

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	October MONTH	15 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 7:00 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members were present.
- Mission Statement:** Russell Lengel read the district mission statement.
- Agenda:** Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the agenda for October 15, 2012, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- School Officials:** Dave Marx, Joel Albers, Traci Weisensee, & Dirk Pedersen
- Audience:** Craig Bailey, Charles Hoffman, Kim Trujillo, Cindy Stone, Stephanie Mauck and Elaina Rudder
- Minutes:** Sharon Newsom moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.
- Audience Participation:** None
- Financial Reports:** Russell Lengel moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for September of 2012 in the amount of \$274,091.74. 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 185 and the attendance rate continues to be good. Parent Teacher Conferences will be October 25 and 26th. The goal is to have 100% of our parents show up. He included and went over the NWEA data for the elementary. This assessment was given in September. He attended a training on the Read Act at BOCES. CBLA will officially be repealed in July and this will take over. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. There aren't any rules adopted yet but they should be adopted by the first part of November. There will be some funding with this. All incoming kindergartners will need to have an Individual Readiness Plan. Some of the Superintendents are worried that there will be a lot of extra work on monitoring kids. He included some pictures from Fire Safety Day. He thanked Jason Lacik, Tara Christie and all the volunteer fire fighters. Students and teachers enjoyed the presentation.
- Secondary Principal Report** (stated report was in the packet)
Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. She stated that she was nervous about Homecoming Week but impressed with how smoothly it went and all the work everyone puts into it. Current enrollment is at 264 in the secondary. Attendance rates for both the middle and high school are above 95%. She along with the other administrators and some teachers will attend the training on SB191 at BOCES on October 25th. She also included data from NWEA.
- Accountability:**
Joel stated they had their first meeting of the school year. Chuck Pierce is the new President and Diane Kimble will continue as the Secretary. They went over the Accreditation plan and TCAP results.
- Staff Presentation**
Cindy Stone gave a presentation on what is going on in the 4th grade. She passed out their schedule and one the newsletters they send home weekly. There are three 4th grade teachers teaching all of the kids. They have departmentalized the grade, each teaching their strength. Cindy is teaching science and social studies, Sandi Pedersen is teaching reading and writing, and Kathy Winkelman is teaching math. They collected pine cones from Winkelman's tree farm and made ornaments for the Capital Christmas Tree. One student or teacher from Colorado will be picked to go to Washington, DC for the lighting of the tree. Stephanie Mauck gave a presentation on what she is teaching in the high school. She is focusing on reading and reading comprehension this year. She teaches speech class

for the 9th, World History in 10th grade, American History in 11th grade, and Government in 12th. She is also the National Honor Society sponsor and went over the changes they would like to make to the process of applying. They want to lower the GPA requirement to let more kids apply. Also they have changed the packet so kids have to get signatures to verify what they have done. They would also like to move the induction to earlier in the school year. Elaina Rudder gave the students perspective on these changes. She stated that at first they were against lowering the GPA requirement but most came around to understanding that a student shouldn't be punished if they are not strong in one class. Stephanie stated that staff had a similar reaction as the students but with combining the change with a new application they were very receptive.

STUCO Report: (none given)

Athletic Department Report:

Dirk highlighted items from his report. He thanked Craig for his research and for writing the speech for Don and Janet Baileys presentation as Honorary L Club recipients. He thought Rocky and Kelly did a great job with the softball team even with three starters that had never played softball before. Volleyball districts will start next week. Football playoffs start on November 3rd. Limon should be 1st or 2nd seed. Middle school football finished with a record of 1 and 6. Middle school volleyball ends this week and middle school basketball will start next week.

FFA Report:

Elaina Rudder stated that they had their Parent/Member barbeque by the railroad tracts. On Wednesday they will have Jr. Officer interviews. The National Convention will be October 24th through the 28th.

Board Reports:

The Board looked over the elementary board report. Dave stated that the funds for Race to the Top go through our BOCES. When he learns more about it he will inform the staff. Sharon stated she did not know what the Board could do about the recess duty schedule. Cindy stated that she believes the staff just wanted to let the Board know of their concerns. They weren't expecting them to fix things right now. Joel stated they he will answer their questions at their next staff meeting. They also discussed if they should purchase another new bus. Dave suggested not to this year. Joel would like the money to be set aside in the budget to purchase a new bus each year. This was agreed upon as long as our current buses are holding out and nothing major happens.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. He stated that Homecoming week went well and it's a great tradition at Limon. He'd like to schedule a date for staff and possibly for the community to look over the new plans for the BEST grant. There is asbestos in the dirt in the elementary crawl space. We are waiting to hear what the levels are and what the State will want us to do. The auditor was here last week. Sharon and Jack were at the exit interview. The auditor said that Kim does a great job getting everything ready for him and that everything looks good.

Audience Participation: None

Action Items: **Revised High School Student Handbook**

Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the revised high school student handbook as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Coaches

Russell Lengel moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year; Ryan Smithburg – high school boys basketball assistant coach, Bradey Scherrer – high school track assistant coach, Mike Kochis – middle school boys basketball assistant coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Revised School Board Meeting Calendar

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the revised 2012-2013 School Board Meeting calendar moving the December 17th Board Meeting to December 10th and taking off the July Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, November 12, 2012 at 6:00pm in the High School Library
Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, November 12, 2012 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Adjournment:

At 8:26pm Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.