included the master schedule with enrollment numbers. MCC pre-registration for the fall is complete. The final 7 Mindsets Assembly for the school year was a success. The seniors each picked a quote and shared with the audience. She, along with Shirelle and the Rockwells will be going to a 7 Mindset training in Lone Tree in June. Wendy Pottorff stated that her sister in Elizabeth would like to have them come and do a 7 Mindset training for her school.

**Accountability:**

Joel stated that there was a scheduling conflict for the April meeting and it wasn't rescheduled so they won't meet again until September.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. All the spring sports are done. The baseball team finished their season 13-6. They won the district tournament. They beat Calhan at the State tournament 5 to 4 by lost to Paonia 10 to 0. The middle school track teams both won the Union Pacific League meet. At the high school state track meet Elivia Hilferty placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the shot put, Celby Hollenbaugh placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the high jump, Cole Younger, Jaron Carpenter, Braden Sandersfeld and Hauk Hubbard placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 4x200 meter relay. The L Club Banquet is tomorrow night with dinner at 6pm and awards at 6:45. CHSAA adopted the NFHS calendar so fall sports will start on August 6<sup>th</sup>. At the coaches meeting he held, they talked about making some changes to the athletic handbook. They would like to change the tobacco suspension to 15 days instead of 30. A majority of the coaches would also like to see us go back to students with two 'F's being ineligible instead of the one 'F' ineligibility we have now. Anna Weisensee received the Touching Hearts through Athletic Award. A gentleman that goes by Coach Grandpa from Arizona travels around the surrounding states looking for students to give this award to.

**Financial Reports:**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for April of 2018 in the amount of \$268,814.19. Wendy read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Reports:** Wendy is still working on getting signatures for Initiative 93. Last they tallied they only had half the signatures they need. There will be an end of year CASB meeting in the cafeteria next week on Wednesday. It's free but they are serving lunch so you need to register. Craig stated that at the LEF meeting in April they gave \$2,000 to Molly for the FBLA trip and money for Brandie B. to purchase 25 to 30 Chrome books for her classroom.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Joel presented the roof grant proposal to the BEST Board last week. Joel stated that it was quite the experience. He went up the day before to listen to other presentations. He was surprised that they didn't ask him any questions. We were put on the short list. The match is higher than we thought but it will really depend on what the bids come in at. He thanked Kim for all the work she did making the week of Teacher Appreciation such a hit.

**Action Items:** **Consideration of Superintendent's Decision**  
Theron Perry moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion that the Board affirm the Superintendent's decision to uphold the administration's level II disciplinary decision and to continue to uphold the policies in the student handbook; and that the Board secretary be directed to notify the parent of the Board's decision. The detention must be served tomorrow, Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If not served, another level 2 offense of willfully disobeying supervisors be handed down. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coaches**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve Kristen Allen as head coach and Jennifer Nestor as volunteer assistant coach for the color guard program. They will be under Dirk's supervision. The salary, right now, will be based on middle school coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coach Resignations**

Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion accept the resignation of Mike Campbell as head middle school girls' basketball coach and assistant high school girls' basketball coach and Andy Love as head middle school football coach. The motion passed unanimously.

**Teacher Resignations**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Allison Graham as music/choir teacher and Taralee Williams as middle school social studies teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policy EF-E-3**

Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion of approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised policy EF-E-3, approved prices for food service meals; raising the student lunch prices by \$.05 and the adult lunch prices by \$.40. Craig asked how bills were. Jill and Kim both thought that we have been getting more payments by offering paying by credit card. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2018-2019 School Budget**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2018-2019 Limon School budget as presented. There will be changes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in June. The motion passed unanimously.

**Demonstration of Compliance Supplement**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the demonstration of compliance supplement, not supplant under the Every Student Succeeds Act, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**2018-2019 BOCES Assignment Agreement**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2018-2019 BOCES assignment agreement consolidated application plan, as presented. This is related to the last action item. It deals with federal programs such as Title. We could do the application plan ourselves but BOCES does a great job. The motion passed unanimously.

**District Benefit Contributions**

Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the district benefit contributions for 2018-2019 for life, vision, dental and health. The district contribution will stay the same at \$600 for the health insurance. The cost per plan did go up. The motion passed unanimously.

**Step on Salary Schedule**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve awarding a step on salary schedule for all professional and classified staff. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policies GCBA-E and GDBA-E**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised Policies GCBA-E, teacher salary schedule and GDBA-E, classified staff pay schedule as presented. This will raise the teacher base pay by \$1,500, classified staff by \$1.00 an hour and maintenance director, business manager and tech director by \$1,500. The motion passed unanimously.

**Transferring CPP Money to LCDC**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve transferring the CPP ending fund balance of \$6,924, leaving \$100 in the account to Limon Child Development Center. This money can only be spent on the CPP program. Kim called the auditor to see if she could close this account but they told her this needs to be in its own account. The motion passed with four ayes and Craig Bailey abstaining.

**Out of State Trip**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the out of state trip for FBLA to Baltimore, MD on June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Charlie Martinez will be going as a sponsor. BOCES will be covering \$1,500 of Molly’s trip. The motion passed unanimously.

**Moving Mardelle Martin to Certified Teacher**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve moving Mardelle Martin, librarian, from classified staff to certified 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher. Mardelle has been our librarian for 11 years and has a master degree and a teaching license. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Budget Work Session – Tentatively Thursday, June 7, 2018 6:00pm at Limon School Large Conference Room  
Work Session – Monday, June 18, 2018 6:00pm at Limon School Media Center  
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, June 18, 2018 7:00pm at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:**

At 8:35pm Theron Perry moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. Jason stated that he would not be at the May Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Jill Bull, Clerk to the Board of Education

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

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Bailey