



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
March 12, 2018

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **STUDENT RECOGNITION – STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION: ISAIAH GAMEZ**
The Board congratulated Isaiah Gamez on his state wrestling championship. The state wrestling tournament was held in Denver on February 15-17, 2018. Isaiah said his favorite part of the tournament was winning the semi-final match and said the most memorable moment was the feeling of winning his first state title.
4. **STUDENT RECOGNITION – SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS**
The Board congratulated the La Junta Intermediate and Primary School Science Fair winners. The Board asked the participants questions about their projects. Teachers and parents were recognized for their hard work.
5. **AUDIENCE**
Mr. Ed Vela thanked Superintendent Lovato and La Junta Police Department for their combined efforts to secure our schools.
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Cynthia Norris-Whatley - Resignation as Route Bus Driver effective May 31, 2018
 - Stanley Oswald - Retirement as Activity Bus Driver effective May 24, 2018
 4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 - A. **Financial Report for January and February 2018 - Fund Balance ADDED 3-8-18**
 6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - A. **Superintendent's Report**
Computer Literacy Class at Junior/Senior High School - ADDED 3-8-18
 8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - D. **Approve Revised Regulations/Exhibits/Policies**
Remove Policy KBA
7. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Ronda Daniels - Resignation as 4th Grade Instructional Interventionist at La Junta Intermediate School effective June 1, 2018
 - Natasha Wall - Resignation as Music Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School effective June 1, 2018
 - Kristy Ojeda - New Hire as Bookkeeper at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year
 - Imani Marshall - New Hire as Assistant Track Coach for the 2017-2018 season
 - Stephanie Asbury - Resignation as 4th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School effective June 1, 2018
 - Cynthia Norris-Whatley - Resignation as Route Bus Driver effective May 31, 2018
 - Stanley Oswald - Retirement as Activity Bus Driver effective May 24, 2018
 - B. **Approve 2018-2019 Tiger Learning Center (TLC) School Calendar**
 - C. **Approve Additional Substitute Teacher for 2017-2018**
 - D. **Approve Out-of-District Student for the 2018-2019 School Year**

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8. MINUTES – February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Reisch, Business Manager, said there is a difference between income and expenses of \$113,298.73, however we have \$274,000.00 worth of checks that will be deposited into a new account at First National Bank, which will increase our income to \$1,162,627.09. That shows the district ahead \$160,654.40. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

10. DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (DAC) UPDATE

Mr. Paul Sedillo, District Accountability Junior/Senior High School Parent representative, gave the Board an update on the District Accountability Committee. Mr. Sedillo presented an overview of what has been discussed in the accountability meetings so far this year.

- Master Action Plan
- State testing results
- Jump Start program
- 2018-2019 Calendar
- Graduation pathways and ICAP
- School wellness and WISH Grant
- Teacher Evaluation
- Standard Response Protocol/Standard Reunification Method

Currently, there are currently District Accountability 20 members - 18 adults and 2 students. Mr. Sedillo said there was discussion regarding the four-day week, with positive comments made from parents and staff members. With regards to the Standard Response Protocol, Director Ayala asked Mr. Sedillo if there is a plan in place when students are outside at recess. Mr. Sedillo encouraged parents to volunteer on the school safety committee. Mr. Sedillo reviewed the positives/negatives for each school that were given by members at the first meeting. He said the common negative was lack of parent involvement. Director Leyba thanked Mr. Sedillo for coming and giving a presentation to the Board. She said has encouraged this relationship for quite some time. She asked if there has been discussion on what parents can do for the junior high age students. Superintendent Lovato encouraged this topic to be presented at the building accountability meetings.

11. SECURITY SYSTEM PRESENTATION

Mr. Austin Burson gave a presentation to the Board on the security cameras his company could offer the district. Mr. Burson showed several photos of different camera views (360-degree camera, PTZ (pan, tilt, zoom) camera. Mr. Burson pointed out that all the cables his company installs are properly labeled and if there is an issue, the issue can easily be tracked. Mr. Burson said he visited the Junior/Senior High School a couple of months ago, met with Mr. Nuschy and Mr. Romero, and gave a quote of around \$40,000 to install new cameras. Director Backes inquired about the camera's endurance to possible vandalism. Director Ayala asked how long it would take to get a new system up and running. Mr. Burson felt he and his team would be able to complete installation at the Junior/Senior High School in about one week. This would include replacing the analog wiring that is already installed.

12. BUILDING REPORT/UPDATE

Superintendent Lovato shared the highlights from the principal's reports.

He said the Junior/Senior High School would like to add a computer literacy class to be required for graduation. Some of the students have difficulties with basic processing skills. The Workforce Center Job Skills Workshop for High School students was held on March 8 and the Youth Job Fair for students ages 14-24 will be on March 26 at Otero Junior College. There will be a lockdown drill this Thursday, March 15, that will include evacuation and reunification. The counselors are attended the "Who You Are Matters" on March 8, which correlates with our Social Emotional and Academic Learning. The counselors also applied for a counselor core grant to try and get some help in the counseling department. Superintendent Lovato said we are currently working with BOCES to implement 'Internships', which will be offered next school year along with our work experience and mentorships. Superintendent Lovato said the interns at Central Office are working out very well and have acclimated well to the work. At the Intermediate School, the new student center is complete and this will help with student traffic in the main office. Mrs. Schaff was thanked for her hard work with the Science Fair. PTO purchased basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, tetherballs, etc. for student use during recess. Thank you! Currently, the Intermediate is looking at incorporating different STEM activities in their specials classes next year. A thank you to La Junta Police Department for partnering with the school district and adding sub stations to the Intermediate and Primary

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schools. The Primary School has teacher collaborations are meeting and are starting to look at data for next year. The Accelerated Reading (AR) incentive will be on March 14 for students who reached their quarter goal. They will enjoy a BBQ at La Junta City Park. Students celebrated "Read Across America" week with each day representing a Dr. Seuss book. The fundraiser went very well and thank you to all for participating. Students participated in making a backdrop in Art for family photos at the Sweetheart luncheon. The Sweetheart Luncheon went very well and there was a harpist there. Hailey Ham and Addison Aragon sang and Barb Hjelmstad played the piano. Thank you to them for volunteering. Kindergarten students had their annual program and was very well attended. Thanks to Mrs. Belew. Primary enrollment currently has 111 Kindergarten students, 123 First grade students and 105 Second grade students. This totals 339 students and last year at this time, there was 321 students enrolled. This is an increase of 18 students. There was an 83% attendance rate at the parent/teacher conferences.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There were seven Tiger Talkers who qualified for the state competition. Superintendent Lovato congratulated those students. One student qualified for the state Hoop Shoot competition recently held in Salida. Superintendent Lovato congratulated her. Superintendent Lovato gave the Board an update on the Primary School construction project. He said he has some rough diagrams and there is a meeting on Wednesday to finalize those plans. After finalization, plans will be shared with the public. Superintendent Lovato said the district received \$103,000 to use this year from the WISH (Working to Improve School Health) foundation to help in writing a wellness policy. The accountability committees will be involved in those discussions. We have a school improvement grant for turnaround leadership at the Intermediate School in the amount of \$148,000 that was recently awarded. That will be geared toward having some of our teacher leaders in the building to have some leadership training so capacity can be built within the building. Superintendent Lovato thanked the instructional coaches for attending the meeting and thanked them for their hard work with the upcoming state testing. Director Ayala inquired about the number of office referrals at the Intermediate School. Mrs. Woodyard explained she is hoping the new student center will help with those numbers.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve revised Policies IKE, GCLC, GCBA and GDD on Second/Final Reading **TABLED POLICY IKE AND APPROVED POLICIES GCLC, GCBA and GDD AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve revised Policies GCE/GCF, GDA, GDE/GDF, JF, JFBB and JRA/JRC on Second/Final Reading **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Share Results of Board Self-Evaluation (Paolucci) **THE BOARD DISCUSSED THEIR SELF-EVALUATIONS. THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL BE LOCATED AT EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.**
- b. Approve New Security Cameras for La Junta Junior/Senior High School **TABLED UNTIL AFTER BUDGET WORK SESSIONS**
- c. Repeal Policies IA, IHAC, IHAE, IHAMB, IHAMC, IHBD, IL, IMA, and IML; Regulation IJL-R; and Exhibits IGF-E and IJL-E **REPEALED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Revised Regulations/Exhibits JFBA-R, JFBB-R, JFABD-R, JF-E, JRA/JRC-E-2, KBA-E-1 (Primary, Intermediate, Junior High) and Adopt New Regulation JFABE-R on First/Revised/Final Reading; Approve Revised Policies JFABD and KBA and Adopt New Policy JFABE on First/Revised Reading Adopt New Exhibits JKA-E-2 and IKA-E on First/Revised/Final Reading **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Administrative Staff Employment Renewals – Resolution 2018-1 **APPROVE AS PRESENTED**
- f. Executive Session regarding Student Discipline per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(h). **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:21 P.M. MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:02 P.M.**

16. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala commented there were not very many in the audience at the Science Fair. She wished there were more cheering on our students.
- ✓ Director Paolucci said it is nice to have students participating in the regional Science Fair.
- ✓ Director Leyba thanked the Primary students for the cards. She said she asked the Junior/Senior High School counselors about the available classes and had good conversations with them. Director Leyba thanked Mr. Nuschy and Mr. Romero and all who have been involved with school safety. She said she is disappointed that the Second Steps program isn't being used the way it could be. She said Mr. Aaron Olivieri would present a training for staff in psychological first aid if interested.
- ✓ Director Backes thanked the counselors who were involved with the Girls in the Middle program. She talked with the girls and they had a good time and enjoyed the day.
- ✓ Director Bickel asked if the work session could be scheduled. After discussion, it was decided the work session will be on Tuesday, March 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 p.m.

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