



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
January 15, 2018

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Leyba, Paolucci and Reeder
2. **SPECIAL SESSION – 6:00 p.m.** – Two Board Candidate Interviews were held
3. **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD DIRECTOR** – Kidron Backes was appointed to fill vacancy
4. **BREAK** until 6:30 p.m.
5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
6. **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. Each Board member received a bag and lanyard courtesy of La Junta Junior/Senior High School.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
Personnel Approval
 - Justin Duran - New Hire as High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
8. **MINUTES** – December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
Mrs. Reisch, Business Manager, said through the end of December, there were \$6.4 million in expenses and \$6.6 million in revenue. She said she is working on finalizing the budget and will have that done this week.
FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED
10. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - **Auditor's Report**
Gary Waller, Auditor of Dixon, Waller and Company, explained results of the district's 2016-2017 audit. Mr. Waller stated 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.
11. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
Superintendent Lovato gave the Board an update on the Primary Construction project. He said interviews are scheduled for tomorrow, January 16 to choose an architectural firm. There are three interviews scheduled. Social/emotional learning is being looked at each building. There are social aspects that effect students on a daily basis. Recently, a classroom climate survey was given to Primary students. Superintendent Lovato would like to schedule a special meeting to approve the final adjustments to the budget. He suggested next Monday, January 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Superintendent Lovato shared a building update. He said the Junior/Senior High added an Intro to Ed class for second semester. They are working on different ideas to re-engage students. Last Friday, SWAG (Success, Work, Achieve and Goals) made their own t-shirts with Mr. Miller. This is a chance for kids to learn work and life skills. Tardies and tutoring are still a work in progress. An athletic hall of fame with an annual banquet is being considered. At the Intermediate School, suspensions are down. Students are understanding the expectations. The Intermediate would like to re-organize the office and create a student center. Both elementary schools had very good AR second quarter participation. Primary office referrals are down and suspensions are slightly up. The Primary raised a little over \$4,600 for the American Heart Association. Enrollment remains steady.

Director Leyba asked if Intermediate students are able to talk to their teachers and that is being relayed to the office or if students go directly to the office to voice their concerns. There is a grant through the Coors Foundation for the Colorado Literacy Center Kick-Off at Otero Junior College on February 15, 2018. Superintendent Lovato said we were fortunate enough to be approached by the Coors Foundation for a reading tutoring program. This will be a community effort and will hopefully help student's test scores. A group of 8th grade students have been attending Communities that Care (CTC) meetings with Superintendent Lovato. The CTC is a health department program aimed at drug prevention and disengaged students. Students will receive a community service certificate for attending the meetings. Superintendent Lovato spoke about the School Contact Accountability Project (SCAP). This is school-centered accountability. He said he will be observing in La Veta in a couple of weeks. Director Ayala said she sent out an email regarding her concerns and wanted to voice those publicly. She wants to know how disengaged students are chosen and what types of criteria are being used. She also would like academics to be recognized first and not just athletics regarding the athletic hall of fame. There was discussion regarding the Jump Start program. Director Ayala said she still has questions and felt more meetings are necessary. Superintendent Lovato said there have been two more meetings since winter break. Director Leyba said Jump Start was discussed at both the Primary and Intermediate School's accountability meetings which she attended. She said she didn't hear any negative comments from parents and they are feeling that at least something is being done.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve Jump Start Program **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Intermediate School Unified Improvement Plan **NO ACTION NEEDED OR TAKEN**
- c. Approve Introduction to Health Science Program for the 2018-19 School Year **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Authorizing Resolution and Loan Agreement for Primary Expansion project (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Amendment to the Sodexo Contract (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Owner's Representative for Primary School Expansion (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Purchase of ACER Tablets for Intro to Ed Class (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Office Reorganization at La Junta Intermediate School (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- f. 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**
- g. Adopt 2018-2019 Calendar **ADOPTED AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve Revised Meet and Confer Procedure **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- i. Approve Use of the Mobile Dental Unit (Lovato/Wallace) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- j. Approve Revised Policies JJE and JICA on First/Revised Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON FIRST/REVISED READING**
- k. Review Policies JEB, JIB and JII (Lovato) **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- l. Administer Oath of Office to Appointed Board Member – **JILL DELLINGER ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE TO KIDRON BACKES**

14. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Leyba congratulated Director Backes on her appointment. She also wanted to commend the Tiger Talkers who were the wait staff for her employer's Christmas party. She wished them luck with their travels. Director Leyba also is proud of the SWAG students who participated in the CTC meeting.
- ✓ Director Ayala congratulated the Primary students on getting 100% of their AR goals met. She said she is hopeful the Intermediate School will reach 100% as well.

15. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 p.m.**

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