

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

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| Regular<br>KIND OF MEETING | Media Center<br>MEETING PLACE | 7:00 p.m.<br>TIME | August<br>MONTH | 15<br>DAY | 2016<br>YEAR |
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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 7:00pm. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.

**Mission Statement:** Craig Bailey read the district mission statement.

**Agenda:** Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for September 19, 2016 adding action item 12.6, approving FFA's out of state trip and adding 2 more coaches to 12.4. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Audience:** Kim Steinhart, Gary Lewman, Molly Wagner, Jill Coonts, Sharon Hansen, Stacy Larson, Topper Parker and Kirsten Tacha

**Minutes:** Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 15, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Financial Reports:** Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for August of 2016 in the amount of \$488,822.29. Jason read the breakdown. Kim had included the breakdown of the large payables which was \$18,000 to Byers for the nurse, \$4,000 to Cochran's for tree removal, \$6,776 for snow guards, \$6,765 for sprinkler, \$8,000 for furniture and \$28,000 for the science books. Traci stated that they will be ordering more chairs and tables for the elementary computer lab and she will need more chairs for the big class coming up next year. Craig suggested they ask LEF for the money for these. Craig asked if the insurance for the building and fleet went up much. Kim stated yes but it's because last year we had a couple of months that we didn't have a building to insure because of the construction. The motion passed unanimously

**Education Reports:** **FBLA Report:** Molly Wagner gave the FBLA report. She said that one of the student members will give the report from now on. She has 8 students in her marketing class, 12 between 2 classes in accounting, 6 in technology, 16 between 2 classes in leadership and 7 in communications. The new FBLA officers are President – Zachary Churchwell, Vice President – Sean Steinhart, Secretary – Makinna Hubbard, Treasurer – Kit Bellefeuille, Reporter – Johanna Mergelman, STUCO Rep – Hauk Hubbard and Historian – Ayiana Batterton. She attended a new FBLA advisor training in Denver on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They covered Canvas which is a business course curriculum. They also went over different awards you can earn as a student and on the chapter level. She currently has 20 students. Ken Schwartz from Walsworth has been out 3 times to help her get the yearbook going. The students want to complete the yearbook before school is out this year. They helped serve pancakes with Peak Vista before the homecoming parade. Officers will be attending an officer training at NJC on September 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving a meal for Kimmi Lewis in Simla along with FFA members on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**FFA Report:** Topper Parker gave the FFA report. He did a recap of what they did over the summer. They helped at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July barbecue, Heritage Days and the car show. On September 7<sup>th</sup> they had their parent/member barbecue. On September 12<sup>th</sup> 5 officers put on a workshop in Hugo. On October 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5 members will be attending the National Convention in Indianapolis. On November 17<sup>th</sup> they will hold their hired hand auction and sell their metal projects.

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

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 231 students enrolled. That is down from last year's October 1 count which was 240. Our attendance rate is above our goal. He and Mrs. Coonts attended an Imagine Learning training on September 7<sup>th</sup> at BOCES. Jill will give a presentation after his report. Teresa Monks will attend a Read Act Training on the 21<sup>st</sup> at BOCES. Picture day is tomorrow. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders will attend Farm Safety Day in Hugo on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have Safety Week the week of October 10<sup>th</sup> and hold fire, tornado and lockdown drills along with bus safety. He applied for a Dollar General Literacy Grant at the end of April and was just notified that we received a \$2,000 grant. The transportation audit went well on the 15<sup>th</sup>. He only needs to do 4 things. He needs to give them a copy of the job description for the small vehicle drivers, give them the agenda from the small vehicle training with the amount of time spent on each subject, signed C2U17 forms which are small vehicle med forms and drug and alcohol training documents. Jill Coonts gave a presentation of Imagine Learning. This is a planning and assessment tool for language arts. It is Read Act Tier 2 approved. They will be using this for the Title I program, during tech time and 8<sup>th</sup> hour. It can be accessed through a laptop or an app on our iPads. They would also like to use it for English Language Learners and gifted and talented kids. They also have a piece called Big Brains which deals with math computation. This would be a good additional tool to our current math curriculum. Everything can also be accessed at home. Currently our server is not communicating with BOCES's server so it is not up and running yet. The Board asked if BOCES has paid for this. Joel stated that no it is funded through our Read Act dollars and the Dollar General Grant.

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

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her 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 went over the state testing highlights. She is very proud of how we did as a school. This will be the last year that for the ACT report. Juniors will now take the SAT. She included a Career Technical Education handout and Mary Andersen's MCC fall 2016 low down. The Methodist Church ladies are hosting an all staff appreciation luncheon tomorrow. She and Joel will be attending a principal leadership cluster at BOCES tomorrow. We will host the Honor Choir Directors Conference on Thursday. Other than float day she thought Homecoming week was a success. She had 5 or 6 kids not following rules on float day. She thanked Tim Andersen with Gordon Real Estate group and Ryan and Sherri Smithburg with Hoffman Drug for the new Badger mascot suit. She also thanked Teresa O'Dwyer for having the old scoreboard restored into a clock and the class of 1962 for the new metal Badger on the staircase wall by the cafeteria. Financial Aid and FAFSA night has been moved up October 5<sup>th</sup> because of deadlines changing.

**Staff:** None

**STUCO Report:** None

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

Mr. Pedersen highlighted items from his report. He gave the current records for football, volleyball and softball. Middle school football's season ends on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming was a success and Mary Gore was very surprised with being inducted as an Honorary L Club member.

**Board Reports:**

Craig stated that the LEF meeting is next week. We received 3 new AED from Mark Morrison with Lincoln County EMS. One will go upstairs, one for track and football to share and one for softball and baseball to share. We only asked for two and we were very thankful that we received three.

Open enrollment for the CASB convention December 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> is on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Troy stated that as a parent he thinks the ability to go online and print off assignments with our new books is huge.

Wendy asked the Board if they wanted to look at the items up for votes at the Delegate Assembly. She would like to know how they want her to vote. She listed the amendments that will be on the ballot in November.

Charles Hoffman asked what the Board thought of amendment T which proposes to change wording regarding slavery. They want to drop the wording "except as punishment of a crime" and he is worried this will affect how the schools can discipline students. The Board said they would look into that.

They discussed what to do with some of our extra items. Dave asked the Board if they wanted to offer the drafting tables to different schools or sell them. The Board thought we should offer them to schools first before putting them up for sale. The same with the ladder and heating and cooling units. Kim stated that she would like to see if we could use one of the units for the foyer of the

activities building. They will look at getting a bid for this but Craig thinks it will be too expensive. They also discussed the old Pepsi cooler. They talked about putting this for sale online to get a better price. Craig stated that we could pick a day and sell items like we did with some of the other school furniture.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. Dan Bates was out with an arborist to see why all the trees died by the playground. They think they were all planted too deep. Jason asked if we could plant them somewhere else. It was brought up that they were planted there to be a wind break for the playground. Charlie reprogrammed our phones so we can now intercom individual classrooms. Zeb Baylie started working last week. He thanked the class of 1962 for the Badger that T&I Metal Works made and was put up in the stairwell by the cafeteria. They discussed an incident that happened over the weekend on the playground. Kids were taking the big rocks from the dry river bed and throwing them down the slides. One child was hurt and had to be taken to the emergency room. They discussed removing the rocks or cementing them down somehow.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:** **Ag Ed Advisory Committee Member**

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion approve Stacy Loutzenhiser to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term on the Agriculture Education Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Accountability Committee Members**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the accountability committee members as follows –

Parent Members – Carrie West, Cindy Tacha, Kirsten Tacha and Patricia Swayze

Teachers – Kim Brossart, DeAnna Steinhart and Emily Rudder

Administration – Joel Albers

Business Rep – Diane Kimble

Community Members – Jane Hubbard, Chuck Pierce and Jerry Allen

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

We need more parent members. There should be a student member of FBLA and FFA that will also attend. The motion passed unanimously.

**gkkworks Agreement**

Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the agreement between Limon Public Schools and gkkworks for the locker room remodel project. Wendy stated that she talked to Joe Martin and he was excited to here that we got the grant for the locker rooms. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coaches**

Wendy Pottorff moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve Casey Love as volunteer assistant dance coach, LaRae Cesko and Pam Fagerlund as volunteer assistant volleyball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

**FFA Out of State Trip**

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the out of state FFA trip on October 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the National Convention in Indianapolis. The Board asked Traci about Mr. Ayers out of state trip with students. Traci stated that this is outside of the school and nothing will be through the school. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

CASB Regional Meeting in Limon – October 11, 2016 at 4:30pm

Work Session – Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center

Next School Board Meeting – Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

**Adjournment:**

At 8:52 p.m Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troy Jaklich