

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

LIMON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4J

Limon, Colorado

Regular	Media Center	7:00 p.m	October	15	2018
KIND OF MEETING	MEETING PLACE	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

Craig Bailey
PRESIDING OFFICER

Troy Jaklich
MEMBER

Mike Hines
VICE CHAIRMAN

John McCleary
SUPERINTENDENT

Theron Perry
TREASURER

Wendy Pottorff
SECRETARY

- Roll Call:** The regular Board of Education meeting of Limon School District RE-4J was called to order by President Craig Bailey at 7:00pm. Roll call showed that all Board members were present. Judge Lee Fisher swore in Troy Jaklich as the new Board member.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone stood and recited the pledge.
- Mission Statement:** Mike Hines read the district mission statement.
- School Officials:** John McCleary, Traci Weisensee, Joel Albers, Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Anna Weisensee, Jill Bull, Will Bublitz, Molly Wagner, Emily Rudder, Mikaela Taylor, Lee Fisher, Lillian Herch and Brittany Crosby
- Agenda:** Wendy Pottorff moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the agenda for October 15, 2018 adding Turin O'Brien to action item 12.9, approving sponsors. The motion passed unanimously.
- Minutes:** Theron Perry moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 17, 2018 and the special board meeting minutes of October 10, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** Mr. Lewman wanted to give his support for last month's suggestion of adding a class teaching the constitution but he wanted to make sure that the amendments would be included in that curriculum. Lillian Herch asked the Board to consider changing the dress code policy prohibiting facial piercings. She believes students should be able to wear what they want as long as it's not too provocative or suggestive. She gave the Board a petition signed by 50 people stating students should be allowed to have one facial piercing. The Board and Mr. McCleary thanked Lillian for coming and speaking at the Board meeting. Mr. McCleary stated that sometimes the Board and policies get stale and need someone like herself to bring these issues to the attention of the Board and school administration.
- Education Reports:**
- FFA Report:**
Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. They attended the BIG conference on September 20th in Sterling. On September 26th they helped out with farm safety day in Hugo. On October 6th and 7th four members participated in MFE/ALD. Two teams will be competing at the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. on October 22nd through the 27th. Kyle Rudder will be receiving his American Degree. They have 32 members competing in creed, extemporaneous and prepared public speaking on November 7th. She invited all to come and asked if anyone would like to judge contact Miss Rudder. They will have their hired hand auction, a silent auction and dinner on November 15th. She invited everyone to come and support the Limon FFA. Wendy stated that she helped in a mock interview with Anna and she did well.
- STUCO Report:** (none given)
- FBLA Report:**
Mikaela Taylor gave the FBLA report. They raised about \$300 with the pie in the face event. They also learned that they need to make sure there are two hands on the pie plate and foam in the bottom of the plate so not to hurt the person getting a pie in their face. Mr. Martinez is chaperoning the Fall Leadership Conference along with Mrs. Wagner on October 22nd and 23rd in Vail. They will be sending out invitations for their Veteran's Day Social on November 9th or 10th. They will have coffee, donuts, cards and conversation.

Staff Report: None Given

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 205 students enrolled in the elementary. We had 201 elementary students enrolled on the October count day. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 24th and 25th. 1st through 3rd grade teachers are updating Read Plans for students who have been identified with a significant reading deficiency. Kindergarten is given more time to teach the basics before students are identified. He thanked the Limon Volunteer Fire Department for coming out last week. The first of three holiday parties will be on Wednesday, October 31st. The costume parade will start at 3pm in the Event Center. On October 29th author Dr. Heartfield and Pistol will be visiting Limon Elementary. She is the author of Pistol the Horse. He thanked Anna Newsom for setting this up and getting funding from LEF. First grade will be taking their field trip to the Denver Zoo on Thursday. They moved their field trip to the fall last year because there are fewer schools at the zoo and the weather is usually better. He thanked Mrs. Rockwell and the elementary student council for working on the elementary homecoming “float”.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. She included the secondary 2018 school performance framework. The middle school did well but the high school only received an approaching rating in Academic Growth. She and Shirelle disagree with how they are measuring growth in the high school. They are measuring from different tests. They are going from CMAS to PSAT which are two completely different tests and formats. They called CDE to voice their concerns but did not receive a good answer as to why they did this. John also called and was told the math worked in comparing growth. He looked into lodging a formal protest against the rating but it was taking too much time. Traci stated that they met the target in achievement but not in growth. We currently have 129 middle schoolers and 139 high schoolers. The attendance rate is above our goal of 95%. 6th grade Science has a field trip to Homestead Farms on Wednesday. Shirelle has a school counselor conference on Wednesday and Thursday. She and Shirelle will be going to a principal/counselor cluster at BOCES on November 1st. Middle school has a field trip to the Limon Heritage Museum on November 11th. Traci received a call from a Byers community member that was interested in bringing 7Mindsets to Byers School. They like how respectful our students are when they come to our school. We hosted a college fair on October 11th. She will finish with her formal observations tomorrow.

Accountability:

Mr. McCleary stated that Brady Scherrer will present Safe Schools Initiative; high school will present 7Mindsets. They will discuss Safe to Tell in November. He’s looking into getting grant money and a presenter to come out and talk to students about safe electronic device practices.

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. High school football ends their regular season on October 26th. Softball won their region and will play Rocky Ford on October 19th at the Aurora Sports Park. High school volleyball ends their regular season on October 27th. Middle school football ended their season on October 9th, middle school volleyball will end their season on the 17th. Cross Country has regionals on October 18th and State on October 27th. There are 17 participants out for Speech. Middle school boys’ basketball’s season start on October 22nd and girls start on November 5th. The following received their 20 and 30 year service awards from CHSAA; - Mike O’Dwyer – 30 years, Teresa O’Dwyer – 20 years, Joel Albers – 20 years, Greg Scherrer – 20 years and Dirk Pedersen – 20 years.

Financial Reports:

Theron Perry moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for September of 2018 in the amount of \$381,007.65. John said that Aptafund is working really well with leave requests and requisitions. Kim stated that the annual audit will start on October 29th. The exit interview should be the afternoon of the 31st. She asked for two Board members to be there. Craig and Theron volunteered. John stated that we were able to open two more labs with chromebooks using REAP money. He said that testing will go so much better on the chromebooks. We were also able to get another projector, carts and a filtration system called Go Guarding that allows teachers to monitor what students are doing on the chromebook. We are supposed to receive Title IV money which we need to use toward technology. We will purchase more chromebooks and 2 drones. John will ask Charlie to come and give a presentation with him on all our technology. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Reports: Wendy stated that she will be going to the fall delegate assembly on Friday in Colorado Springs. There's a LEF meeting on November 8th. Craig stated that Troy will need to resign from the foundation because there are already two Board members on the committee. Theron stated that the committee would like for Mr. McCleary to initial each request that is given to them so they can be sure he has seen them all. Traci asked if there is a limit to the amount of money someone can request. Craig said there isn't a limit but they may not get all the money they request.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. McCleary gave a presentation on our student count comparing it with the last two years. He included free and reduced lunch numbers, special education numbers, students with a English language proficiency of limited and non-English speaking, transportation and number of employees.

Action Items: 2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy EEAA

Mike Hines moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy EEAA, Walkers and Riders as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy JJH-R

Mike Hines moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of revised policy JJH-R, Senior Class Trip as presented. Traci stated that the trip will be April 11th to the 13th, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of New and Revised Policies

Theron Perry moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of the following new and revised policies –

- ADD Safe Schools
- GBEB Staff Conduct & Responsibilities
- GBEB-R-2 Staff Conduct & Responsibilities – NEW Regulation
- JICH Drug & Alcohol Involvement by Students
- JLCD Administering Medications by Students
- JLCDB Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students
- KDBA Parent Notification of Employee Criminal Charges – NEW Policy
- KDBA-E Parent Notification of Employee Criminal Charges Sample Notice – NEW Exhibit
- KFA Public Conduct on District Property

John included a summary of each policy. They mainly deal with notifying parents of employees who receive criminal charges and CASB's recommendation to not allow staff to give medical marijuana to students unless they are parents and primary caregivers. Kim gets reports frequently from CBI on former employees that have criminal charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach Resignation

Wendy Pottorff moved and Theron Perry seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Don Schmidt as head middle school boys' basketball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Coaches

Mike Hines moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve Don Schmidt as head middle school girls' basketball coach, Mike Kochis as head middle school boys basketball coach and Kyle Newsom and Cody Fox as volunteer assistant high school wrestling coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

Student Teacher

Theron Perry moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve Hadassa Graham as a student teacher under Emily Rudder. Theron said that he read her application and was impressed. Emily stated that she spoke with Hadassa and she is intelligent and driven. She will be visiting the school on October 22nd during lunch so Emily invited Board members to come and meet her. The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Application

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the application submission for the Colorado Garden Foundation Grant. Emily stated that this is for land lab space and a horticultural class. The grant would be for \$15,000 and would not need matching funds. She was picked as one of the top 10 finalist for the grant. She received a full ride scholarship from the Colorado Garden Foundation so she has a relationship with them already. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of State Trip

Theron Perry moved and Troy Jaklich seconded the motion to approve the FFA out of state trip to Indianapolis, IN for the National Convention on October 22nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Sponsors

Troy Jaklich moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve Kelly Ruebesam, Shawn Bennett, Kandi Schmidt and Turin O'Brien as additional sponsors for the senior class trip. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Agenda Planning – Thursday, November 1, 2018 5:30pm at Limon School – Troy Jaklich will be there

Work Session – Monday, November 12, 2018 6:00pm at TBD

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, November 12, 2018 7:00pm at TBD

Work Session – Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Large Conference Room

Adjournment:

At 8:36pm Troy Jaklich moved and Theron Perry 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: _____
Craig Bailey