

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

Regular	Media Center	7:00 p.m.	October	19	2015
KIND OF MEETING	MEETING PLACE	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

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 of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by Board President Russell Lengel at 7:12 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 agenda for October 19, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. After the FFA report the Board realized they needed to approve the out of state trip for FFA so Craig Bailey moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for October 19, 2015 adding action item 12.3B approving the out of state FFA trip. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Audience:** Chuck Jordan, Dan Bates, Charles Hoffman, Gary Lewman, Jason Bandy, Mike Hines, Sharon Hansen, Stacy Larson, Mercedes McCue, Kirsten Tacha and Greg Tacha

**Minutes:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 22, 2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for September of 2015 in the amount of \$340,294.40. Bart read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously

**Action Item:** **Haselden Change Order #14**  
Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve Haselden's construction change order #14 for \$20,915.14. Dan went over the change order in the work session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Education Reports:** **Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 233 elementary students enrolled. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for this Thursday and Friday. 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers have been updating Read Plans for students who have been identified with a significant reading deficiency. Kindergarten has to go through two screenings before they can be identified. He thanked the Limon Volunteer fire department for coming out on the 8<sup>th</sup> and participating in our fire drill and talking to the elementary classrooms. The elementary will have their Halloween parties on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have a costume parade starting at 3pm in the Mitchell Event Center. He thanked Jody Rogers and Joe Davidson from GOCO, Dave Stone and Rick Orłowski and Trey Hall from Enbridge for coming out for the playground grand opening. The students and teachers are very excited for our new playground.

**Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are a 261 students currently enrolled in the secondary. She congratulated Shirelle Bandy for being selected as a semi-finalist for the Colorado School Counselor Association's Counselor of the Year Award. There were 60 counselors nominated and Shirelle was one of eight that were recognized. She also congratulated Mr. Albers on the playground success. She still has teachers wanting to go down the slides. In the past we had parents sign students advanced learning plans during parent teacher conferences but the rules have changed and we need to schedule meetings like IEP staffings. Eleven students will be attending the FFA National Convention in Louisville, KY on October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. She added a line in the student handbook stating that food, pop and candy are not allowed in the classroom. This started a conversation with the audience about who is allowed and not allowed to have food in the

classrooms. Charles Hoffman asked why teachers are allowed to eat in front on students during classroom time. Bart stated that no one is allowed to have food or pop on any of the carpeted area. He believes we need to change the culture of the school and be very strict on this. Sharon Hansen asked when she should have a snack during the day. Bart stated during her plan time. Traci stated that she fine with students have snacks in their lockers and taking a bite during passing periods, also she knows some teachers will have a snack such as almonds at their desk. Traci went over what is happening in the counseling office.

**Accountability:**

Joel stated that they met again in early October to finalize the format for the Candidates Night. They were asking the public to email questions to ask the candidates but he found out that he had put the wrong email address in the paper. Also, one of the candidates dropped out of the race so they really didn't need to hold the event because the two candidates that are left will automatically be on the school board.

**Staff Report:** (none given)

**STUCO Report:** (none given)

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

Dirk Pedersen highlighted items from his report. High school football has 3 weeks left in the regular season. Varsity record is 6 and 1 and JV is 4 and 0. Districts will be held next week for high school volleyball. Varsity record is 12 and 3, JV is 5 and 6 and C is 1 and 2. Softball finished their season with 4 wins and 15 loses. Cross country regionals will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Lyons and State will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> in Colorado Springs. Middle school football finished their season with a record of 6 and 2. The new athletic website is up and running. The address is limonathletics.com. He would like people to sign up for alerts for when there are any changes to games. Middle school basketball starts next week and middle school girls will start on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He asked Teddy Bandy to speak to the Board about the condition of the track. Teddy stated that the track is in bad shape especially at the finish line and that it probably won't make it through the winter. He passed out quotes to the Board to get the track refinished and one to patch it to keep it going for two more years. They agreed it needs work but currently we don't have the funds to fix it. They discussed sending a letter to alumni telling them what we need. Dirk stated that the Yuma track is in great condition and they haven't had to do anything to it the past 7 years. Craig asked if it was a ¼, ½ or a full pour. Dirk didn't know which one it was or what we have. It was discussed that the thicker the pour the longer it will probably last. Kirsten Tacha suggested that they form a committee to look at what other schools are doing and how to raise funds. The Board agreed a committee should be formed with Teddy Bandy, Les Layton, Troy Jaklich, Dirk Pedersen, Craig Bailey and Kirsten Tacha. They hope to have something in place before track season begins.

**FFA Report:**

Mercedes McCue gave the FFA report. On September 9<sup>th</sup> they held their parent member dinner. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> they participated in Farm Safety Day in Hugo. Eight members attended the DLC on the 29<sup>th</sup> and on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>st</sup> seven members attended the MFE or Made for excellence. Next week 11 members will fly to Indianapolis then drive to Louisville, KY for the National Convention which her parents are going as sponsors. They will be giving their WLC presentation during the chapter banquet in April

**Board Reports:**

Wendy attended the CASB Fall Delegate Assembly where Kiowa's proposal to do away with borders for the community college association passed and will move to legislation. They were told the K-12 schools will not be getting any extra money this year. She attended a session on data privacy. Criminals are hacking into smaller school servers. They were told to encourage people to contact their congressmen and senators to try to get more money for Title I.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. The kids are enjoying the new playground. He thanked Joel for all his work getting this going. Haselden is finishing up. They have removed their construction trailer. There will still be someone onsite. The dishwasher in the cafeteria is still not working well. Another technician will be out but if it still isn't working well he believes that it will need to be replaced. Chuck Pearce is working on getting the street striped for parking. We had a generous gift donated to the school that Dave asked Les to tell the Board about it. Les stated that his sister and brother-in-law had been asking him what they needed. They purchased and donated a brand new skid steer for the maintenance department. This will help a lot with snow removal and keeping up with the grounds. The school will be sending a thank you card for this generous donation.

**Audience Participation:** Sharon Hansen passed out an information sheet on the senior class trip. They are going to San Diego on April 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be 29 students and 6 adults going. They will be renting vans and a car instead of using transfers which should save money. They aren't concerned about raising the rest of the money needed. A staff member donated a whole hog to use as a fundraiser.

**Action Items:** **Updated School Board Meeting Calendar**  
Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the updated School Board meeting calendar moving the November's meeting from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> so that votes can be certified. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Revised Policy IHCDA**  
Craig Bailey moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of revised policy IHCDA, Concurrent Enrollment Postsecondary. This is changing the number of credits paid for concurrent enrollment from 3 credits to 4 credits. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of New and Revised Board Policies**  
Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the following new and revised Board policies –  
EIE – Compliance with the affordable Care Act (NEW)  
GBGD – Workers' Compensation  
GCBG – Professional Staff Fringe Benefits  
GCG-GCGA – Part-Time & Substitute Professional Staff Employment/Qualifications of Substitutes  
JLF-R – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection  
GCGA – Hiring of Instructional Staff/Portability of Non-probationary Statues (NEW)  
IKA – Grading/Assessment Systems  
IKA-R – Grading/Assessment Systems (NEW)  
The motion passed unanimously.

**Out of State FFA Trip**  
Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the out of state FFA trip to Louisville, KY for the National Convention on October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**  
Craig Bailey moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to go into Executive Session in accordance with CRS24-6-4-2(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters at 8:28pm. Mr. Marx asked Les Layton to join them. The motion passed unanimously.

**Out of Executive Session**  
Teresa O'Dwyer moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to come out of Executive Session at 9:30pm. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:** Work Session – Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center  
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:** At 9:31 p.m Troy Jaklich moved and Bart O'Dwyer 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 Education

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

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Russell Lengel