

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	December MONTH	10 DAY	2012 YEAR
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Jason Bandy  
PRESIDING OFFICER

Bart O'Dwyer  
MEMBER

Jack Horner  
VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Marx  
SUPERINTENDENT

Russell Lengel  
TREASURER

Sharon Newsom  
SECRETARY

- Roll Call:** The regular board meeting was called to order by President Jason Bandy at 7:02 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Jack Horner read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for December 10, 2012, adding action item 12.6 approving the purchase of EZ Messaging. Motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, & Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Charles Hoffman, Kim Trujillo, Elaina Rudder, Les Layton, Don Weidinger, Michelle Fisher and Anna Newsom
- Minutes:** Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** Anna Newsom presented to the Board what she is doing in Kindergarten this year. This is her 1<sup>st</sup> years teaching. She has 31 students, 30 part time students and 1 full time student. Their goals are to learn their letters and sounds and to count to 100. They are currently working on a unit about Gardening. They have decorated pots and put in aloe vera plants. She invited the Board to visit her classroom.
- Financial Reports:** Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for November of 2012 in the amount of \$275,358.47. Russell read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously.
- Education Reports:**
- Elementary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Mr. Albers highlighted items from his report in the packet. Current enrollment is at 191 and the attendance rate continues to be good. We are at the highest enrollment K-4 since Joel has started at Limon Elementary. This will be something to consider when talking about bringing 5<sup>th</sup> grade back to the elementary. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of DIBELS is in December. Jan Hiltner and Rhonda Blackwelder will to helping teachers with this. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be doing a MAPs Math assessment in January. This will be a shorter test then the fall and spring tests. The Scholastic Book Fair raised \$5,117.06. The annual tree walk was on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Elementary Christmas program will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Christmas parties have been moved to 11am on the 20<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Kindergarten will not attend school on the 20<sup>th</sup> so their parties will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Bandy has begun the Second Step program in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)  
Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. Attendance rate is still very good in both schools. The secondary music program and chili supper will be tomorrow. There will be a Speech mini meet on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the school. She included the letter and finals schedule that was sent to parents. She changed the schedule from previous years so that there were only 2 finals a day instead of 4. Teachers will need to have their grades posted before leaving for Christmas break. She would like to make that last day a half a day for future school calendars. She congratulated Toy Kropp who is a Boettcher Scholarship semi-finalist, Madison Lengel for her HOBY selection, Emma Gaede for auditioning for the "Top of the Nation" Adams State Honor Choir, and Alyssa Hanson and Tim Albers for being chosen as Wendy's Heisman Winners. She also stated that Cheer placed 5<sup>th</sup> and Dance placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Spirit competition.
- Accountability:**

Joel stated they changed their December meeting to last Tuesday because of a basketball game that Chuck Pierce was officiating at. They went over the secondary final schedule and the new building plans.

**STUCO Report:** (none given)

**Athletic Department Report:**

Dirk highlighted items from his report. High School Basketball has started. Both the varsity boys and girls finished 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bennett Tournament. They hosted the Badger Wrestling Invitational. There were 24 teams participating. There were a lot of good comments from other schools on how the tournament was run. It started at 10am and finished at 7pm.

**FFA Report:**

Elaina Rudder stated that they just had their chapter meeting were they decided to have their Christmas party the afternoon of December 20<sup>th</sup>. They raised over \$9,000 at their annual Hired Hand Auction.

She presented to the Board the plans for this year's senior class trip. They would like to go to Glenwood Springs on March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup>. This will cost \$216 per person which will include the bus ride up there. They currently have over \$300 per person so they will use the extra money to go skiing. All but two students will be going and four sponsors. Jason asked that she give them all the details in writing.

**Board Reports:**

Sharon stated they received a Thank You note from the Marx and Keller family. Jason stated they also received a Thank You letter from Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Marx thanked the staff and Board for their support last week. He told the Board that next month he would like to look at salaries especially for those that will be retiring soon and look at new math curriculum school-wide.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:**

**Early Dismissal**

Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the early dismissal of school at noon on December 20, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of the Budget**

Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of the 2012-2013 Limon School Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mill Levy**

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the mill levy of 21.828 mills for the General Fund and mill levy of 5.508 mills for the Bond Redemption Fund on total assessed evaluation of \$42,765,069. This will generate \$933,475.93 for the General Fund and \$235,550.00 for the Bond Fund. Also to authorize the administration to modify these amounts to meet State requirements if the assessed evaluation changes after December 10, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amended Budget Resolution**

Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the following amended resolution – Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Limon School District RE-4J in Lincoln County that the amounts shown in the presented schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the "2012-2013 Budget" for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

**Accept Resignation**

Sharon Newsom moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Cindy McCallum beginning in January, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

**EZ School Messaging**

Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer moved to approve the purchase of EZ School Messaging. This is a parent notification system through Go.edustar. We would be able to notify parents of early dismissal or cancellation of school through text messaging, email, or by phone message. We will also be able to email letters and info to parents. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future Business:**

Work Session – Monday, January 21, 2013 at 6:00pm in the High School Library

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, January 21, 2013 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

**Adjournment:**

At 7:35pm Bart O'Dywer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.