

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - RE-4J

Regular KIND OF MEETING	High School Library MEETING PLACE	7:00 p.m. TIME	September MONTH	17 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 7:01 p.m. Roll call reflected that all Board members except for Russell Lengel were present.

Mission Statement: Jack Horner read the district mission statement.

Agenda: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda for September 17, 2012, moving the action items between 5.0 and 6.0 and adding action item 12.3, approving Limon's participation in the Amicus Briefs. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Audience: Craig Bailey, Charles Hoffman, Don Weidinger, Michelle Fisher, Kim Trujillo, Kathy Gebhardt, Elaina Rudder, and Don Schmidt

Minutes: Jack Horner moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items: **Coaches**

Jack Horner moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year; Tyson Liggett as High School Assistant Baseball Coach, Dan Blackwelder as High School Assistant Wrestling Coach, and Pat Bandy as Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach. It was discussed that Tyson and Dan's positions will be paid. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach Resignation

Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to accept Ashley Malcom's resignation as high school assistant track coach and Dennis Blaisdell as middle school assistant boys basketball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Participation in the Amicus Briefs

Sharon Newsom moved and Bart O'Dwyer seconded the motion to approve Limon to participate in the Amicus Briefs on capital construction issue in the Labato case pending approval of the final brief. The motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: Traci Weisensee asked Don Schmidt to give the Board an overview of his IA program. Donny stated that right now he has 18 middle school students and 50 high school students. In the middle school program he starts off with drafting, emphasizing neatness and measuring. Next is safety, then they design a smaller project. They order the lumber and start construction on the project. This can take 9 to 17 weeks. Typically they are doing the finishing after spring break. The high school students start off with the safety test and a demonstration on all the tools. Then they go right into the design and layout and then construction which can go from now to 3 to 4 weeks before the IA Fair. If the student did not take IA in middle school he will do more one on one with them during the design. Bart stated that this is a good program to have. Jason stated that because of the numbers taking the class we need more room.

Financial Reports: Bart O'Dwyer moved and Jack Horner seconded the motion to approve the General Fund and Insurance Reserve expenditures for August of 2012 in the amount of \$285,496.74. Dave stated that we received the bill for the bus which is now in Denver for inspection and to get lettering and the number put on it. Bart read the breakdown. The motion passed unanimously. Bart O'Dwyer moved to approve the Capital Reserve expenditures for August 2012 in the amount of \$15,900.00. This is for the Impala. 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 186. Attendance rates are good. Elementary students have finished taking the MAPs assessment. The next one will be in April. 4th grade will participate in Farm Safety Day on September 26th. We had about 121 grandparents turnout for Grandparents' Day. We do this every year because the kids love it. The Six Traits writing resources are in. Kindergarten through 3rd will be implementing this program. Joel thanked James Emmerling for coming and giving a presentation on bee keeping to the elementary kids. Fire Safety week is the 2nd week of October. He has already been in contact with someone about the fire truck rides. Finally, he thought it was really neat that US Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, stopped in Limon.

Secondary Principal Report (stated report was in the packet)

Traci Weisensee highlighted items from her report. There are currently 263 students enrolled in the secondary. This is down from the October count of 276 last year. Attendance rates are good in both schools. She congratulated Mr. Weber and Mr. McCue for receiving the Monsanto Grant for the Ag Hydroponic laboratory. She went over all of what Shirelle is doing in the counseling office. She would like to change the high school student handbook to reflect that some teachers would like students to be able to use their electronic devices in their classrooms. She asked teachers to give her a copy of their classroom rules so she knew which classrooms to enforce the no electronic device use. It was discussed that this would be an action item at the next Board meeting. She has three teachers from the middle and high school participating in BOCES 6 Traits Writing. These meetings are after school on the teacher own time.

Accountability:

Joel stated that he postponed the meeting until September 24th due to his son's surgery.

Staff Report: (none given)**STUCO Report:** (none given)**Athletic Department Report:**

Dirk highlighted items from his report. He included the numbers out for each sport. He stated that adding the 6th grade to middle school football has helped with their numbers. He was asked to come up with how many hours the school uses the softball and baseball fields a year. Softball is 90 hours and baseball is 115 hours. Also, Les will spend about 10 hours a year dragging the fields. Homecoming is on October 6th. Cody Weber would like to make a presentation about receiving the grant during halftime of the homecoming football game.

FFA Report:

Elaina Rudder presented her report to the Board. She stated that they are just getting started for the year. They have been getting committees together at lunch time for all their different activities. Next week will be the parent/member barbeque. The middle school members are making jellys and jams for teacher appreciation. She has been helping Mr. Weber teach the Intro to Ag class. The District 10 Leadership Conference will be held in Limon at the gym.

Board Reports:

Sharon stated that she and the administration went to BOCES to hear from Don Anderson and the heads of each department on what BOCES does and offers to the school. They service 9,000 students. 70 of the students are in Limon. She said that BOCES is concerned that Limon does not have anyone participating in the Math Leadership. Traci stated that she asked secondary math teachers if they would like to attend and they declined. They were concerned that they would have to attend all 4 days instead of picking which ones they would like to go to. Traci asked Woodlin to send her notebook from when she participated which include all her personal notes. Mark Brown has that notebook right now. Joel stated that he sent Kathy Winkelman when it first started but she didn't want to finish because it took time away from her classroom. Sharon believes that we need to utilize more of what BOCES offers.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Marx highlighted items from his Board report. He has visited Miami-Yoder's new school and is going to go look at Akron's new facilities. He is also going to speak with Simla's superintendent and look at their plans so he and the Board can decide how to move forward with the BEST Grant. He thanked everyone for all their help getting ready for Arne Duncan's visit and the assembly. He thought the students did a great job.

Audience Participation: None

Future Business:

Work Session – Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:00pm in the High School Library

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, October 15, 2012 the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Adjournment:

At 7:48pm Bart O'Dwyer moved and Sharon Newsom seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.