

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Choir Room MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	November MONTH	17 DAY	2014 YEAR
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Russell Lengel
PRESIDING OFFICER

Wendy Pottorff
MEMBER

Troy Jaklich
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx
SUPERINTENDENT

Bart O'Dwyer
TREASURER

Craig Bailey
SECRETARY

- Roll Call:** The regular board meeting was called to order by Board President Russell Lengel at 7:13 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Troy Jaklich read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for November 17, 2014 moving action item 12.1 to 5.1. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee & Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Dan Bates, Chuck Jordan, Les Layton, Kim Steinhart, Will Bublitz, Charlie Martinez, Layne Higgins, Shirelle Bandy, Jason Bandy, Ky Bandy, Keon Bandy and Mary Andersen
- Minutes:** Wendy Pottorff moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 20, 2014 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action Item:** **Construction Change Order #5**
Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the Haselden Construction Change Order #5 in the amount of \$25,271.74. Chuck and Dan discussed this change order in the work session. The motion passed unanimously.
- MCC Presentation:** Mary Andersen gave a presentation to the Board regarding MCC classes so far. Last year there were 61 students enrolled in college classes and this year there are 55. The fall tuition rate increased from last year. 49 students took over 3 credits. She had a handout that included the breakdown of financials. Last fall we paid \$21,185 to MCC because the policy was to pay for 6 credits. Since the policy has changed to only pay for 3 credits we only paid MCC \$2,080.12. Students are responsible to pay for any credits over the 3 the school pays for. She asked the Board if they were going to consider increasing the credits paid by the school. She stated if we were to pay for 4 credits we would have paid MCC \$7,700; 5 credits would have been \$13,000 and 6 credits would have been \$18,666. Craig stated that we have \$130,000 less than we did last year at this time so currently the Board is not thinking of paying for more credits. Mary stated that there are 24 students on a payment plan, 38 students claiming hardship and 12 students that stated they would have taken more credits if the school would have paid for them.
- Staff Presentation:** Shirelle Bandy gave the Board handouts of her counseling curriculum, the amount of time she spends on personal counseling and the national school time plan for counselors. She averages about 20% of her time on personal counseling. She stated that over 50% of these are students coming to her for help. She stated that she is mindful of classroom time and tries to talk to kids during electives but if a student is crying she will keep them in her room until she feels they can go back. She has a character quote of the month that she wants teachers to incorporate in their classrooms. Amber Lowe has been selected as a finalist for the QuestBridge National Scholarship. This is a full ride scholarship to one of the top schools. Shirelle attended the Colorado School Counseling Conference. She hadn't been in a few years but found it very helpful.
- Financial Reports:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for October of 2014 in the amount of \$352,823.07. This included a \$14,800 V-Nets payment and a \$63,449 payment to MCC. Bart asked if most students have paid for all their credits. It was thought that a lot have not fully paid yet. Troy asked when payments needed to be made in full. Kim stated December 1st. Bart stated that if they haven't paid in full by December 1st they cannot enroll in MCC classes for the next semester. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. Enrollment is at 228 students but we will have 2 new students starting tomorrow. The attendance rate continues to be above our goal. Parent Teacher conferences were well attended with some teachers accommodating parents by setting up meetings after school if they couldn't make it on the 23rd or 24th. 3rd grade will be taking the CogAT assessment on November 24th and 25th. 2nd grade visited the Limon Post Office and 3rd grade is planning a field trip to Town Hall on Wednesday. He is glad to see teachers looking locally for field trip ideas. Limon was chosen as one of six finalists for the GOCO grant to fund a portion of our new playground. The 2nd application is due February 25th and we should know by April 16th if we were approved. There is enough money to fund all 6 applications but they want everyone to reapply and there are a few more things that need to be done. A lot of the work was done for the first application. Joel told the Board that we may need to move our repeater for our bus radios. We've had issues with channel one not working. Joel tried calling Mountain View Electric because they have a power box out there but they weren't able to tell him who the owners were. He talked to Gary Beedy and then called Elbert County and found out the name of the company that bought the tower. He tried calling but has not connected with anyone yet. The county moved theirs to the water tower in Genoa because the new company wanted to charge them \$300. We have never received a bill. Russell stated that we should move ours to the Genoa Tower. Joel thanked the town for awarding the school their Outback bus.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Enrollment is down one from the October count. Attendance continues to be at or above our goal. There were 142 parents that attended Parent Teacher Conferences. This is up from the past two years. She thanked Dennys for again providing 5 gift certificates to give to parents thru a random drawing. The seniors finished their science and social studies state assessment. The first day was rough with computer issues but after that it went well. She and Joel met with all the math teachers to discuss our current curriculum. The secondary would like to move our current math curriculum back one year but the elementary wants to keep theirs the same and will just add lessons as needed. 23 secondary students made honor choir this year. There's a first draft of the first semester finals schedule in the packet. Some students will be exempt from these tests. She included a Healthy Kids survey snapshot report for the middle school and high school and went over the findings with the Board.

Accountability: Joel stated that their next quarterly Accountability meeting will be December 1st.

Staff Report: (none given)

STUCO Report: (none given)

Athletic Department Report (stated report was in the packet)

Dirk highlighted items from his report. Varsity football finished their season 7-2 and lost to Centauri in the first round of playoffs. Riley Andersen and Abby Hilferty received 1st team All-League honors for volleyball. There are 15 boys out for middle school basketball. Girls have 16 out. There are 10 high school wrestlers, 2 of which are from Genoa-Hugo, 24 girls out for high school basketball and 26 boys out for high school basketball. The new scorer's table has been ordered and should arrive before the first home basketball game. Dirk asked Mr. Schmidt if he could build one and Mr. Schmidt told him he didn't have the time. The new wrestling mat was delivered last week.

FFA Report:

Layne Higgins gave the FFA report. They flew into Indianapolis on October 28th and then drove over to Kentucky for the National Convention. Thursday's hired hand auction was the most successful one they've had so far. They also auctioned a bench and some signs that were made by the Ag Mechanics class

Board Reports:

Russell stated there was a thank you from the Laytons. Craig stated that the BOCES Board meeting will be this Wednesday.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. The audit was completed and the auditor said that Kim does a great job of accounting and keeping records. We will need to have documentation for all the BEST Grant bills. Kim has started a binder. A group of superintendents are putting together a letter to send to the Governor and legislators regarding school funding. Dave was asked to he wanted his name included on the letter. He told them yes.

Audience Participation:

Ky Bandy asked the Board to consider naming the weight room after Mike Liggett. He stated that Mike was always helping anyone up there on the proper form and how to use the different machines.

Action Items:**2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy IKF**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Accountability and Administrative Policies

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the following revised Accountability and Administrative policies –

ADC	Tobacco-Free Schools
ADD	Safe Schools
ADD-E	Safe Schools Exhibit
ADF	School Wellness
AE	Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment
AE-R	Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment
AED	Accreditation
EEAA	Walkers & Riders

Russell pointed out a typo in policy ADC, paragraph number 2b. He would also like to change the wording to include all inhalants. This was discussed and since this was a policy on Tobacco-Free schools the wording will stay the same and they will check on the wording in the drug policy to make sure it includes vapor pens and ecigarettes. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of New and Revised Personnel Policies (Professional Staff)

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the following new and revised personnel (Professional Staff) policies –

GCA	Professional Staff Positions
GCBA	Instructional Staff Contracts/Compensation/Salary Schedule
GCD	Professional Staff Vacation Leave & Holidays
GCE-GCF	Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
GCE-GCF-R	Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring Regulation
GCHC	Professional Staff Induction Program
GCI	Professional Staff Development
GCKA	Instructional Staff Assignments & Transfers
GCKAA	Teacher Displacement (NEW POLICY)
GCKAA-R	Teacher Displacement (NEW REGULATION)
GCL	Professional Staff Schedules & Calendars
GCQA-R	Instructional Staff Reduction in Force Regulation
GCQC-GCQD	Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff
GCQC-GCQD-R	Resignation of Instructional Staff/Admin Staff Mandatory Reporting (NEW REGULATION)
GCQE	Retirement of Professional Staff
GCQF	Discipline, Suspension & Dismissal of Prof. Staff
GCQF-R	Discipline, Suspension & Dismissal of Prof. Staff Mandatory Reporting (NEW REGULATION)
GCS	Professional Research & Publishing

Policy GCD, Professional Staff Vacation Leave and Holidays was discussed. The policy reads that upon termination, a maximum of 30 days will be compensated but Dave stated that his contract says 50 vacations days. It was agreed to add wording to say “unless otherwise stated in contract”. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Personnel (Classified Staff) Policies

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the following revised personnel (classified staff) policies –

GDAA	Title I Paraprofessionals
GDBC	Support Staff Supplementary Pay/Overtime
GDD	Support Staff Vacation Leave & Holidays
GDE/GDF	Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
GDE/GDF-R	Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring Regulation
GDQB	Resignation of Support Staff
GDQD	Discipline, Suspension & Dismissal of Support Staff

Policy GDD was discussed but no changes were made. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Policies to be Repealed

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the following policies to be repealed –

AE-E Accountability Process Time-line

AECA School Accountability Reports

The motion passed unanimously.

Accountability Members

Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the accountability members as follows –

Parent Members – Diane Kimble, Christine Layton, Carrie West and Jerry Allen

Teachers – Kim Brossart, DeAnna Steinhart and Cody Weber

Administration – Joel Albers

Community Members – Jane Hubbard and Chuck Pierce

Student Members – Mercedes McCue

Non-Voting ex-officio Members – Dave Marx and Traci Weisensee

Zane Carpenter was added to the student member list. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach

Wendy Pottorff moved and Bart O’Dwyer seconded the motion to approve Ted Bandy Jr. as volunteer high school wrestling coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

CASB Annual Convention – Thursday, December 4 - 7, 2014 at The Broadmoor

Work Session – Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at TBA

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at TBA

Adjournment:

There will be a Speech Meet on December 8th at the school so it was discussed where we could move the December School Board meeting to. Jill will call Lorie at BOCES in the morning to see if their conference room is available. Otherwise, Wendy will see if we can use Town Halls meeting room. At 8:59pm Bart O’Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich 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