



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
April 9, 2018

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **STUDENT RECOGNITION – DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: JANUARY KING**
January King was congratulated and recognized by the Board of Education on her success in obtaining the Daniels Fund Scholarship. Her future plans are to enter the teaching field.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Amy Stokes - resignation at 7th Grade Science Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective June 1, 2018
 - Justice Medina - resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School effective April 19, 2018
 - B. **Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the Remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year**
 - C. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for 2017-2018**
 - D. **Approve Resolution Authorizing Signing of Checks/District Bank Accounts at Colorado Bank and Trust**
6. **MINUTES** – March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting **APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS**
7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Reisch, Business Manager, said the fund balance report stated the district had \$1.4 million in expenses this month and income was only at \$1 million. However, there are \$480,000 in funds that are waiting to be deposited in the new account at First National Bank. The business office was notified that the account is set up so the deposit will be made and hopefully the checks will be in by the end of the week or the beginning of next week. After the deposit is made, the fund balance will show \$70,000 to the good. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Lovato gave an update to the Board regarding the Primary School renovation project. He showed the plans for the building. The bus and parent drop-off/pick-up was discussed, as well as parent parking. Superintendent Lovato said the City of La Junta is planning on making the section of 6th Street that is north of the Primary School a one-way street. Next, the classroom layout was reviewed, as well as the cafeteria, gymnasium and stage areas. Superintendent Lovato said one of the biggest challenges coming up is going to be the decision on where to re-located some of the classes for next year due to the construction. Superintendent Lovato said he and Mr. Canaday recently met and discussed the maintenance contract the district has with GCG, Inc. He said the district will begin a 15-month transition with Mr. Canaday and GCG, Inc. to take over the management of the maintenance department. He and Mr. Canaday will work closely together so the transition will be smooth. Superintendent Lovato said the relationship between the district and GCG, Inc. has been a good one. Policy IKF is the policy that covers graduation requirements. The Junior/Senior High School Building Leadership Team is looking to revise the policy to deal with the online programming the district offers. The graduation requirements for the online program will be different than college prep requirements. Superintendent Lovato congratulated the National History Day qualifiers: Nate Copley, Addison Aragon, Caitlyn Dieckmann, Janet Olaleye, Amanda Rees, and Eli Ludwig. The new inductees to National Honor Society were recently recognized: Topenga Arguello-Montano, Hailey Bender, Cameo Campos, Sydney Copley, Kody DiRezza, Ian Dutt, Allyson Haugen, Wyatt Hoepfner, Kelli Lofing, Rylee Lovato, Reanna Lucero, Raquel Martinez, Hayden Mayo, Brandon Nelson, Sara

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Noll, Chance Oquist, Katelin Reed, James Reeder, Ilene Robledo, and Keegan Russell. The current NHS members are: Alexandra Blair, Shawna Dieckmann, Theodore Dutt, Cassidy Jones, Courtney Metzger, Dyson Oquist, Alexander Ritter, Noah Salazar, Aimee Wallner, Alex Whitfield, Maria Baca, Nathaniel Copley, Caitlynn Dieckmann, Nevaeh Duarte, Erik Frentress, Taryn Haberman, Harley Jones, Eleanor Ludwig, Vincent Mata, Jonathan Nuschy, Jay Paolucci, Hailee Ramirez, Mary Sanchez, and Cody Schrock. Congratulations to the actors that represented La Junta Junior/Senior High School Theatre at the OJC Arts/Theatre Festival: Hannah Smith and Caitlynn Dieckmann. Superintendent Lovato also recognized the OJC Writing Festival winners: Poetry-7th Grade: Evenise Quintero; 8th Grade: Trent Johnston; Ian Backes; Emma Ledbetter; Alex Montoya; 10th Grade: Keegan Russell; 12th Grade: Alex Ritter; Damien Bowers. Essay-8th Grade: Shealie Schmidt; 10th Grade: Hannah Smith; 12th Grade: Alex Whitfield. Short Story-10th Grade: Hannah Smith; Nariah Smith. Superintendent Lovato said school funding is in the national spotlight. He said there are several proposals in the Colorado legislation to increase and improve school funding. One of these proposals, which around 90% of Colorado superintendents support (Superintendent Lovato included), would be to help eliminate the negative factor. There is another proposal that would require another change in the Colorado tax structure and would tax the wealthiest in the state. This could increase the state revenue stream by around \$19 billion dollars. He said there will be petitions locally coming out in order to get this on the ballot. Superintendent Lovato shared that the district is looking at putting food service up for bid again. He is currently waiting to hear more from the state. Testing began in the schools today. Superintendent Lovato was happy to announce there were no opt-outs for the PSAT or the SAT tests. He said the attitude and desire to do well seems to be good. Superintendent Lovato thanked the staff at Central Office for their hard work during this stressful time of year.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget Update (Lovato)
- b. Approve Revised Policies JFABD, IKE and Adopt New Policy JFABE on Second/Final Reading (Lovato)
APPROVED POLICIES JFABD AND JFABE AS PRESENTED; TABLED POLICY IKE
- c. Updated Quote for Security Cameras (Lovato) **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Unified Improvement Plan (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Quit Claim Deed to City of La Junta **APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS**
- c. Approve 2018 Sidewalk Replacement Project **APPROVE AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Certified Staff Employment Renewals – Resolution 2018-2N and Resolution 2018-2P **APPROVE AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Revised Policy GD on First/Revised Reading **APPROVE AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve Purchase of Commercial Gas Water Heater for the Intermediate School Kitchen **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala congratulated all the students who were recognized tonight. She also thanked Mr. Canaday for all of his work on the Primary construction project.
- ✓ Director Bickel said it is good to see a lot of teachers at tonight's meeting.
- ✓ Director Backes recognized the Junior High FBLA students who participated in the state competition (Trent Johnston, Ian Backes, Jayden Rivas, Jay Grimsley and Logan Gearhart). She said she is really impressed with the Junior High aged students and there are not many schools that have this at the junior high level.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato asked for any volunteers to help this Friday for a Friday Fun Activity. There will be fishing and games at La Junta City Park. It will run from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and lunch will be served for all who come.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato also mentioned that there will be an open house for the CTC (Communities that Care) Explorer Club on Thursday, April 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Potter Park. He said there will be food and drink. He said this is a good chance to watch some baseball and learn about the explorer's program. He and his wife, Shannon, and Rick and Jennifer Ritter are club leaders.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato thanked staff for their efforts with state testing. He said the district was observed by CDE today.

12. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 p.m.

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