

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

Regular	Media Center	7:00 p.m.	October	17	2016
KIND OF MEETING	MEETING PLACE	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

Troy Jaklich  
PRESIDING OFFICER

Jason Bandy  
MEMBER

Craig Bailey  
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx  
SUPERINTENDENT

Mike Hines  
TREASURER

Wendy Pottorff  
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 7:05pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Mike Hines read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Mike Hines moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the agenda for October 17, 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Shirelle Bandy, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Kim Steinhart, Gary Lewman, Molly Wagner, Topper Parker, Emily Rudder, Sean Steinhart, Catherine Sauter, Charles Hoffman, Annette Andersen, and Judy Cummings
- Minutes:** Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 19, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** None
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for September of 2016 in the amount of \$337,808.90. Jason read the breakdown. Troy asked Kim why the amount in the bank went down but the bills were less. Kim stated this is part of the sweep we setup and this time of year we don't have revenue coming in so until February or March the amount will steadily go down. The motion passed unanimously
- Education Reports:**
- FBLA Report:**  
Sean Steinhart gave the FBLA report. The officers went to NJC for a Colorado fall leadership conference that taught them how to recruit new members and how to lead their chapter. They have some future service projects that they would like to do. They'd like to have a breakfast or program on Veteran's Day to honor veterans. They also would like to volunteer at the movie theater for the month of January. They are having a shoot for the loot during basketball games to raise money. People can buy small foam basketballs and at half time they will put a bucket in the middle of the court and you can try to throw your basketball in the bucket to win half the money raised. This will be sponsored by Gordon Insurance. Everyone is working on a project to compete with at Districts and State. He is working with Kaden Larson on a public announcement video.
- STUCO Report:**  
Sean Steinhart gave the STUCO report. Homecoming was a success. He thanked the golf course for letting them use their building for the dance. Everyone seemed to love the Disney theme. They had the most participants for the talent show and had a large audience. They are working on hosting a winter formal for late November or early December. This will be "promish" but not quite as formal and royalty will be names drawn out of a hat for freshman and sophomores only. They are working on ideas for their school project. Last year the benches were donated. They are thinking about purchasing some type of statue, setting up a music hall of fame along the stairs, having a music and sports mural painted and/or sprucing up the area around the reader board with easy to care for plants. He asked the Board to let them know if they have anything in mind. Craig liked the idea of the plants around the reader board.
- FFA Report:**  
Topper Parker gave the FFA report. They put on a workshop about safety around the farm for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Farm Safety Day. Six members attended the BIG conference in Brush. BIG stands for becoming involved as a greenhand. They had their first overnight trip for the MFE (Made For Excellence which is for freshman and sophomores and ALD (Advanced Leadership Development)

for juniors and seniors. The workshops focused on building a better attitude. Upcoming events are helping to serve the Buckos Feeder Meeting banquet on November 12<sup>th</sup>. They are also selling Crystalyx tickets as a fundraiser. The Hired Hand Auction is November 17<sup>th</sup>. He invited all Board members to attend. This is their major fundraiser of the year. On November 19<sup>th</sup> about 10 members will be helping to serve for the Stock Growers Banquet where they will again be selling their Crystalyx coupons. There are 6 members going to the National Convention this week.

**Staff Presentation:**

Cathy Sauter was asked to give a presentation on Google Classroom. She went to a conference and while talking to some people there, they stated that she should checkout Google Classroom. To get on you need a google account so she asked Charlie if we had an account. He gave her the info and then asked how many Chrome books she would need. She was very grateful if not a little overwhelmed for all the work Charlie did getting a good deal on the books and getting her started. The kids love the Chrome books, they power up in seven seconds and only run on internet software. She uses this for each class. She has her syllabus, all assignments and due dates on it. So the kids just need to get on the internet and look up what they may be missing. It will notify kids when they forget to turn in an assignment. She can grade assignments anywhere and the kids get immediate feedback and grades from her. This eliminates the excuse of “I lost it” or “I left it at home”. The kids can do cross collaboration with each other. She asked her students for feedback and the pros were that they don’t lose papers and it organizes everything for them. They like the group activities. It saves on paper and no more handwriting. They can do their assignments and send them to her from anywhere they can get on the internet. The cons were that they don’t like the constant reminders, they can’t keep the Chrome book to take home and it’s not always easy if they don’t have internet at home. She has tried to be mindful of those students that don’t have internet and let them come in early or work on it during their homeroom. Troy asked if it works well with her current curriculum. Cathy stated that she doesn’t use text books and was able to easily move her power point documents into google docs. He also asked if she could share her documents with other staff. She stated she could and that kids can also share notes. Jason asked how much the Chrome books cost. She didn’t know but she knew they were cheaper than a laptop. Charles Hoffman stated that they retail around \$150. Joel asked if it’s like Blackboard that colleges use. She stated that it’s better and more interactive. Blackboard is more for independent learning. Mike asked if there is a subscription cost. Cathy said that it’s free as long as you have a google account. They are coming out with a parent summary which will allow you to invite parents of struggling students to look at their work. Emily Rudder stated that she would really want something like this for her classroom. She is gone a lot with FFA and this would keep her more in touch with all of her students. She thought that we could look at getting grants to pay for the Chrome books. Craig stated that the Board has been talking about getting kids their own laptops for years. This may be a more feasible option. Charles stated that they are cheaper because they are only a gateway to the internet. They don’t have anything else on them. Cathy stated that Charlie Martinez says they are a lot easier to update and maintain. Our current laptops need to be individually updated whereas the Chrome books just need one update for all of them. She is attending a class this Thursday to learn more about Google Classroom and hopefully learn new things to use.

**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 will be October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The elementary teachers will actually start meeting with parents on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Their goal is to meet with every parent. We will have Mrs. Bailey available to translate for our Spanish speaking parents. Lori Brewer will finish the initial kindergarten entry assessment by October 28<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Limon Fire Department and Chief Yowell for participating in Safety Week last week. He also thanked Jerry Allen, Rhonda Blackwelder, Carla Stone and Lynette Stone for helping during the bus evacuation drill. Halloween falls on a Monday this year which is every elementary teachers’ nightmare. The kids get very excited though.

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

Shirelle Bandy highlighted items from Traci’s report. Currently there are 249 students enrolled in the secondary. Both the middle school and high school attendance rates are above our goal of 95%. She congratulated the Limon staff for the School District receiving Accredited with Distinction. She would like to do something special for all staff since we haven’t received this rating since 2009. She was thinking of an all staff breakfast and maybe getting a banner made and getting an all staff

picture in front of it. They held a parent information meeting to do a brief overview of our crisis plan. There were 6 parents that attended then the accountability committee came over and joined them. She and Lynn Yowell met with the secondary students to share with them what they could do during a lockdown. There's a Professional Development day on November 11<sup>th</sup> and they are thinking of doing the all staff breakfast than. Traci made a change to the dress code in the student handbook. She added no sagging pants. Craig stated that this will need to be changed on the policy. Shirelle stated that they help 10 to 20 students with the Tutor Center each day. FAFSA has now opened on October 1<sup>st</sup> and uses last year's taxes so she held her financial aid and FAFSA night on October 5<sup>th</sup>. She is now able to see how many of her seniors have applied. There were 40 to 50 colleges that attended our College Fair today. Six other schools came also. There's a graduation requirement presentation with CDE on October 26. She went over the Preliminary 2016 School Performance Framework classifying Limon School District as Accredited with Distinction. Dave stated that the State has moved to the growth model for all students. They found with the CSAP that by trying to get the low kids up to proficient, the high kids weren't growing as much as they should. So now they look at all the students' growth not just the ones are proficient or not.

**Accountability:**

Joel stated that they had their meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Jerry Allen was elected President, Kelly Packer was elected Vice President and Diane Kimble is secretary. Emily Rudder gave a career and tech report. They joined the Parent Safety meeting at 6:30. The next meeting will be Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. The 2A state basketball tournament will be held in Loveland instead of Pueblo this year. He then showed a video on InSideOut coaching initiative which promotes sports as a human growth experience to create better citizens. The emphasis is not on just winning but to also teach student athletes to become better people. Dirk stated that most coaches already do this.

**Board Reports:**

Wendy attended the fall regional meeting where they discussed what is on the ballot. There will be 25 new elected legislators in both the House and Senate. CASB is encouraging every Board member to go to the website and look at the budget tool. At the fall Delegate Assembly they had a session on texting given by the new superintendent and a Board member at Canon City. They talked about being a leader during a crisis and setting the communication norms between the Board and Superintendent and Principals ahead of time. They also had a session on how to be a good Board member. They discussed not bringing your personal agenda, do not micro-manage, focus on the kids and to set strategic goals and plans you want to accomplish each year. The community colleges with no boundries was brought back and passed also they voted to adopt a new Colorado school finance act.

The Board discussed how to pay off what is owed for the new track surface. Troy thought the balance was about \$50,000. We can either finance this portion or pay it all off at once. Craig stated that he would like to pay it off now, if we have the money. Dave stated that if we pay it off now we take that cash away that may be needed later in the school year. Craig asked when they were going to have a budget work session. Troy asked if we could do it right after the exit audit on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jason stated he wasn't available than. They decided to have the work session on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the large conference room. They asked Kim and Dave to attend.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. Don Andersen helped him with Randa, the evaluation system for principals. The locker room design meetings have gone well. Jay Ireland brought out two guys to look at the electrical and mechanical systems. He received a letter from Susan Miller about the School Transportation Assistance Review she had with Joel in September. She had many commendations for Joel and only one thing that needed addressed in the future.

**Audience Participation:** Gary Lewman asked the Board to consider changing the wording of minimum wage to reasonable wage and changing food service manager to school chef. This will give different expectations.

**Action Items:**

**Coach**

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve Dave Marx as volunteer assistant high school boys' basketball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the resolution approving the use of motor coach buses to transport students to and from school related activities. Joel stated that because we have used coach buses in the past we needed to pass this resolution. Troy asked

what the parameters are to hire a motor coach. Joel stated that we don't have any but in the past if we were going far and over mountain passes we would hire one. Jason stated that we would usually get donations to pay for the bus. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of New and Revised Policies**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the new and revised policies as follows –

- AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
- AC-E-1 Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – Exhibit
- DH Bonded Employees and Officers
- GBA Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity
- GBGE Staff Maternity/Paternity/Parental Leave
- JB Equal Educational Opportunities
- JF Admission and Denial of Admission
- JICDE Bullying Prevention and Education
- JII Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances
- JLCB-R Immunization of Students – Regulation
- JLCDB-E Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students – NEW

Traci took out the part in JICDE-Bullying Prevention and Education about bullying is prohibited off school property “when such conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular on non-curricular activity or event”. Shirelle stated that they want parents to deal with the issue if it doesn't happen on school grounds during school. Traci also included the portion about the district administering surveys of students' impressions of the severity of bullying in the school. They did this last year in the secondary and will continue. The motion passed unanimously.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policy GDBA-E**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised policy GDBA-E, classified staff pay scales. This is to increase the base pay of the custodial full time staff, the custodian director and the director of business services. The motion passed unanimously.

**Establishment of the Business Education Advisory Committee**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the establishment of the business education advisory committee and members. This will be 1 year terms for now. Members are Julie Kappel, Troy Jaklich, Tim Andersen, Laurel Horton and Lindsay Frasier. Non-Voting members are Molly Wagner and Traci Weisensee. The motion passed with four ayes and Troy Jaklich abstaining.

**Establishment of the IA Education Advisory Committee**

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the establishment of the industrial arts education advisory committee and members. This will be 1 year terms for now. Members are Bart O'Dwyer, Troy Thompson and Kelly Packer. Non-voting members are Don Schmidt and Traci Weisensee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Budget Work Session – November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Large Conference Room  
Work Session – Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center  
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:**

At 9:19 p.m Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Jaklich