

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	November MONTH	12 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 7:06 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Russell Lengel read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Sharon Newsom moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the agenda for November 12, 2012, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, & Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Craig Bailey, Charles Hoffman, Kim Trujillo, Heide Christian, Jaden Smithburg and Sherri Smithburg
- Minutes:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** Jaden Smithburg asked the Board to consider bringing the Art program back. He gave them each a copy of his letter including about 75 signatures. He stated that some students don't play sports or like IA so Art would be a good alternative. Sharon Newsom stated that she admired Jaden for getting the signatures and bringing it to the Board.
- Heidi Christian was asked to give a presentation on the Center Base program. She stated that it was technically a BOCES program housed in Limon, Strasburg and Burlington. She services kindergarten through 21. She currently has 12 kids, ages 12 to 21. 3 are from Genoa-Hugo, 2 from Deertrail and the rest are from Limon. There are 3 paras that help her. She teaches basic skills and life skills. She went over their daily schedules. There are a couple of kids that participate in sports. Also NHS comes to spend lunch with her class once a month. She has 4 kids participating in work study. She stated that Chris Witt at NAPA has been really receptive to let her kids help there.
- Financial Reports:** Russell Lengel moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for October of 2012 in the amount of \$354,577.00. Russell read the breakdown. Kim stated that payment for MCC college classes has changed and we now pay at the beginning of the semester for these classes. If a student receives a D they will need to reimburse the school. The motion passed unanimously. Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the Capital Reserves expenditures for October of 2012 in the amount of \$50,000.00. Bart asked if we were making three payments for the bus. Kim stated yes the first payment is for \$50,000 and the next two are for \$25,000. 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 184 and the attendance rate continues to be good. Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be taking the CogAT test next week. He believes that the same assessments will be used for the Colorado Read Act as was used for CBLA. The State Board of Education has yet to define Significant Reading Deficiency. The CASE Regional Principal's Meeting will be this Wednesday in the library. The Scholastic Book Fair was held last week. He doesn't have the total yet but 19 teachers received \$100 in books. Cindy Stone told him that their ornaments were not picked for the Washington DC Christmas Tree but they were picked to be a center piece at a banquet.
- 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. There will be a presentation from the US Mint Education and Outreach Program on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be divided in four age appropriate presentations. There were 107 parents that signed in at Parent/Teacher Conferences. According to Cass, this was a good turnout. She included the observation tool she and Joel are using for teachers. BOCES held a GT program at the school. She was able to see the plays they came up with for Jack and the Beanstalk from Jack's

side and from the Giants side. Also, the Eastern Colorado Honor Choir was held in Limon on November 5<sup>th</sup>. FFA will be having their Speech contest and Hired Hand auction this Thursday.

**Accountability:**

Joel stated their next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**STUCO Report:** (none given)

**Athletic Department Report:**

Dirk highlighted items from his report. High School football beat Rye in the first round of playoffs but lost to Hotchkiss in the quarter finals. He stated it was the most bizarre game he's seen. The kids did well and were well behaved on the trip. Middle school girls' basketball will have their first game on November 15<sup>th</sup> in Limon. There are about 27 girls on the team. Cheer and Dance are preparing for their State competition on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**FFA Report:** (none given)

**Board Reports:**

Sharon reminded Bart that they have a Limon Foundation meeting tomorrow. She also stated that she and Dave will be at BOCES Board meeting on Wednesday. BOCES is having a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration from 4 to 6 on Wednesday and everyone is invited to stop by.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. He had a two meeting with the secondary and the elementary staff about the school plans. He gave that info to Michelle from Neenan. Senate Bill 191 is a monster. The data portion is still very confusing. Tracey stated that Donnie Schmidt was at a training and one of the keynote speeches was on SB 191. He didn't realize how big it was but he did walk away with standards for IA. Joel stated that Rhonda Miller will be at the next meeting. Dave stated that he is discussing with Charlie Martinez how to get one on one device for all the high school students. They will be working on the timeline, the cost and if we can have our textbooks on their device.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Action Items:**

**Coaches**

Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Jordan Darling as assistant girls basketball coach and Jerry Allen as volunteer assistant speech coach for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed unanimously with four ayes and Bart O'Dwyer abstaining.

**Future Business:**

Work Session – Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:00pm in the High School Library  
Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, December 10, 2012 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

**Adjournment:**

At 7:59pm Bart O'Dwyer moved and Russell Lengel seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.