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

Limon, Colorado

Regular Media Center 7:00 p.m. November 21 2016 KIND OF MEETING MEETING PLACE TIME MONTH DAY YEAR

Troy Jaklich
PRESIDING OFFICER
Jason Bandy
MEMBER

Craig Bailey

Dave Marx

VICE CHAIRMAN

SUPERINTENDENT

Mike Hines Wendy Pottorff TREASURER 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 7:01pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.

**Mission Statement:** Wendy Pottorff read the district mission statement.

**Agenda:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the agenda for November 21,

2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Audience: Kim Steinhart, Gary Lewman, Molly Wagner, Topper Parker, Emily Rudder, Zach Churchwell,

Charles Hoffman, Zeb Baylie, Luke Vezy, Dylan Rhodes and Carla Stone

Minutes: Mike Hines moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting

minutes of October 17, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: Gray Lewman gave each Board member and administrator a thank you card for exceeding the

State's and federal's graduation rates.

Luke Vezy who is an EMT and is helping Carla Stone supervise the weight room on open gym nights wanted to speak to the Board about using the weight room four days a week. The only issue they have had is having it open during a school function which they now know they can't use it at that time. They currently use it from 7pm to 9pm and no one under 18 is allowed up. They started offering Monday through Thursday from 7pm to 9pm with the help of Dylan Rhodes. They are in constant communications with the custodians. He would like to collaborate with the school to keep this going. Troy stated that the only issue they have right now is with access to the whole school. We are currently working on a solution. Dylan Rhodes stated that if access is a problem, they can just have the people wanting to use the weight room call them to be let into the gym. Jason stated that they will also need to be escorted out. They discussed writing up an agreement to cover liability. Carla stated that she has those that use the weight room sign a liability form for the town. Kim stated that when we sold weight room keys they had to sign a liability form for the school. Carla stated that she could add that form to hers. Right now the town is charging \$3 a session or \$50 a semester. Also, they offer the weight room access as a benefit for being on the Limon ambulance crew. The Board agreed to allow the town to offer the weight room Monday through Thursday from 7pm to 9pm as long as there isn't a school function going on and they need to escort the public in and out of the building until the roll down door is installed.

Financial Reports: Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and

Insurance Reserve expenditures for October of 2016 in the amount of \$426,307.87. Jason read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously. Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Capital Reserve expenditures for October of 2016 in the amount of \$25,166.00. This is for the bus payment. The motion passed unanimously. We did get approved for the track loan but haven't seen any papers yet. We can approve this at the December Board

meeting.

**Education Reports:** FBLA Report:

Zach Churchwell gave the FBLA report. Peak Vista donated \$500 to their chapter for participating in the breakfast during Homecoming. They would like to continue to partner with the Limon FBLA chapter. There were only 6 people that attended the veteran's breakfast. They learned that they need to advertise in the local paper. They are still working out the details for their fundraiser during basketball season, "Shoot for the Loot". They haven't set a price yet for the basketballs. Troy suggested that they tell all the little kids that the one that can gather the most balls after the shoot for

the loot can get \$10. Zach is encouraging the FBLA members to study and work on their events to get ready for district and state competitions.

STUCO Report: None Given

**FFA Report:** 

Topper Parker gave the FFA report. They took 5 students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Cassie Alcorn also went to receive her American Degree. They went on two tours to Kelsay Dairy and Hunter Honey Farm. He thanked Mr. Albers for taking them to the airport and picking them up. Anna Weisensee attended the Douglas County's speaking night on November 11th. She helped run holding rooms and also announced awards. Miss Rudder helped judge events. They served dinner on November 12th and Bucko's Banquet. They also sold Crystalyx tickets as a fundraiser. Crystalyx is a salt and mineral supplement for cattle. They had their hired hand auction on November 17th. They served 125 community members and 40 FFA members. Their gross profit was about \$16,000. The money goes to membership for trips. He thanked Wendy for coming to support them. Miss Rudder has submitted FFA grant requests to Colorado Corn, JBS 5 Rivers, Colorado FFA Foundation, Dean Singleton SAE Innovation and CASE Certification. The money was specifically asked for in the areas of updating some equipment to create an industry relevant shop and greenhouse and plant science training to get the greenhouse and horticulture idea off the ground. Emily stated they have a scholarship of \$1,000 to send 2 students to Washington. Wendy asked if members have to buy their jackets. Emily stated that there are two options to get their jackets. They can complete 7 out of 9 points by the Hired Hand Auction to get their jacket for free or they can buy their jacket for \$65.

Staff Presentation: None Given

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 228 students enrolled. Our attendance rate continues to be above our goal of 95%. Parent Teacher conferences were the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Elementary teachers held conferences for those 2 weeks in order to talk to all parents. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is taking the CogAT assessment this week which aids in the evaluation of our gifted and talented student talent pool. He listed all the professional development going on. Jill Coonts is running the PLC meetings again. Cherri Eurich talked about the science curriculum. He attended the CMAS/PARCC administration training with Shirelle at BOCES and couldn't believe how much work goes into getting everything ready before the actual testing. We had the Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. They raised over \$5,000. 22 teachers received \$90 each to pick out books for their classrooms. They also held a family math night the same night as the family book fair night. They had tables set up to show parents our new math program. Limon Public School received \$3,000 from TANF (temporary assistance for needy families). The elementary will use \$1,500 for school supplies for school and/or for after school tutoring.

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

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Currently there are 243 students enrolled in the secondary. Both the middle school and high school attendance rates are above our goal of 95%. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are taking the CogAT test this week. They had 113 parents attend parent teacher conferences. This is lower than in the past but we have fewer students. She attended the Career and Technical Education conference at NJC on November 14th with Don Schmidt, Molly Wagner and Emily Rudder. She asked Emily and Molly to tell the Board what they learned. Emily is working on ICAPs for all of her students even if they aren't Ag related. Molly needs to take two more classes to become CTE certified. She plans on taking these over the summer. Troy stated that he is excited about all the paths that will be available for the business classes. Molly stated that in her business tech classes she has some students taking graphic design, criminology, and computer tech classes. Traci included a draft of the finals schedule. She thanked the coaches for a great fall season, Miss Wagner for hosting the Veteran's day social, Miss Rudder for a successful hired hand auction, Mrs. Bennett for her "I Love to Write Day" video and the band students for raising over \$6,800 from their cookie dough sales. On Friday, November 18th there were about 110 students auditioning for honor band and also there was a gifted and talented event going on at the school. She praised Mrs. Larson, Mr. Scherrer and the custodians for working together that day. Nissa Calkum was chosen for middle school All-State Women's Choir and Cassidy Thompson was chosen for the high school All-State Choir. Mrs. Bennett and NJHS collected 750 cans of food for the Lincoln County food drive. The NOT (Not On Tobacco) program started on November 17th. Limon School District RE-4J - Board of Education Minutes –November 21, 2016 Page 3

> There were three sophomores selected for the HOBY leadership program. The tutor center is working with 6 elementary students on the Imagine Learning site.

## **Accountability:**

Joel stated their next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. The fall sports are all done. He included all their records. Middle school boys basketball has 25 out, girls have 23 out. There are 22 boys out for high school basketball and 19 girls. Their first games will be on December 2nd at the Kiowa Tournament. There are 9 out for wrestling. Their first meet is on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Akron. State spirit will be December 9th and 10th.

**Board Reports:** 

Wendy attended The Hired Hand FFA Banquet and was amazed by all they do. Craig attended the LEF meeting in November. They discussed Colorado Gives Day which is coming up. The BOCES Board meeting is next week on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. The audit was completed on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Dixon brought another person with him to help because of the BEST Grant. He complimented Kim on having everything ready for them and the work she does during the year. Mike Hines and Craig Bailey were at the exit interview along with Dave and Kim. Jay Hoskinson is helping to get the RFP (request for proposal) put together to send out. He just wants to make sure that the design drawings are set so we don't have a lot of change orders. Tom and Zeb have put up the no dogs or pets on school property signs. The internet was not working well last week. Charlie has been talking to Jarred at BOCES on a solution if this were to happen again. Jay Hoskinson informed Dave that Mapleton did pass their bond so we did not get the grant for a new roof for the gyms. Jay did say to reapply but make sure to look at the money amount because costs could have gone up.

**Audience Participation:** None **Action Items:** 

Coach

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve Trinity Moses as volunteer assistant cheerleading coach. The motion passed unanimously.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of revised policy GDBA-E, classified staff pay scales as presented. This needed to change because of the increase in minimum wage. The motion passed unanimously.

### 1st Reading of Revised Policy JICA

Craig Bailey moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy JICA, student dress code as presented. Troy asked Traci if there was a way to tighten up this policy so we didn't have to revise it all the time. Traci stated that she added saggy pants because she didn't want to see the student's underwear showing. This particular student did his homework and told Traci that it wasn't in the handbook. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Lease Agreement**

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the lease agreement between Limon Public Schools and Zeb Baylie for the school residence located at 861 F Avenue as presented. The physical address of the school needs to be updated and then Dave will get the Boards' signatures. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:** 

CASB Annual Convention – December 7th to December 10th, 2016 at the Broadmoor Work Session - Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting - Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media

Center

**Adjournment:** 

At 8:38 p.m Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff 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 Educ	eation	
Approved:	President:Troy Jaklich	