

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	November MONTH	18 DAY	2013 YEAR
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Jason Bandy
PRESIDING OFFICER

Bart O'Dwyer
MEMBER

Jack Horner
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx
SUPERINTENDENT

Russell Lengel
TREASURER

Sharon Newsom
SECRETARY

Roll Call: The regular board meeting was called to order by Board President Jason Bandy at 7:09 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.

Mission Statement: Jack Horner read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Sharon Newsom moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2013 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Audience: Kim Steinhart, Charles Hoffman, Craig Bailey, Wendy Pottorff, Les Layton, Carrie West, Troy Jaklich, Keturah Tatum, Madison Lengel, Tammy LeValley and ?????Neenan guy

Minutes: Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2013 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

MCC Report: Mary Andersen gave her annual report to the Board. One of the changes made this year is that MCC bills the school for all the credits that are taken by our high schoolers. If they take more than 6 credits the student must pay for those credits. We have more students participating this year and taking more credits. The administration allowed the sophomores to take college Spanish this year which pushed the number to 61 compared to 44 students last year. The Board was unaware of this. The students must take MCC's readiness test before they can enroll in a college class.

Audience Participation: None

Financial Reports: Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for October of 2013 in the amount of \$379,482.11. Russell 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. Current elementary enrollment is 239 but we have two more students starting tomorrow. Attendance continues to be above our goal of 95%. Mrs. Monks attended a webinar for the Reading Burst on Friday, November 8th. He included the results of the penny drive to collect money for books for the Lincoln County Christmas Basket program through the Scholastic Book Fair. He thanked Mardelle Martin and Erin Younger for all their hard work with the book fair. Kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers started using the Burst intervention last week. The program groups their kids and they are put on a 10 day program. He will begin mid-year reviews with teachers after Christmas. They will go over goals. 3rd grade will take the CoGaT test next week. This is to identify gifted and talented kids.
Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)
Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. They have gained 11 kids in the secondary since October 1. She and Joel attended a Principal Cluster in Deer Trail that dealt with teacher evaluations. She included a memo from Mrs. Phillips about the senior trip. They would like to go to San Diego. They currently have more than enough money in their account. She will have final numbers in January. Four elementary students were invited to attend a gifted and talented event presented by Colorado University. None of those students attended. She and Tyler will discuss whether to open this up to more students. Mrs. Carr took 27 secondary students to Honor Choir on November 4th. She was impressed with the event and with our students' behavior.

Accountability:
Their next meeting will be December 2nd.

Staff Report:

Tammy LeValley gave a report to the Board about her program. She is the special education teacher for 5th through 8th grade. She believes in inclusion or helping her kids while they are in their general ed class. She and her three paras help those kids and teachers to modify their lessons and accommodate their IEP. If a student has a gap of more than 2 years in a subject then she pulls them out into her room for teaching. Her main goal is to teach her students strategies and life skills. She currently has 17 kids on IEPs. She has a study hall 7th and 8th hour where she has 21 kids that she and her paras help. This isn't just for SPED kids but kids that need extra help. Basketball practice is 8th hour currently so she is staying late to allow those students to participate in basketball and then get the help they need on class work after practice. She sends home a weekly progress reports on each of her students.

STUCO Report: (none given)

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

Dirk stated that the high school football team finished their regular season 9-0. They lost to Centauri 21 to 8 last Saturday. The trip went well and they received compliments on the kids behavior. Keturah Tatum and Karolyn Florek were selected for the 1st team all league volleyball and LaRae Cesko was selected to the Honorable Mention all league team. Keturah was also selected to play in the CCGS All State game. Middle School boys basketball has 25 kids out, girls have about 34 kids out. High School Boys basketball should have 24 but because of football only 8 have participated in practice so far. There are 21 high school girls out and there should be 8 to 10 boys wrestling. The Board discussed moving the December Board meeting because of the speech meet on December 9th. It was agreed that the next Board meeting will be moved to Wednesday, December 11th.

FFA Report:

Ellisa Noakes stated that they had a great turnout for their game night. They had a food drive for local churches and collected \$75 also to go to local churches. On November 21st they will have their hired hand auction and before that will be speeches. She invited the Board to that dinner.

Board Reports:

Jason read a thank you card from Sharon Newsom and a congrats note from Mayor Julie Coonts on passing 3A.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. We need to move forward with interviewing Owner's Representatives. He has talked with other Superintendent's for their opinions. He thanked Dan O'Connell for all his help with the YES for Limon committee. We need to start discussing what we will need to keep and store for the new school and what we will not need. We have another audit this year for the food service program. It will happen after the 1st of the year but they are already asking Kim for information.

Audience Participation: Madison Lengel told the Board about her experience at the HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership) seminar. She was very apprehensive about attending at first but by the second day she was enjoying the experience. She needs 100 volunteer hours to go back as a Jr. Staff. Keturah Tatum told the Board about her experience with the Colorado Rural Health Scholar program she attended this past summer. It was a 3 week program which included two days a week of volunteer time at a hospital and three days a week of attending lectures at the University of Colorado. She stated this is a great program for those interested in the medical field. She gained 48 hours of volunteer time to include on her scholarship applications.

Action Items:**Coaches**

Jack Horner moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve Mike Campbell as assistant high school girls basketball coach, Kylee Samuels as volunteer assistant high school girls basketball coach and Cody Fox as volunteer high school wrestling coach. Bart O'Dwyer abstained and the motion passed with 4 ayes.

1st Reading of Policy JFABD

Sharon Newsom moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of policy JFABD, admission and success of homeless students. Craig Bailey pointed out to the Board that the policy was written for CBOCES. The wording will change at the next reading. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Certification of Votes

Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the certification of votes from Lincoln County cast on the November 5, 2013 election. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the two bond resolutions, as presented. The Board discussed on keeping the mills a little higher so they can pay it off early. The current mills needed are lower than predicted so the tax increase will be less than what was told to voters. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Organizational Meeting – Monday, November 25, 2013 at Noon in the High School Library
Work Session – Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:30pm in the High School Library
Next Regular School Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2013 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Adjournment:

At 8:26pm Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom 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