



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
August 12, 2019

1. **WORK SESSION – S-CAP PLANNING**
2. **ROLL CALL – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH THE REQUEST OF A NEW HIRE BEING MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Kylie Smith - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Marissa Montanez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Jennifer Quintana - New Hire as Part-time Health Aide at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Mark Gemici - New Hire as Secondary Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Selena Tapia - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Tom Kirk - New Hire as Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Antoinette Martinez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services (CDS) for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Pablo Martinez - New Hire as Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Melissa McFarlane - New Hire as Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - D. **Approve Increase in Substitute Teacher Pay Rate**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE REQUESTED CHANGES AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Rephena Graham - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective July 9, 2019
 - Felicia Gomez - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective July 19, 2019
 - Kristy Malden - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective July 20, 2019
 - Shayla Brown - New Hire as General Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Jennifer Quintana - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective July 24, 2019
 - Cassie Sanchez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Dianna Marquez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Brianna Gonzales - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Linda Valdez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Brent Cox - New Hire as Custodian at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Gilberto Nava - New Hire as Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Marlina Maes - New Hire as Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2019-2020 school year

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- Timothy Clem - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective July 25, 2019
- Samantha Rodriguez - New Hire as Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Pamela Black - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Angie Hanson - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Rockie Lasley - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Chantel Gallegos - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Jennifer Ritter - New Hire as General Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Cynthia Duran - New Hire as 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Eunice Petramala - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services effective July 31, 2019
- Kathleen Cashman - Resignation as Route Bus Driver effective August 1, 2019
- Madison Kuckow - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Michael Torrez - Resignation as High School Football and Baseball coach effective August 2, 2019
- Michael Torrez - Resignation as Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy effective August 2, 2019
- Damian Ryder - New Hire as Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2019-2020 school year
- Emilianna Romero - New Hire as Head Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 season
- Kylie Smith - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2019-2020 school year
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B. Approve Extra Duty Assignments for the 2019-2020 School Year

C. Approve List of Substitute Teachers for the 2019-2020 School Year

D. Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2019-2020 School Year

6. MINUTES – July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, shared that transfers for insurance, preschool and grants have not yet been completed. She explained they will be completed when the auditor is here in September. Currently she is working on inputting the new budget into the system. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

8. PRESENTATIONS

Building Report/Update

Julie Miller, Primary School Principal -

Mrs. Miller shared with the Board the Primary enrollment numbers. She said the Kindergarten class has 110 students, 1st grade has 111 students and 2nd grade has 109 students. This makes the total enrollment currently at 330 students. Mrs. Miller said the Meet and Greet that was held last week gave parents and students a chance to

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meet teachers, sign up for parties, join the Building Accountability Committee and join the PTO, if desired. She said 26 families signed up for accountability and PTO. The Meet and Greet saw 199 families attend, which was a 60% attendance rate. Mrs. Miller told the Board the Primary STAR and DIBELS testing window is August 19-29.

Claudia Apodaca, Intermediate School Principal -

Mrs. Apodaca spoke about needing to make some adjustments for the Intermediate at next year's registration. She said the Intermediate School also held a Meet and Greet last week with a 66% participation rate. 3rd and 4th grade students took their DIBELS test last week on Wednesday and Thursday. There are currently 466 students enrolled at the Intermediate School. In 3rd grade, there are 124 students, 4th grade has 114 students, 5th grade has 107 students and 6th grade has 121 students. Out of those numbers, there were eleven new 3rd grade students, six 4th grade students, five 5th grade students and six 6th grade students, making that a total of 28 new students. She said several students enrolled today who missed registration. Mrs. Apodaca said the first day of school went well. She and Mr. Mosness, the new Assistant Principal, held a welcome back assembly where they introduced themselves and explained the expectations to the students. Mrs. Apodaca shared the average class sizes: 3rd grade-25; 4th grade-23; 5th grade-21; and 6th grade 24. She said this year the Intermediate will continue with the Literacy Project for 3rd and 4th grade students, with 3rd grade being added to the program. The T-Prep program will also be continued.

Dan Nuschy, Junior/Senior High School Principal -

Mr. Nuschy said the projected enrollment for the Junior/Senior High School is approximately 690 students. He said the 9th grade class has about 131 students. Thirty-six new students have registered so far. Mr. Nuschy shared with the Board that an advisory period has been added to each student's schedule. Each student has been assigned an advisor. On Monday and Thursday, grade checks will be done during the advisory period. He said this year more phone calls and emails will be sent home to parents after grade checks, which will include both positive and negative comments. This will be similar to a college advisor/student situation. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the 7 Mindsets curriculum will be implemented for social/emotional growth. Mr. Nuschy said there was about 50% attendance at the Junior/Senior High School open house. He was very pleased with that number.

Ken McNerney, Tiger Trades Academy Director/Principal -

Mr. McNerney said Tiger Trades Academy (TTA) has 48 students attending. There were a couple of students who returned to the district. He said he wants the students to be able to participate in the fun things offered at TTA, but does not want their academics to be hurt. The first day of school went well with only a couple of computer glitches. Mr. McNerney shared he had the students complete a survey. He said the younger students like that TTA is small and that they receive individual attention by teachers. The older students like working on the computers at their own pace. Mr. McNerney said there are a couple of students who requested to attend Tiger Trades Academy.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato said the Primary School is starting to look like a building again. He said he believes the leaking roof issues have been resolved, as no water leaked during the recent rains, however, there were some issues with panels on the new roof which are being taken care of. The driveway is finished but there is still quite a bit of concrete to be poured. The October deadline is still in place. Superintendent Lovato said he would like to purchase a nice marquee sign for the school.

Preliminary enrollment numbers are up district-wide. Superintendent Lovato said as of today, there were 1511 students enrolled. He feels the numbers will drop between 1400-1450 students.

The S-CAP diagnostic review will be September 23-25. There will be more information released once the district's orientation has taken place.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Revised Exhibit JQ-E on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Adopt Purchase of New Bus in the amount of \$109,871.00 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Sound Systems for the Junior/Senior High not to exceed \$30,000.00 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Increase in Substitute Teacher Pay Rate to \$125.00 per day (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Tabling a New Hire until Next Meeting (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala asked when the cupulas will be painted on top of the Intermediate School. Superintendent Lovato said as soon as someone is found to paint them. She also asked about the curbs. Those are the districts responsibility and are on the list of items to complete. She also asked if the possibility of having recess before lunch could be explored.
- ✓ Directory Leyba said the youth event at the Health Department in Rocky Ford was well attended. Keegan Russell and Nariah Smith were presenters. Keegan Russell would like students to be more informed about things available to them at school. CDE is having a district accountability training for staff in Pueblo. On September 30 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. at OJC, CTC will be hosting district accountability committee training which will be open to all parents and community members throughout Otero, Crowley and Bent Counties. There is also a strengthening families program for 10-14 year olds. This program is free for 7 weeks, usually on Tuesday evenings. This is not a parenting class, but teaches how to better communicate with kids. These events will be advertised. She also shared her son came home today and had a really good school day.
- ✓ Director Paolucci asked about a schedule to re-paint the metal Tiger in front of the gym. Mr. Nuschy said he will look into that.
- ✓ Director Backes thanked the audience for attending the meeting. She is really excited about the 7 Mindsets program and the advisory period for the Junior/Senior High School students. The new bleachers in the gym look fantastic and safe. She asked the administrators to send an invitation to students to attend the Board meetings, as she would like to have students at every meeting. She wishes everyone a good school year.
- ✓ Director Bickel said she noticed when the Board served breakfast to staff, there were good attitudes. She said teachers mentioned the meetings and trainings required at the beginning of the year take away time from getting their rooms ready.

12. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:07 p.m.

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