



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
January 14, 2019

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **BOARD RECOGNITION**
In honor of School Board Recognition Month, the Board of Education was acknowledged for their volunteered service and dedication to the school district. Calendars and a gift bag from the Primary School, which included handmade books by the students, were presented to each member. The Primary School thanked the Board for everything they have done.
4. **AUDIENCE**
Jennifer Ancona, with Hi Plains Research Network, spoke to the Board. She said last spring surveys were handed out to communities over southeastern Colorado to obtain the public's perception of opium use. She explained she has another survey to be filled out which will help the network decide the next course of action.
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - **Michaela Whitfield – New Hire as Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year**
7. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Ernesto Zamudio - New Hire as Industrial Arts Teacher for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year
 - Somer Stoker - Resignation as Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School effective December 20, 2018
 - Michaela Whitfield - New Hire as Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year
 - B. **Approve an Additional Substitute Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year**
 - C. **Approve Resolution to Appoint Rick Lovato as Authorized Representative for Federal Programs**
8. **MINUTES** – December 14, 2018 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, reported the monthly income for December was \$187,714.90 more than expenses. She said two checks have come in from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) for the October and November breakfast and lunches, which will increase the food service fund by \$174,000.00. Mrs. Reisch explained the audit is still in process. Everything has been submitted to CDE and are currently waiting on the auditor's approval. Mr. Paolucci inquired about the grant transfers. Superintendent Lovato explained they have not yet happened. He said final approvals are just now being completed. Mr. Paolucci said the food service fund looks positive compared to last year. He asked about any concerns of funds not coming in due to the government shutdown. Mrs. Reisch said she received an email that informed her income would continue through February. Mrs. Leyba asked if the district is good until the end of the year if food service funding is cut. Superintendent Lovato said the district will be able to continue to feed our students and we can dip into reserve funds if necessary.
FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED
10. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
Superintendent Lovato updated the Board on the Primary School construction project. He said there have been a few hiccups with weather. The one rain we received was actually enough to declare a flood. The ground was unstable for the foundation and a grouting compacting procedure to stabilize the foundation is currently taking

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place. There was also a delay on the asbestos abatement. Superintendent Lovato said there is a contingency plan in place in case the building isn't ready for the beginning of next year. He said walls may be going up soon.

The Intermediate Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) will be submitted tomorrow to the Colorado Department of Education for review. Superintendent Lovato met with all three buildings and have come up with some common language on some things. The four district-level focus areas are: 1) test scores/performance/improvement, 2) culture/social-emotional/mental health wellness for all students and staff, 3) interventions and supports for academic growth and performance, and 4) parent engagement. He said each building has their own specific strategies and these will be discussed at a later date.

Once the auditor's report is complete, we will be able to finalize the budget by the end of the month.

Superintendent Lovato said he sent a newsletter to the newspaper today that touched on summer school. If students aren't at grade level and performing where expected, a full four week of summer school will be required. Superintendent Lovato said the non-attendance consequence is still being looked into.

There are two companies who are putting quotes together for new bleachers in Tiger Gym. He said by the February meeting the quotes should be complete and on the agenda.

Regarding the Friday activities, the district is giving gradual release to community organizations to host events. CTC (Communities that Care), Southeast Health Group, Swim America are some of the organizations that are sponsoring activities. Fishing will be offered once again in the spring.

Superintendent Lovato said the government shutdown could affect the food service. He said there could be a lasting impact on school funding.

Mrs. Bickel asked about the recent district pickup truck theft. Superintendent Lovato said the truck has been returned. He said we weren't the only public entity that had a vehicle stolen and the damage could have been much worse. The truck is currently at Ruby's Auto Body getting repaired. The fence has a temporary repair until the fencing company can replace it.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Designate official posting sites for Board Meeting Notices (Lovato) **DESIGNATED BOARD DOCS ON DISTRICT WEBSITE, CENTRAL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD, EACH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND NOTIFICATION TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND RADIO STATION**
- b. Adopt 2019-2020 Calendar **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- c. Special Meeting End of January for Budget/Audit (Lovato)

12. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Backes said she had the pleasure of going to several concerts in December. She is really impressed with our students and is pleased to see the progress the students have made in a year. She congratulated Mr. Beard and the students.
- ✓ Director Bickel thanked the audience for coming. She said it is nice to see so many coming to the meetings and being involved.
- ✓ Director Paolucci said he hopes for good weather so the Primary School construction can continue. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato recognized the parents who were in attendance. He also thanked parents who contact him with feedback regarding the district.

13. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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