



**EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1**  
301 RATON AVENUE  
LA JUNTA, COLORADO 81050

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**February 11, 2019**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **AUDIENCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
  2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
    - A. **Personnel Approval (Added 2-11-19)**
      - **Christina Trevino - New Hire as Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year (Added 2-11-19)**
    - B. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for 2018-2019**
      - **Meira Stanger (added 2-11-19)**
  7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
    - B. **Approve the Purchase of New Bleachers in Tiger Gym**
      - **Quote 2 added 2-8-19**
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8. **MINUTES** – January 11, 2019 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
9. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - **Auditor's Report**

Gary Waller, Auditor of Dixon, Waller and Company, explained the results of the district's 2017-2018 audit. Mr. Waller reported that the report was given a clean opinion with no qualifications, which is the highest rating that can be given. No action was needed or taken.
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, reported that the accounting system the district uses is in the process of re-configuring. This is why the Fund Balance report was not attached. Next month, Mrs. Reisch will add this year to last year's comparisons to the report. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
10. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Lovato said he is looking at a lot of different things in order to make transportation more efficient. He is working with other local districts and they are discussing many ideas, i.e., obtaining qualified drivers, sharing, etc. He said the bus fleet is doing okay and a bus was not purchased this year, but he will be looking at that for next year.

This is the last year the district will partner with GCG, Inc. Superintendent Lovato said he is looking for a smooth transition. He and Mr. Canaday have been meeting frequently.

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Building update:

- The Primary School has just completed their winter testing. The testing window closed last week and Superintendent Lovato is looking forward to seeing the data. He said he knows the Primary staff is anxiously awaiting to be in their new building.
- At the Intermediate School, Superintendent Lovato said things have settled in well with the additional supports in place. He said winter testing is also happening. The principal position will be opened in March.
- Business as usual is taking place at the Junior/Senior High School. Superintendent Lovato congratulated the community swimmers and the state champion swimmer. He said winter sports will be closing out in the next week or two and things are winding down quickly.

Superintendent Lovato said he is really proud of the way a lot of the students who attend TLC (Tiger Learning Center) have stepped up. They have made many crafts and have delivered them around the district. They also have been working hard at Potter Park. He said he is hoping to expand the TLC program and Mr. McNerney is working on a proposal.

The Primary Construction is picking up. The asbestos abatement is almost complete. The grouting stabilization was completed last week. Superintendent Lovato said walls should start going up soon.

The CASE conference was held last week. Superintendent Lovato attended the conference and said he had a good visit with the Platte Valley administrators. They discussed school environment and some things that were recommended to try, our district is already doing. He said one primary focus for him will be to get everyone working together and heading in the same direction.

Superintendent Lovato attended the S-CAP (Student Centered Accountability Project) meeting in Monte Vista today. He has committed the district to be a member of S-CAP and there will be a group who will come tour the buildings and then share feedback and ideas from what they observe. Superintendent Lovato toured the Monte Vista district, which is very comparable to our district, and feels this will be beneficial. He said strategic plans for academic improvement is his main focus.

Mr. Vela asked when the Children's Literacy Program begins again. Superintendent Lovato said it started last week. Director Leyba asked about how the Children's Literacy Program information is shared to the community members. Superintendent Lovato explained that not every student qualifies for the program so a blanket invitation has not been sent out. Director Leyba asked if more volunteers were needed and Superintendent Lovato said the program could always use more volunteers.

Director Leyba asked if the same selection committee for the new Intermediate principal will be the same as last year or if a new committee will be chosen. Superintendent Lovato said there will be a new committee, which will include the principals from the other two buildings.

### **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt the 2019-2020 Calendar (Lovato) **ADOPTED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve the Purchase of New Bleachers in Tiger Gym (Lovato) **APPROVED QUOTE FROM NORCON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,053.00**

### **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve an Increase in Bandwidth (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED IN THE MONTHLY ADDITIONAL RECURRING AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00**
- b. Approve Revised Regulation EDC-R on First/Revised/Reading **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Superintendent Evaluation Results (Paolucci) **DIRECTOR PAOLUCCI REPORTED THAT SUPERINTENDENT LOVATO RECEIVED AN ACCEPTABLE RATING FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**
- d. Approve Superintendent Contract (Paolucci) **RENEWED SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2021 AT THE CURRENT SALARY OF \$98,000.00 PLUS \$1,800.00 FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES. THE MOTION WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE CONTRACT RENEGOTIATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED IN OCTOBER**
- e. Approve the 2018-2019 Final Budget (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve the Appropriation Resolution for the 2018-2019 Budget (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve the Contingency Reserve Resolution for 2018-2019 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve Sidewalk Replacement and Tree Removal at Primary School (Lovato) **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

**12. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Director Backes thanked the audience members for attending the Board meeting. She said it would be nice to have students (STUCO, Leadership, FBLA, etc.) share what they would like to see regarding school climate. Superintendent Lovato said part of the school improvement piece involves a parent portion, a student portion and a community portion.
- ✓ Director Leyba said she would like each Board member to serve on a committee and then report back to the Board. She wants the Board to be more involved in the schools.
- ✓ Director Ayala congratulated Mr. Coates and the wrestlers for their recognition for being outstanding. Director Ayala also thanked the Intermediate School for being so welcoming. She said the entire building has done a complete turnaround. The Primary School is also getting back on track. Director Ayala congratulated the area swimmers.

**13. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 p.m.**

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