



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
October 8, 2018

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - C. Junior/Senior High School Building Accountability List added 10-4-18; Primary School Building Accountability List added 10-8-18
 - D. ADDITION - Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for 2018-2019
 5. **PRESENTATION**
 - B. Intermediate Testing Results and 18-19 STAR Data added 10-4-18
 8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - C. Quote added
4. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Riley Remick - New Hire as Junior High Football Assistant Coach for the 2018-2019 season
 - Jolana Schumacher - Resignation as Secretary at the Intermediate School effective November 15, 2018
 - Sharee Flakes - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Jared Martinez - New Hire as High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2018-2019 season
 - Lauren Meyer - Resignation as Assistant Swim Coach effective September 27, 2018
 - Patrick Hill - New Hire as High School Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2018-2019 season
 - B. Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2018-2019 School Year
 - C. Approve District Accountability Committee's Master Action Plan and Membership List for 2018-2019
 - D. Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2018-2019 School Year
 - E. Approve Building Accountability Committee Members for the 2018-2019 School Year
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Reisch, Business Manager, said the fund balance for August and September shows a \$190,000 to the good through the end of September. She said the audit was successful and she is currently working on the adjusting entries. She will get those back to the auditor and will let the Board know when he will come to give them his report. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
6. **MINUTES** – September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
7. **COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION**

Mr. Joe DeHeart and Ms. Michelle Peulen with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) talked about transportation funding. Mr. DeHeart said funding hasn't been increased for CDOT since 2008. Mr. DeHeart and Ms. Peulen are tasked with educating the public regarding Propositions 109 and 110. They stressed that CDOT is not trying to promote either proposition.
8. **TESTING DATA UPDATE**

Superintendent Lovato began by stating the tests did not go very well. He said on the achievement side, we have a long way to go. This year, math was down compared to English/Language Arts. Some of the positives with the tests is the growth that was shown, as well as the PSAT and SAT data. Superintendent Lovato said the turnaround

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leadership group that the district is currently working with reminded staff that it is not only about getting off the accountability clock, but also about sustainable improvement.

Student Growth Percentage (SGP) was explained and Mrs. Foxhoven handed out an explanation sheet. Superintendent Lovato shared that the scale score is much easier to understand.

All Kindergarten students take the Early STAR test, however, it is difficult to compare student growth from year to year, due to the fact that According to the ReadAct data, 24% of Primary students are below grade level.

Mr. Nuschy said the SAT assessments give good feedback and the CMAS assessments do not. He said our data for grades 3-8 has been sent to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). CDE is currently doing a trend analysis about our students. They will be coming down on October 19 to share their results and let us know what we are missing.

Students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are at high percentages in each building. The Primary has 20%, Intermediate at 15% and the Junior/Senior High is 14%. Graduation rates are high for the district.

Superintendent Lovato reviewed the disaggregated data.

Mr. Aragon shared what the Intermediate School is doing to help get the Intermediate School off Turnaround Status. He said this year, the Literacy Project is helping 22 students with tutoring three times a week. He added a paraprofessional for the 3rd grade. Teachers are working with pre-assessments to guide instruction. The new Math curriculum is a spiral curriculum which is a constant review. Intervention teachers work with struggling students. There are TPREP college students in classrooms helping students. The Intermediate is focusing on Social/Emotional Learning as well. He said during morning roll call, students give the teachers a number from 0-4. This lets the teacher know where the student is emotionally that day.

Director Paolucci would like to see a comparison of cohort groups in each category. He recommended each building set achievable goals regarding testing. Director Paolucci said there were some growths and positives in the data, however, there is still a lot of work to be done. He wants the buildings to come up with a plan. He said the plan needs to be implemented all year long, not just prior to state testing.

Director Ayala asked if testing data is shared with parents at any other time besides conferences and are the schools keeping parents informed throughout the year. Mrs. Haberman responded that testing happens throughout the year. She said STAR data sets the student's Accelerated Reader (AR) goals. Once a student at Primary finishes an AR test, a report is emailed to the parent. Director Ayala would like to see the Intermediate use this as well. Beginning and middle of year testing results are shared with parents, as well as DIBLES results. The Primary School uses the Remind app. Staff also keeps communications lines open K-12. Director Ayala stressed communication to parents is priority. She also feels that giving more nurturing/attention to 3rd through 5th grade both students as well as parents may help.

Director Backes asked the principals what they were happy with regarding the test results. Mr. Nuschy said the curriculum and new text books. Mrs. Haberman agreed. Director Backes asked what they still need in order to improve. Mrs. Haberman said each building needs to get creative to increase parent involvement. She said the Primary offers Math and Literacy nights. And there is an upcoming Family and Literacy Night at the Intermediate School.

Director Ayala suggested the schools offer programs to help parents understand their student's homework so they feel confident helping their student at home. Director Leyba said the Intermediate offered that last year and had to discontinue it due to lack of interest. She said it is not that the schools are not reaching out and trying, but that families are not taking advantage of what is being offered. Director Leyba suggested maybe the accountability members be at conferences to help parents understand, for example, Parent Portal.

Superintendent Lovato added he held a tutoring day at the Intermediate last Friday for the first Friday activity. Twenty-two students were invited (via letter) to attend. Breakfast and transportation were provided. Only three students took advantage of that.

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Superintendent Lovato added that teacher turnover, especially at the Intermediate is still a concern. He said that includes lateral movement. Director Bickel stated that issue is not isolated to the Intermediate School, as it is an issue across the nation.

Mrs. Haberman took a moment to congratulate her staff who have recently received their Master's Degrees: Vanessa Tafoya, Andrea Romero, Paige Loose, Rebecca Fraker, Rebecca Ramirez and Julie Miller. Megan Bender recently received her Principal Licensure.

The Board gave a standing ovation for those accomplishments. Director Bickel said that is amazing!

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato he attended the weekly meeting for the Primary construction project. He said about 2/3 of the asbestos removal has been completed. After the recent rain, there are many leaks from the roof. Footers have been poured just east of the library, where the new classrooms will be located. Superintendent Lovato said he anticipates a significant change in the next two weeks.

There will be a district-wide emergency preparedness drill on Thursday, October 18. This will be a mass casualty drill. Superintendent Lovato said he will be sending a letter home explaining the drill. The elementary schools and TLC will be on lock out and parents will be called to pick up their students.

The Columbian School HVAC project still does not have a comparable scope of work quote. He said the issues are significant and a whole new HVAC system is needed.

Director Ayala said the new scoreboards at the Junior/Senior High School look phenomenal. However, she is wondering when the old scoreboards will be installed in the Intermediate School gym. She has asked about the playground equipment at the Primary School and when it might be in place. Mrs. Haberman shared this is a concern and she is working on it every day.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve revised Policies JLCD, GBGB, GDE/GDF, IHBD, JICEA, JICEC, BEDA, BEDH, EEAE, GBGA AND GBGE on Second/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve List of Substitute Teachers for 2018-2019 School Year (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve the purchase of a new Lexmark XC9200 series copier in the amount of \$13,819.50 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve out-of-state baseball trip request (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve district wide Chromebook purchase for the total amount of \$83,640.00 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve expansion of new security cameras in the district for La Junta Intermediate School in the amount of \$29,644.87 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve revised Policies JFABB, ADD, GBEB, JICH, JLCBD and KFA on First/Revised reading, Adopt Regulation GBEB-R-2 on First/Revised/Final reading and approve revised Exhibit KDBA-E on First/Revised/Final reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- f. Executive Session regarding Personnel Matters per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER 8:26 P.M. MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:45 P.M.**

12. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala wanted to again recognize all the Primary teachers who received their Master's Degrees. She would like this to be posted on social media. A group picture will be taken on October 19.
- ✓ Director Bickel said she is sure no other rural school has that many teachers with Master's Degrees. She said there is also a lot of teachers who are working on their administrator license.
- ✓ Director Paolucci said that is pretty impressive and we have a lot of qualified staff. He said La Junta has the largest course selection as well. This shows our staff is committed to education and the success of students and our district.
- ✓ Director Leyba asked that thank you cards once again be sent out to parents and accountability members.
- ✓ Director Paolucci took a moment to recognize the golf team for doing great this year

13. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:51 p.m.**

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