

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	September MONTH	18 DAY	2017 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 7:04pm. Roll call showed all Board members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood and recited the pledge.

Mission Statement: Wendy Pottorff read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for September 18, 2017 adding action item 12.6, approving the FFA out of state trip. The motion passed unanimously.

School Officials: Traci Weisensee, Joel Albers, Dirk Pedersen

Audience: Gary Lewman, Kim Steinhart, Shirelle Bandy, Anna Weisensee, Mikaela Taylor, Kellie Overturf, Emily Rudder and Theron Perry

Minutes: Jason Bandy moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 23, 2017. The motion passed with four ayes and Troy Jaklich abstaining.

Audience Participation: Mr. Lewman told the Board that he was not successful in asking LEF to pay for some of the past due lunch bills. He stated that he found out that USDA has a grant that may pay these bills. Craig asked if it would be above what they already subsidize. Gary stated that there are large districts that USDA pays for the all the students to receive free lunches.

Kellie Overturf from MCC went over current enrollment and financials so far with our college classes. Kellie is the Limon School representative. Valerie Rhodes is covering the I70 corridor and is in charge of the Limon community and Kellie is in charge of the school. MCC gave students \$100 a credit scholarships but it will probably only be for this semester. MCC will now reimburse the school \$180 a credit. This was the first time Traci and Shirelle heard this. They were under the impression that we would only get \$45 a credit. Kellie stated that another school district told them they couldn't do this and needed to reimburse the full amount of concurrent course credits. Craig stated that we don't want to make money from this deal. Shirelle suggested that we offer a \$50 scholarship for the 2nd semester. Kellie will look at the numbers to see if this will work. Troy asked what caused the shift in the reimbursement. Kellie stated they are trying to get more students into concurrent college courses. Traci told the Board that she waived Cathy Sauter's pay because it was going to be cheaper for the district because she only has 7 students and would need 12 students for MCC to pay. Kellie is going to look at the numbers and get back to Traci.

Financial Reports: Jason Bandy moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the General Fund, Insurance Reserve and Capital Reserve expenditures for August of 2017 in the amount of \$894,351.00. Jason read the breakdown of \$322,260.51 general fund expenditures and \$573,090.49 capital reserve expenditures. The Board asked if all kids have paid their MCC bills. Shirelle stated that no, they have not. She and Kim will make a spreadsheet and see who still owes. The Board also asked if the BOCES employees that had an outstanding lunch bill at the end of school last year. Kim stated that one has made a payment but the other one is no longer working for BOCES and never paid. Craig asked Kim to email him how much is owed and he will talk to Don Anderson. Traci stated that Strasburg is not letting kids charge more than \$15. She doesn't know how that works. Kim stated that we are getting a lot more people paying with credit cards for all different kinds of bills. The motion passed unanimously.

Education Reports: **FBLA Report:**

Mikaela Taylor gave the FBLA report. They are taking 35 members to CLFC in Sterling on October 6th. They will have sessions with leadership opportunities. They held their first meeting on September 7th and had 41 members in attendance. All 41 members will be selecting 2 events each to compete in at District FBLA this spring. Each member will be in one testing event and one presentation event.

STUCO Report:

Tucker Thompson, STUCO president, reported to the Board that this is homecoming week. On Wednesday we will have class games, a talent show and football jersey auction. Saturday is the homecoming dance at the golf course.

FFA Report:

Anna Weisensee gave the FFA report. They had about 100 people attend the parent/member barbecue. This was their kickoff event. 100 students attended the district leadership conference held in Hugo at the fairgrounds. Nick Vollmer from Merino was their keynote speaker. Emily Rudder stated that Nick is and National Star Farmer finalist. Along with his America Degree application he needed to turn in a written application to qualify. He will receive a \$5,000 scholarship as a finalist and a \$10,000 scholarship if he wins. Wednesday is farm safety day in Hugo. The Limon chapter is putting on a mock farm accident. They will also be helping guide the 4th graders as group leaders. On Thursday is the BIG conference which stands for becoming involved as greenhand. This is for first year members. October 7th and 8th is the Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development conference held in Colorado Springs. The MFE is for freshmen and sophomores and the ALD is for juniors and seniors.

Emily stated that LEF approved her request to fund her CASE enrollment. CASE or Curriculum for AgriScience Educators is a curriculum developed by teacher and industry leaders to provide inquiry and hand-on experience in agriculture. She will get certification that will help achieve new graduation requirements in 2020. Emily and Anna passed out FFA shirts to the Board and stated that staff will be getting theirs tomorrow.

Staff Presentation: None Given

Elementary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report. We currently have 207 students in the elementary. Our attendance rate is above the goal of 95%. He included the beginning of the year DIBELS report. The report now shows students that are above benchmark. Mrs. Coonts participated in CDE's assessment unit for CMAS, English Language Arts, grades 3 thru 8 content and bias review. She worked with a group of Colorado educators on reviewing assessment items to ensure content appropriateness. Joel will be attending an English Language development training on Friday, September 29th. This will be about state and federal requirements for ELD programs and services for English learners. The 4th grade students will be attending Farm Safety Day in Hugo on Wednesday. October will be Safety Month at Limon School. We will have fire, tornado, bus safety and lockdown drills going on throughout the month. The elementary know has a student council. Colt Owens is president, Logan Haflich is the vice-president, Elsie Thompson is secretary and Barrett Garver is treasurer. The class reps are Damian Breeden, Asha Thompson, Samara Humphrey and Carson Perry. They want to be more involved with homecoming so they have come up with dress up days for the elementary and will have a float, which actually will be a bus, in the parade. The STUCO members will be riding the bus and they are encouraging elementary students to walk or ride their bikes behind the bus in the parade. Joel had discussed vehicle lease options with Board members during the work session. He will get numbers on a bigger vehicle. The Malibu is \$28,290. Joel then went over the elementary school performance framework It's hard to compare from last year because the points eligible have changed. He was excited with the math numbers because of our new math curriculum.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Mrs. Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are currently 270 secondary students. Attendance is above the goal or 95%. She briefly went over the Colorado career and tech education fact sheet that was in the Board packet. She has started her formal observations. Kelly Packer will be gone tomorrow for a workshop on the Randa pilot program. On Monday, October 2nd we will have an assembly to celebrate receiving an Accreditation with Distinction rating again this year. They will also bring in Jenny's for lunch for the staff. Shirelle stated that they didn't do a good job of celebrating the students for all their hard work. They will be handing out a candy bar with a saying on it for all the students. Traci thanked Dollar General for giving the school the candy at half

price. She asked if the Board had any ideas on how else to celebrate to let her know. She briefly went over the district performance framework. Last year the district was at 76.8 out of 100 and this year we are at 75.7. We had one student opt out of testing last year which brought our score down. Accountability will be holding a Meet the Candidates Night on October 11th starting at 7pm. They will be using the same format as the last candidates' night plus they will be setting up tables for each candidate so the public can sit and talk individually with each one if they want to. They also discussed inviting the candidates to setup tables at parent teacher conferences on October 25th. Shirelle stated that there will be tables setup on the night of October 26th during parent teacher conferences for EMS, Limon Fire and others involved with our crisis plan.

Shirelle stated that 7 Mindsets are being taught each Monday in kindergarten thru 12th grade. She does an assembly for kindergarten thru 2nd grade every Monday and Don Anderson came to watch. Craig asked if we could post some of the mindsets on our facebook page. Emily stated that staff is also helping staff be positive. Each member has a month where they will do something for the staff. This month was Peggy Niebur and she put thank you notes out for everyone to write what they are thankful for. The Board has theirs in their Board packets. The tutoring center is servicing about 20 kids per day with 9 tutors. She has 3 high schoolers reading with kids. Also, Rhonda Blackwelder is coming in once a week to help some high schoolers with reading. October 16th we will host a College Fair. There will be about 50 colleges attending and it will last about an hour. She liked Troy suggestion that all high school students should be able to attend so she is thinking that the last 30 minutes she will let sophomores and freshmen attend. She will have her financial aid and FAFSA workshop the evening of October 25th.

Accountability:

Joel stated that they had their meeting on September 13th. Kelly Packer is president, Jerry Allen is vice president and Diane Kimble is secretary. They had 12 members attend. They went over the performance framework, Randa pilot and meet the candidate's night. Kelly Packer will also be part of the Agate school organization planning committee along with Craig and Wendy. They will meet again before the Meet the Candidates Night to go over things.

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

Mr. Pedersen gave the records of each sport so far. Softball with have their homecoming game this Thursday, Volleyball on Friday and Football on Saturday. The potential football numbers for 1A 11 man are 142-324. They will be voting on them in January. We currently only have 135 high schoolers but he agrees with Coach O'Dwyer that if we have at least 30 boys out for football we should stay in 11 man and not move down to 8 man. Traci stated that Kristen Allen has volunteered to start a middle school flag color guard. She has six kids out and none are in band. Traci stated we still had the flags so there is zero cost to the district.

Board Reports:

Craig stated that at the LEF meeting they approved Emily Rudder's request and that Kim Taussig is stepping down from the LEF Board. Their first Agate school meeting is on Monday, October 2nd. They were able to get the resolution to be able to pick from a variety of community colleges in the fall delegate assembly book. Wendy and Troy will be going to the meeting. Jason thanked Theron for coming to the meeting. Troy stated that it was too bad about Charlie Hoffman's passing. He was a good friend to the school and to the Board. We have missed him the last four months and he will be missed. He sent sympathy to the family.

Dirk told the Board that we spent money to add gates and now have doors so people using the weight room can't get into the school so he would like to start selling cards to the back door. This is the only way Mr. Love can make money to keep up all the equipment. We can activate and deactivate each card and program them for a certain length of time. He would like to setup cameras near the stairwells to monitor who is going up. Right now the town is opening the front gym doors which lets anyone in. The Board would like them to use the back weight room door. They talked about selling the cards for \$250 for a calendar year. Kim asked that we look at the price and maybe bump it up to \$300. We would prorate the cost if they came in after January. They talked about just having the cards active from 7pm to 4am each day. They talked about if someone were to buy a card and then hold a workout class and let others in. In this case we could either give a group rate or charge a facility use fee. Mike asked if there could be a liability issue with fire exits. Dirk will ask Tom. Troy asked if the sale from the first 2 cards could pay for cameras for that area. Dirk thought that would work.

Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Marx was not at the meeting. The Board went over his report. Don Anderson let the superintendents know that this is his last year as BOCES director. Craig will be on the selection committee to hire a new director hopefully by January.

Action Items:

Education Advisory Committee Members

Craig Bailey moved and Jason Bandy seconded the motion to approve the advisory committee members for the Ag Education Advisory committee, the Business Education Advisory committee and the IA Education Advisory committee as presented. Emily stated that they need one more regular member. She asked if they knew of any women that may be interested to let her know. She is trying to balance to committee out. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Revised Policy ECAF-R

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st reading of revised policy ECAF-R, use of video and audio monitoring as presented. This is to remove the section about not keeping video monitors in an area that enables public viewing. Our lawyers said that this is just a CASB suggestion and not a legal issue. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach

Wendy Pottorff moved and Mike Hines seconded the motion to approve the Marie Allen as assistant speech coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Accountability Members

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the list of accountability members as presented. The student member was switched to Mahalie Owens. They still need one more student. Traci and Shirelle will see if the junior or senior class president can join or the FBLA or IA student presidents can join. We still need three more parents. It was suggested that we give some information out at parent teacher conferences. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of New Policies BDFB-R-3 and BDFB-R-4

Craig Bailey moved and Wendy Pottorff seconded the motion to approve the 1st 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. These bylaws have not been voted on by the committees yet. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of State FFA Trip

Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey seconded the motion to approve the out of state FFA trip on October 25th through the 28th to the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

CASB Fall Regional Meeting – Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:30 at the Limon Community Bldg.
Work Session – Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Limon School Media Center
Next School Board Meeting – Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Limon School Media Center

Adjournment:

At 9:05pm Jason Bandy moved and Craig Bailey 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: _____
Troy Jaklich