

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

Regular	Media Center	7:00 p.m.	November	27	2017
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 outgoing Board President Troy Jaklich at 7:00pm. Roll call showed all Board members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood and recited the pledge.

Mission Statement: Wendy Pottorff read the district mission statement.

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

Audience: Lee Fisher, Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Anna Weisensee, Mikaela Taylor, Molly Wagner, Cheryl Thompson, Cheryl Rockwell, Will Bublitz, Kirsten Tacha and Greg Tacha

Certification of Votes: Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the certification of votes cast from Lincoln and Elbert County on the November 7, 2017 election and to certify the election of Directors of the Board of Education for four year terms and for the Secretary of the Board of Education to deliver a certification of election to each elected candidate and forward a copy of each certificate to the Colorado Department of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

Oath of Office: Judge Fisher swore in Craig Bailey, Theron Perry and Wendy Pottorff to Craig and Wendy's second term and Theron's 1st term as School Board Members.

Election of Officers:
President
Wendy Pottorff nominated Craig Bailey, Mike Hines nominated Jason Bandy. The Board each wrote down their vote. Craig Bailey received 3 votes and Jason Bandy received 2 votes. Craig Bailey was voted in as President.

Vice President
Craig Bailey nominated Wendy Pottorff, Jason Bandy nominated Mike Hines. The Board each wrote down their vote. Mike Hines received 3 votes and Wendy Pottorff received 2 votes. Mike Hines was voted in as Vice President.

Secretary
Craig Bailey nominated Wendy Pottorff. Wendy received unanimous aye votes.

Treasurer
Jason Bandy nominated Theron Perry, Theron Perry nominated Jason Bandy. The Board each wrote down their vote. Theron Perry received 3 votes and Jason Bandy received 2 votes. Theron Perry was voted in as Treasurer.

BOCES Rep
Craig Bailey stated he would like to continue being the BOCES rep. He was nominated and received unanimous aye votes.

BOCES Alternate Rep
Jason Bandy was nominated and received unanimous aye votes.

CASB Rep
Wendy Pottorff was nominated and received unanimous aye votes.

LEF Rep
Theron Perry and Craig Bailey were nominated and received four aye votes with Theron voting no. Craig stated that he and Wendy were also on the Agate SOP committee and that Wendy is also on the FFA Advisory committee. He asked the Board if anyone wanted to volunteer to be on the IA and FBLA Advisory committees. No one volunteered.

Agenda: Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for November 27, 2017 adding action item 15.8, approving superintendent's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 16, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Education Reports: FBLA Report:

Mikaela Taylor gave the FBLA report. They held their Veteran's Day social on November 11th. They doubled attendees from last year from 4 to 8. They had donuts and coffee for the veterans. They took the extra donuts to the football game and handed out the remaining donuts to the veterans that were there. In all they reached 22 veterans that day. They received Veterans' addresses to send them Christmas cards and thank you letters. They held a Dime War the week of November 6th to raise money for the March of Dimes. They raised \$325.72. The testing event for districts will be on January 8th and the district competitions will be held on February 8th. They want each member to be involved in at least 1 test and 1 live competition or 2 testing.

STUCO Report:

Anna Weisensee and Mikaela Taylor reported to the Board that the STUCO vending machine is going well. They are thinking of using the money from the vending machine for a month as a fundraiser for Joanna Feasel. Mikaela stated that they helped with the 7 Mindset assembly on the 20th. They are concerned about the traffic flow in the high school hallway.

FFA Report:

Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. John Stahley visited and gave great feedback to Miss Rudder. He'll be back in February and will attend the February School Board meeting. Nine students attended the National FFA convention. Carrie Owens was the second chaperone. She congratulated former Limon FFA members, Mercedes McCue, Cheyenne Hope and Joe Weisensee for receiving their American Degrees which is the highest degree they can get. On November 8th they had Speaking is Easy as Pie night. They held three contests; FFA Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. The top 2 from each contest will be going to represent us at a district level. The top 2 in Creed speaking were CJ Caton and Gaige Hilferlty. The Prepared Public Speaking was such a tight contest that they asked if they could send 3 students and were told they could. Those 3 are Mikaela Taylor, Eleanna Rosler and Amy Weisensee. The top 2 in Extemporaneous speaking were Anna Weisensee and Jaden Smithburg. On November 16th they held their Hired Hand auction. They averaged about \$325 per member. The district speaking contest will be on December 4th in Miami Yoder. They will be sharing a trailer with Becky and Shirley Jo Thompson for the Parade of Lights on December 14th. Miss Rudder will be flying to Tennessee on December 5th to receive a Teacher Turn the Key award for best teacher in year 1-3 in Colorado and will be interviewed for a chance at a regional award. They will have their officer retreat on the 18th and 19th in Denver. Zeb Baylie will be the male chaperone. Craig congratulated Miss Rudder.

Staff Report:

Mr. Albers asked Cheryl Thompson and Cheryl Rockwell to talk to the Board about the math program the elementary is currently using. Cheryl Thompson stated they are using Bridges which has high level learning. The three components are number corner, main Bridges lessons and work place. They kindergarten uses the number corner as calendar time using patterns and 2D and 3D shapes. They count the number of days in school and use count and compare. Cheryl Rockwell said they use the calendar also in 4th and 5th grade. 4th grade is working on elapse time and 5th grade is graphing using shapes. Cheryl T. stated that the lessons are very hands on and require a lot of prep work for the teachers. Cheryl R. stated that there is a lot of visual things. Cheryl T. said that the work places are practice that is designed to feel like games. Her students really enjoy this and they use it 6 to 8 times a week. She showed an example of one of the games. Cheryl R. stated that the upper grades are more like games on paper. The kids love it but don't use it as often because a lesson can take over an hour to teach. Cheryl T. stated that some of the challenges with the program are the amount of prep time and that some lessons may need 2 days to teach. They are still using paper so they can gauge where the kids are at. She also stated that they are now seeing a lot of growth from their students. Cheryl R. asked her students what they thought of the math program. They stated that the math is challenging and fun, it makes them think, they like not having to carry heavy books to their locker and that they like the games they play. Theron stated that it's not just the program but the teachers that teach it.

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 202 students in the elementary with 2 new students starting tomorrow. Our attendance rate is above the goal of 95%. Parent Teacher conferences went well. The 2nd grade took the CogAT test last week. This assessment aids in the evaluation of our gifted and talented students. Jodi Church from BOCES is helping teachers with the new reading series. Joel hasn't heard from Mrs. Martin yet on how well the Scholastic Book Fair went. He thanked her and the many volunteers for all their work to make the book fair a success. They also held a Family Literacy night along with family night for the book fair. There didn't seem to be as many people attending as in years past. The elementary will be decorating trees at the Senior Center this Thursday. This is a seasonal tradition in the community. The elementary student council held a fundraiser on November 14th for the Feasel family. It was the 50th day of school so staff and students could dress up like the 1950s and donate a multiple of 50 cents. They'd like to do another dress up day the last week before break. They led the school in a dance at the 7 Mindset assembly.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are currently 267 secondary students. Attendance is above the goal of 95%. There were approximately 120 parents that signed in for the secondary on Wednesday and Thursday night for parent teacher conferences. Traci included drafts A and B of the winter final schedule. They would like to try draft B which would give the secondary more time to work on grading their finals and get grades posted on Thursday. The difference would be having finals on Monday and only makeups on Thursday of that week. The secondary would only have those students here that need to make-up a final. Those secondary students that met expectations in math and English on last year's state test will be exempt from those finals. The middle school students that are exempt will go to the bowling alley. MCC is offering a \$50 per credit scholarship for the 2nd semester. Mrs. Bennett held her annual "I Love to Write Day" on November 15th. The middle school had 8 students make Eastern Colorado Honor Choir and 6 high school students although only 2 were available to go. The senior class will again be hosting a Holiday Craft show on December 9th during the home wrestling matches. Elizabeth Morrone, a counselor from Kiowa, nominated Mrs. Bandy for Counselor of the Month and she was picked for December. Shirelle told the Board about the 7 Mindsets all school assembly held on November 20th. They paired high schoolers with the primary kids which worked well. Emily Rudder spoke to the secondary on being an individual. Cheryl Rockwell explained the Shout Outs. Zeb Baylie had his name drawn and won a t-shirt but Mardelle Martin had her name in there 3 times so she was also given a t-shirt. They had 9 sophomores submit applications for the HOBY Leadership program. They are hoping to send up to 5 students. We are hoping to get a grant to pay the \$275 tuition.

Accountability:

Joel stated the next meeting is coming up quick and will be next Monday, December 4th.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. The fall season is done. He included all their records. High school wrestling has their first tournament on December 2nd in Akron. There have been some unfortunate instances that mostly effects wrestling so Ted Bandy and Kelly Packer will now be the administration in charge during wrestling meets in case there is an issue that arises. Also he talked to Sherri Bandy about being the go to person for our female wrestler. There are 10 possibly 11 wrestlers. The middle school boys basketball have competed in 9 games so far and the girls have competed in 2. The high school spirit competition will be held on December 8th and 9th. Cheer will perform on December 8th and Dance will perform on December 9th. If they make it to the finals they will perform the evening of December 9th. Jerry Allen included a high school speech update. There are three coaches to be approved.

Financial Reports:

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for October of 2017 in the amount of \$381,080.24. Jason read the breakdown of \$345,914.24 general fund expenditures and \$35,166.00 capital reserve expenditures. Dave state that we are on the right trend. Craig stated that there is less revenue than last year. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Reports:

Wendy stated that the CASB convention is this week. Craig and Wendy will be going. Theron is going to try and go to the new School Board Members session. She also said that the MCC President visited Kirk's winery in Washington State.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Mike Dixon finished the audit on Wednesday, November 15th. He, Kim, Craig and Theron went over it with Mike. Mike complimented Kim on the great job she does getting things ready for them. Mike suggested that the district not transfer any funds into the activities account because there is over \$50,000 in that account. He would like us to split it so we don't have to make any transfers. The work on the water softener made a bit of a mess last Wednesday. They accidentally heated up one of the sprinklers and set it off. The whole system will need to be recharged. Dave suggested that the Board and LEF work together to partner up on updating our technology with the money they know they are getting each year. He suggested that Charlie and some teachers meet with both the Board and LEF to discuss the technology needs in the school. One or more Board members are invited to the February SAC meeting at BOCES. It was decided that it would be a good opportunity for Theron to learn more about the BOCES. There was a resignation letter from a para. Craig asked if we will be replacing her. Joel stated that we will be replacing her. They are looking at people that they have already interviewed. There was also information from CHSAA on the Hall of Fame Class of 2017. Don Kimble is included in the group. Craig is planning on going to the dinner and suggested we send more members.

Action Items:

2nd and Final Reading of New Policy KF-E-2

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of new policy KF-E-2, Weight Room Use form as presented. Craig asked if we need to advertise this. Mike asked if we have a camera. Dirk said that the plan is to move the camera that looks at the outside door to upstairs. Dave said that they looked at it and Charlie should be able to add it to the system. Mike said that if not we should put it on a separate system. Theron asked if the insurance company knows we are going to sell keys. Dave said he will talk to them tomorrow. It was decided that they would table this 2nd reading until the December Board meeting so Dave can talk to the insurance company. Jason Bandy moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to table the 2nd and final reading of new policy KF-E-2. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy BEDB

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy BEDB, Agenda as presented. This change is to move the education reports in front of the financials so the kids can leave earlier. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy IHCDA

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy IHCDA, concurrent enrollment as presented. Craig stated that this is to increase the districts payment from 2 credits to 3 credits. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy GDBA-E, classified staff pay schedules as presented. Craig stated that this is to raise the base up 90 cents because of the increase to minimum wage. They discussed this in the work session. It will cost the district about \$40,000 in one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Coaches

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve Mike Campbell as head middle school girls' basketball coach, Dave Marx as assistant middle school girls' basketball coach and Dillion Rodes as volunteer high school assistant wrestling coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorizing Signatures Resolution

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the signatures on the school's bank accounts as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into Executive Session in accordance with CRS24-6-402(4)(h) for the purposes of discussing an individual student discipline matter that serves as the basis for a complaint received pursuant to Board Policy KE and pursuant to CRS24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice on Board of Education responsibilities and procedural requirements pursuant to Policy KE at 8:30pm. Dave was invited for a portion of the session. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Executive Session

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of executive session at 9:09pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent’s Decision

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the superintendent’s decision as to complaint filed on November 7, 2017 pursuant to Board Policy KE. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

CASB Convention – November 30 to December 3, 2017 at Colorado Springs

Work Session – Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Next Agate SOPC Meeting – January 11, 2018 at 6:00pm

Adjournment:

At 9:17pm Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines 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: _____
Craig Bailey