

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

Regular KIND OF MEETING	Media Center MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	October MONTH	16 DAY	2017 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 showed all Board members were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone stood and recited the pledge.
- Mission Statement:** Craig Bailey read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the agenda for October 16, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Traci Weisensee, Joel Albers, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Anna Weisensee, Mikaela Taylor, Tucker Thompson, Emily Rudder, Molly Wagner, Carrie Bennett and Theron Perry
- Minutes:** Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 18, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** Carrie Bennett gave the staff presentation during audience participation. She hit on three points, the benefits to writing, the expectations in her classroom and the goals she has for her students. She gets to see her students three years in a row. She works with Sandi Pedersen and the high school teachers to align all of their curriculum and they try to use common language. She thanked the Board for letting her and Linnea, Sharon and Peggy go to CCRIA every year in Denver. This is a reading and writing conference that's held every February. She strives to have no zeros in her classroom. She uses the tutor center and communicates with study hall teachers. She is very strict about working bell to bell and not having any free time in her classroom. She believes that one of the most important things to do is make a good connection with her students. She believes they work harder for you when they know you care about them. She spends up to 15 hours a weekend going over her students journals and writing projects. She believes in giving them positive feedback on everything they write along with suggestions on how to make their writing better. She wants her students to do well on the State tests. She rewarded the 8<sup>th</sup> graders with brownies and showed them how well they did compare to the state's results. She wants her students to be lifelong writers. This is her 20<sup>th</sup> year teaching. The best feedback she received from students on the video she made last year of former students using writing in their jobs was that they want to be in a future video. Troy asked her if she needed anything from them such as resources. Carrie stated that her laptops are not great. She believes she has the oldest set in the school. She currently has 32 laptops in her COW. Troy asked if we could move the education reports to 8.0 so staff and students can leave right after their reports. Craig stated that we will need to change the policy.
- Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for September of 2017 in the amount of \$463,049.16. Jason read the breakdown of \$307,647.66 general fund expenditures, insurance reserve expenditures were \$4,542.00 and \$150,858.50 capital reserve expenditures. The audit exit review should be November 1<sup>st</sup> around 3pm. The payment to Earth Engineering Consultants is part of the concrete work for the locker room project. The payment to Pinnacol is an additional payment after their audit. Pinnacol is our workman's comp company. It will go up this year again because payroll has gone up. The motion passed unanimously.
- Education Reports:** **FBLA Report:** Mikaela Taylor gave the FBLA report. They took 26 members to CLFC in Sterling on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

They held their second meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 20 members were in attendance. They discussed upcoming events. They will be holding a social for Veterans on Veteran's Day and hope to have more people attend than last year. Troy asked how they are going to increase their attendance. Mikaela stated they are going to advertise in the newspaper and get names from the VFW and mail out personal invitations. They will be volunteering at the Limon Theater the month of November. They collected 2 large boxes full of school supplies for hurricane victims. They donated them in conjunction with the Fort Morgan FBLA.

**STUCO Report:**

Tucker Thompson, STUCO president, told the Board he was chosen to be the Board of Trustees Student Liaison on the Town Board. He attended the first meeting and found it boring. He is also part of the youth council at the school sponsored by the Town run by Dave Stone and Sara Doll. STUCO is currently looking for improvements for the school to spend the vending machine money on.

**FFA Report:**

Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. They participated in Farm Safety Day in Hugo. They facilitated a mock farm accident. Six students attended the BIG conference for first year members in Sterling. They submitted membership and POA to the state to be a chapter in good standing yesterday. She included the itinerary for the upcoming National FFA Convention being held in Indianapolis, IN. They are holding a speaking is easy as pie night. There will be 3 contests; FFA Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. They are also holding a pie baking competition and the best pie will win a free FFA t-shirt and a gift card. Their Hired Hand Auction will be November 16<sup>th</sup>. Dinner starts at 6pm with the auction to follow. They have 52 members that will be auctioned off and 4 or 5 larger metal projects and a silent auction for the small projects. They will also hold a jacket ceremony for the freshman and are hoping to have some State Officers attend.

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 205 students in the elementary. Our attendance rate is above the goal of 95%. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday night. This schedule isn't that different for the elementary because they are holding conferences all week long and will probably even have some after the Halloween party. October is safety month. We have had a tornado drill and fire drill so far. This week we'll have bus evacuation drills and then a lock down drill next week. He thanked Tara Christie and the Limon Volunteer Fire Department for coming out on the 12<sup>th</sup>. They performed a fire safety skit based on the Lego movie. The kids had a fantastic time. The first of the three elementary parties will be on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup>. The costume parade will start at 3pm in the Event Center. Kindergarten is going to May Farms on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade is going to go to the Denver Zoo this Thursday. They are hoping by taking their field trip in the fall there won't be so many schools there.

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

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are currently 272 secondary students. Attendance is above the goal of 95%. Once middle school basketball starts they will be giving some middle school teachers an extra block of time to do their grading. Mrs. Larson has been meeting with parents on the gifted and talented advanced learning plans. Traci, Mrs. Bandy and Ms. Rudder attended the CTE conference. Emily stated they discussed work based learning which she believes our school is doing a great job already. The secondary English teachers are meeting monthly with Jodi Church, the data team coach. Their focus this year is on literacy. There will be booths setup on the 26<sup>th</sup> during parent teacher conferences regarding our school safety procedures. We hosted almost 50 colleges for the college fair today. There were 13 freshman and sophomores signed up for the last 30 minutes of the fair but they wished they could have had more time.

**Accountability:**

Joel asked the current board members that are up for election and Theron Perry if they had any feedback from Candidates Night. Craig stated that not all the questions were asked. Traci stated that they did that because of the one they held four years ago ran long. So what they can do in the future is have extra question available if there is time for them. Craig liked that there were tables setup for them at the end. Jill suggested that they have a class supper the same night to try to draw more people. Theron agreed that we should do something around food. Traci asked them if they were still interested in having tables setup for them the Wednesday night of parent teacher conferences. They were and discussed having them available from 6pm to 8pm.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. The fall season is winding down. We hosted the softball regionals on October 14<sup>th</sup>. He got a lot of compliments on the field and our hospitality. Our girls will be going to State at Aurora Sports Park on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Andy was very pleased with how the middle school football team finished their season. Middle school boys' basketball will start October 23<sup>rd</sup> and their first game is on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Girls start on October 30<sup>th</sup> and their first game is on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Justine Liggett is resigning as head middle school girls' basketball coach. Dirk said he has a few likely candidates. The Limon Speech Invitational will be January 12<sup>th</sup>. Dirk handed out a speech update from Jerry Allen.

**Board Reports:**

Wendy went over what was discussed at the CASB Fall Delegate assembly. They talked about the changes to PERA. They want to increase contributions by 2% and 3%. We are not in as big a crisis as some states but they want to get started on changes so we don't get into a crisis. Senate Bill 191 turns seven this year. They discussed having lead teachers to help with administration. They would need special training. They were able to meet almost all the candidates running for governor. It was very interesting. All of them said they went to public school but their kids are now either in private or charter schools. A proposal to open up institutions for concurrent enrollment passed. Some schools were worried that it would ruin the deals they have and like with their colleges but it shouldn't. They are pushing to consolidate districts in rural areas. She would like to bring members out here and take them on a bus trip showing how long kids would be on the bus if we did consolidate schools. In the long run this is not going to save that much money.

Craig stated that they attended the first Agate School meeting. They didn't do a lot except pick officers. The next meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup>. They need to get things decided for the May election. Each school district will have to hold an election about the consolidation including Agate school district voters. If all the school districts' voters vote yes but Agate voters vote no it will have to be started all over again. CDE can't force consolidation but the state legislators can.

Jason asked Kim what the 2% PERA increase would cost the district. It would be about \$60,000 a year increase based on current salaries. It needs to pass the legislation. They increased the retirement ages. Dave stated that it is already hard to hire good teachers out here and this isn't going to help. Troy stated that we have a large chunk of teachers that we are going to lose in the near future. He has some ideas to upgrade our hiring.

The next LEF meeting is November 2nd.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his report. Jay Hoskinson was here last Wednesday to look at the locker rooms. He liked how they turned out and took pictures to show the BEST Board. He thinks the work we've done on the gym roof will help with our application for a grant. Cash-Wa and CO BOCES will be hosting a food expo here on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. There are over 40 schools from all over invited. He talked again about the Agate meeting with other districts. We need to look at if we had extra money coming in how that might decrease taxes. Current taxpayers in Agate will have to pay more taxes. He thanked Shirelle for setting up the celebration for staff and students for being Accredited with Distinction for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Jason asked if there was a way to change how much food is given at lunch time. He said the biggest complaint from the surveys given to kids was the food. Why do we need to charge \$1 for seconds. This is a way to get around the federal guidelines to serving sizes. Troy stated that he heard from a school that isn't following the guidelines. Dave stated that it is tied to federal funding so if we did away with it we would lose all that money.

**Action Items:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Revised Policy ECAF-R**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of revised policy ECAF-R, use of video and audio monitoring as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of New Policies BDFB-R-3 and BDFB-R-4**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of new policies BDFB-R-3, bylaws for the Business Education Advisory committee and BDFB-R-4, bylaws for the IA Education Advisory committee as present. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coach Resignation**

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to accept Justin Liggett's letter of resignation as head middle school girls basketball coach. Dave stated that Justine had the toughness

that you need to coach. They hate to see her go. The motion passed with four ayes and Troy Jaklich voting no.

**New Policy**

Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of new policy KF-E-2, Weight Room Use form as presented. They discussed the wording on the form. Jason asked why we are only limiting the sale of weight room key cards to only residents of Limon. Jason believes we will lose a lot of people wanting to use the weight room. Dave stated he doesn't want to let non-resident people to purchase a key card because we don't know these people and there have been complaints in the past that they were abusing the equipment and harassing females that were in the weight room. Troy asked to check with Charlie about getting a camera setup in the weight room. Dirk stated that Charlie told him that he couldn't add any more cameras to our system to dedicate to the weight room. They discussed just buying a couple of cameras and setting it up on a laptop in Andy's office. They talked about taking a photo or even a copy of the driver's license of those buying a key card. That way we can monitor that it is them using the weight room and not someone else. They talked about prorating payments for people buying key cards after January. It was decided that they would be prorated quarterly and if they bought one in January but only used it till June it would still cost \$300. Kim asked about charging college kids that are in a sport. They thought that they need to be charged the same as everyone else. Kim also asked about staffs' college kids. The Board said they should have to pay like everyone else also. We've had issues with staff and non-staff kids using their parents' key to use the weight room and gym. The Board would like the administration to stress to staff that they should not be giving their keys to their kids to use and that unless they have purchased a key card, their kids are not allowed in the weight room without adult supervision. The Board all decided to remove the portion about only residents being able to purchase a key card and to take the sentence out about no public access from 7:30am to 6:30pm because we are setting the cards up to only be able to be used from 6:30pm to 11:00pm Sunday thru Saturday. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Agate School Meeting – Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Agate School Building  
Work Session – Monday, November 20, 2017 at 4:15pm in the Limon School Media Center  
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:**

At 9:10pm 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