



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**July 15, 2019**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci; Director Ayala was absent
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
  2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
    - A. **Personnel Approval**
      - **Heather Estrada - New Hire as P.E. Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year**
      - **Jessica Hershey - New Hire as 5th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year**
    - B. **Approve Surplus Resolution - Added 7-11-19**
  6. **NEW BUSINESS**
    - J. **Declare a Critical Shortage - Added 7-15-19**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
  - A. **Personnel Approval**
    - Tawny Wilson - Resignation as Kindergarten Teacher at La Junta Primary School effective July 12, 2019
    - Amy Stokes - Resignation as Softball coach effective June 13, 2019
    - Francisco Lopez - New Hire as Route Bus Driver for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Alejandro Medina - New Hire as Custodian at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Paige Loose - Resignation as 2nd Grade Teacher effective June 25, 2019
    - Antonia Gonzales - New Hire as 4th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Gina Griffy - Transfer from 6th Grade Math Teacher to Instructional Coach at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Iliana McMillan - New Hire as Kindergarten Teacher at La Junta Primary School for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Whitney Belew - New Hire as district-wide TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Regan Morlan - New Hire as 4th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Kelley Jones - New Hire as 5th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Heather Estrada - New Hire as P.E. Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
    - Jessica Hershey - New Hire as 5th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
  - B. **Approve Surplus Resolution**
  - C. **Approve Compliance Report for the 2018-2019 School Year**
5. **MINUTES** – Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 10, 2019 **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, explained the Fund Balance report includes a comparison between this year and last year. According to the fund balance June's revenue was \$4,380,143.52 and the expenses were \$3,477,510.18 with the year-to-date revenue being at \$23,032,680.23 and expenses at \$21,376,013.40. She said transfers haven't been completed yet for the insurance, preschool, grants and capital projects funds. She is waiting to hear from the auditor on that. Mrs. Reisch told the Board that in the past, she has received an approval letter from the state for CEP (Community Eligibility Provision). CEP allows all students to receive free meals at school. To qualify for CEP, districts use a formula based on the percentage of students eligible for free meals based on other programs they may be enrolled in (SNAP and TANF). The district was able to use the same percentage rate as last year, which was at 89.20% and will be able to stay at this rate for four years. This is the second year of this four-year cycle. Director Paolucci inquired as to the total amounts of funds that need to be transferred. Superintendent Lovato said that will be around \$1.2 million dollars. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Primary construction project is not going near as quickly as the district would like. Superintendent Lovato said October 15 is still the final date of completion. There have been issues with the roof leaking and there have been issues dealing with the roofing company. A shade structure has been erected near the Kindergarten playground and landscaping should begin soon as well.

Professional development for the 2019-2020 school year will consist of social/emotional training. The district is using the 7 Mindsets curriculum. Certified staff will attend a training on July 31 and classified staff will attend a training on August 23.

Formerly known as New Horizons, Superintendent Lovato introduced the S.E.A.L. Academy and the Tiger Trades Academy. The SEAL Academy will be ran by the Santa Fe Trail BOCES. Superintendent Lovato said staff is working on putting together an orientation meeting in the next couple of weeks to introduce the Tiger Trades Academy.

The insurance adjustor is on vacation right now, but he has said the south end of the bus barn will need to be replaced due to the fire. An alternative site will be required to house the buses during construction. Mr. Ansley has found a location at the cost of \$1600.00 per month. It is a secure facility with the amenities needed for the buses. Another activity bus will need to be purchased and this will be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

Superintendent Lovato said the sound system quote is being revamped. This quote is for new sound systems at the Junior/Senior High School. A quote should be received for next month's meeting.

There are still some unfilled positions, which prompted Superintendent Lovato to declare a teacher shortage. This declaration allows the district to hire retired teachers.

Director Leyba stated she has spoken with some parents regarding the first day of school and late start. She asked Superintendent Lovato to clarify this. He said August 12 is the first day of school for all students. Regarding late start, letters will be sent out at the end of this week or the beginning of next week. If a student receives a letter, this will allow the student to participate in late start and will allow the student eight excused absences. They will begin school on August 26. Late start is only for secondary students and not elementary students. If a student receives a letter and would like to begin school on August 12, they may do so.

There is an SCAP (Student Centered Accountability Project) meeting on July 23 in Breckenridge beginning at 3:00 p.m. East Otero School District is a participating member of SCAP. A diagnostic review of the district is scheduled for September 23-25. The meeting will be to discuss the upcoming review. Director Leyba said she will plan on attending. She said she is excited for the review and this will allow the community, parents and students to see what our schools offer. She said there is more to our schools than just a test score.

The new bleachers for Tiger Gym were delivered and installation will take 10-12 days. Superintendent Lovato said once the old bleachers were removed, heavy cleaning was required.

Director Paolucci asked how many students will be able to attend Tiger Trades Academy. Superintendent Lovato said right now 60 students can attend. Mr. McNerney said there are some jobs already lined up. Superintendent

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Lovato clarified that the Tiger Trades Academy is a program offered by the Junior/Senior High School and it is not its own entity. Currently, it is being housed at the Inspiration Field building on 15<sup>th</sup> and San Juan, but hopefully by December it will be moved to East School.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve Alpine Achievement contract renewal in the amount of \$12,140.00. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Rotary Membership at a monthly fee of \$25.00. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Revised Superintendent Contract. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Revised Exhibit CBI-E on First/Revised/Final Reading. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Revised Dean of Students Job Description. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve Revised Classified Staff Salary Schedule. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve New Secretary Position at Tiger Trades Academy. **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve Purchase of New Security Cameras at East School in the amount of \$38,005.98. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- i. Approve Odysseyware Renewal in the amount of \$35,000.00. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- j. Approve Declaration of Critical Shortage. (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

### **9. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Director Leyba said when she went to the SCAP meeting this spring, one of the things that stood out to her was the drop in parental involvement in 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade. She said she gave it some thought and realized that since the district became a Junior/Senior High School, there is not a place for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to go. She feels these kids are in limbo and anytime there is a place for parental and/or community involvement, she wants the junior high students to be involved. She feels something needs to be given to those students and parents and is hoping the SCAP diagnostic review will show some ideas on how to do that. She also thanked the staff for getting things ready for the new school year.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:23 p.m.**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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