



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting

July 23, 2018

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERMEDIATE PRINCIPAL**

Superintendent Lovato took a moment to introduce Mr. Mike Aragon, the new Intermediate Principal, to the Board. Mr. Aragon shared a little bit about himself and said it is great to be here.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Personnel Approval**

- Iliana McMillan - New Hire as Kindergarten Teacher at La Junta Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Erika Encinias - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Marissa Rodriguez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Somer Stoker - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Pamela Black - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Rebecca Brazilt-Pharr - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Randarae-Lynn Hudson - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Linette Griffy – New Hire as Special Education Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Amy DeBartolo-Smith – Resignation as Kindergarten Teacher at La Junta Primary School effective July 23, 2018

C. **Approve Extra Duty Assignments at the Jr/Sr High School for 2018-2019 - Revised list added 7-19-18**

D. **Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2018-2019 school year**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

D. **Approve Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements at 20th and Smithland**

E. **Approve Asphalt Patching at the Junior/Senior High School**

5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

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- Patrick Christensen - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective July 9, 2018
- Brandon Coates - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school year
- Michael Torrez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School-Tiger Learning Center for the 2018-2019 school year
- Vanessa Garcia - Resignation as Special Needs Bus Aide effective July 17, 2018
- Annie Stechert - New Hire as PE Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school year
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6. MINUTES – June 11, 2018 Regular Meeting and June 28, 2018 Special Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, explained the income for June was \$267,797.40 more than expenses. She said the auditor will be here September 4-7, 2018 and the business office is working on the year-end reports. Superintendent Lovato added he feels that after the audit the district will be in a very favorable position.

FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED

8. 2018 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE REVIEW

Mrs. Reisch reviewed the summer food service with the Board. She said the district incurred a \$1300.00 loss for the month of June. June 30 was the last day with Sodexo being the district food service provider. She said in June there were over 180 daily participants, which was lower than last year. This is in part to only having one location for serving meals, due to construction at the Primary. Chartwells began serving in July and there have been a couple of days that the number served reached 200.

9. 2018 COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION PROGRAM APPROVAL LETTER

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program approval letter was reviewed with the Board. CEP is an option for low income areas. Schools are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced meals. Mrs. Reisch explained that the district has risen almost four points, so the district will be receiving a higher refund back from the state. This year the district is at 89% students claiming free lunch status and last year the district was at 86%.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato informed the Board that August 1 is the first day back for staff.

Superintendent Lovato recognized Mr. John Canaday for his hard and diligent work on the Primary Construction project. Mr. Canaday spoke to the Board. He said the modular units have been relocated to New Horizons. Mr. Canaday explained there were four construction companies who were pre-qualified to bid for the general contractor and their proposals were due last week. There was a bid opening and three of the four contractors were under the project budget. After adding project alternates to the bid, there was a \$1,000,000.00 difference between the low and high bidders. Mr. Canaday said H.E. Whitlock was selected and this company has completed several projects in La Junta. He said this company is familiar with the architectural firm in charge of the project. Mr. Canaday said there should be a signed contract hopefully by next week. Once the contract is signed, construction will begin. The project completion date is July 1, 2019.

Superintendent Lovato spoke about the WISH Grant. He said he is in the beginning stages of hiring a coordinator and the job description is available at Central Office.

This summer has been exceptionally busy with the construction project and the food service change.

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Superintendent Lovato told the Board that he would like to re-purpose East Elementary School after the Primary moves back into their building. He does not want it to become a place for storage again.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve General Contractor for Primary Construction (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Revised Information Systems Coordinator Job Description (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Purchase of New Score Board for La Junta Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements at 20th and Smithland Avenue **APPROVED NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00**
- e. Approve Asphalt Patching at the Junior/Senior High School **APPROVED NOT TO EXCEED \$8,064.00**

11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Leyba said she would like to have the district accountability committee review the website and check for outdated information.
- ✓ Director Paolucci welcomed Mr. Aragon.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato said there are still 20-30 volunteers needed for the Literacy Project. He said there is a kickoff BBQ on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at La Junta City Park Gazebo #2. He asked anyone interested in volunteering to please attend this event or contact him.

12. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:34 p.m.

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