



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

**Board of Education Meeting
September 10, 2018**

1. **WORK SESSION at 6:00 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Leyba and Paolucci
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - **Farrah McCuiston - New Hire as Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2018-2019 school year**
 - **Valeria Reyna - New Hire as ELL Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year**
 9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - B. **Revised Regulation added 9-7-18**
 - D. **Revised Policies added 9-7-18**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM C, WHICH WAS MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS, ITEM E**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Karen Jagers - New Hire as an Activity Bus Driver for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Gloria Shoptese - New Hire as Bus Aide for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Madison Quinn - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Elizabeth Martinez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Colby Crowther - New Hire as Route Bus Driver for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Rebecca Brazilt-Pharr - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at the Primary School effective August 20, 2018
 - Kierstin Lucero - New Hire as Junior High Volleyball 7th Grade Head Coach for the 2018-2019 season
 - Emilianna Romero - New Hire as Junior High Volleyball JV Coach for the 2018-2019 season
 - Brooklyn Waddles - Resignation as General Education Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School effective August 22, 2018
 - Vanessa Flood - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at CDS effective August 28, 2018
 - Leon Davis - New Hire as Part-time Music Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Ady Foxhoven - New Hire as Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Gina Marez - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at CDS for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Lora Thomas - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at CDS for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Michael Taylor - New Hire as Substitute Activity and Route Bus Driver for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Hayden Bickel - Resignation as Junior High Coach and Substitute Teacher effective September 5, 2018
 - Farrah McCuiston - New Hire as Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Valeria Reyna - New Hire as ELL Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2018-2019 school year
 - B. Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2018-2019 School Year

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for August will be combined with the September report and presented in October. Mrs. Reisch, Business Manager, explained that the business office is currently in the process of the annual audit by Dixon, Waller and Company. She said things are going smooth with the audit and there are no concerns by the auditor. Superintendent Lovato said as long as there is not a quorum, any Board member who wishes to attend the exit interview with the auditor may do so. He said generally the Board president attends. No action necessary or taken.

7. MINUTES – August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT/UPDATE

Cindy Haberman, Primary School Principal

Mrs. Haberman told the Board the Primary students and staff have settled into their new building for the year and the transition went well. She said as of today, 340 students are enrolled and at this same time last year, 338 were enrolled. She hired six new teachers this year and said they are enthusiastic.

The first few weeks of school have consisted of testing, organizing classrooms and building relationships. Back to School night was held last week and there were over 530 in attendance. Staff made desserts and there was a cake drawing held. All the proceeds from the evening will go back into the classrooms to benefit the students.

Mrs. Haberman said she is hoping the Children's Literacy Project will begin on Monday at the Primary School. She said there were some glitches with the volunteers not being able to hear in the gym. Mrs. Haberman said a solution has been found and tutoring will take place from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the gym after specials are finished.

The Primary School is continuing with their "Pawsitive" behavior incentives. On November 22, a mini-carnival will be held in the gym. On December 19, there will be a movie day with popcorn. On March 15, outdoor games will be held and on May 29, swim passes will be handed out. Mrs. Haberman last year, there was one suspension at the Primary School and so far this year there have been none. She said officer referrals are slim.

Mrs. Haberman is excited about having a technology teacher. She said the Primary is piggy-backing off of the Intermediate and is utilizing Learning.com.

The Accelerated Reading (AR) program began today.

There will be high school students visiting the Primary and Intermediate Schools for a pep assembly on Thursday.

Playground equipment is in the process of being moved to East Elementary from the Primary School. Progress is being made.

Mrs. Haberman said she does not have an intercom and bells at East Elementary and is finding it quite calm and relaxing for the students. She believes she will only have a beginning and end of day bell in her new building next year.

Mike Aragon, Intermediate School Principal

Mr. Aragon introduced the Intermediate staff members in attendance, Jerri Ann Stover, Christine Moreno and Patty Schaff. He said one of the neat things so far about this year has been getting to know the teachers. Staff is developing relationships with students and he is getting to know the kids and parents. Mr. Aragon said he enjoys going out with the kids at recess and visiting with parents while they pick up their children.

There are twenty 4th grade students who are receiving tutoring through the Literacy Project twice a week, with that eventually increasing to three times a week.

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Mr. Aragon told the Board the Intermediate Student Council is hosting a 9-11 celebration tomorrow morning for students and the community. He said he is very impressed with the student council members. PTO and Building Accountability meetings will be held tomorrow as well.

Last year in August, there were three suspensions. This year in August, there were none. There were several incidents this week however. Staff is having conversations about how to help students make better choices.

Director Leyba asked to have the daily announcements posted on the website.

Dan Nuschy, Junior/Senior High School Principal

Mr. Nuschy said enrollment last year at this time was at 618 students. As of today, the enrollment number is 634 students.

He said student behavior last year averaged nine suspensions per month. So far this year, there has been one suspension. Mr. Nuschy said the Junior/Senior High School is focusing on social/emotional learning (SEL) and is utilizing BASE Education, an online SEL program. This will be offered to students 7-12 grades. Mr. Nuschy said there is a parent component to the program and letters will be sent home to parents inviting them to participate in the program. This will allow dialogue between parents and their student. He said Junior/Senior High staff have taken a course in the program, which will support them helping students with challenges they may be facing. This is one of the key goals for staff collaboration. Mr. Nuschy said 80 courses can be taken, with 50 of those courses dealing with drug education.

The Tiger Learning Center (TLC) students use the BASE program every day. Currently, there are 36 students enrolled in TLC. They are using the Odysseyware curriculum for their online education, which is a more rigorous program than the previous program, A+ was. Mr. Nuschy said TLC has partnered with the City of La Junta for the trades portion of the program. He said students have been busy painting and completing maintenance at the ball fields. Carpentry will begin soon. Mr. Nuschy said the biggest draw of TLC is students aren't sitting the classroom for 8 hours. They are experiencing hands-on work skills. Students rotate, so each staff member has about one-third of the students at a time.

Mr. Nuschy said this week is Homecoming Week. He understands it is early this year, but wanted to accommodate everyone.

Mr. Nuschy introduced Ms. Lacey Byron, Ms. Melissa Davis and Mr. Justin Miller who were in the audience. He shared with the Board that all three Junior/Senior High teachers are working on obtaining the principal licenses.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The preliminary district enrollment is very close to Superintendent Lovato's prediction. He said right now, there are 1,431 students enrolled. There were 1,424 students enrolled on October 1 of last year. Superintendent Lovato said he did some cohort comparisons on enrollment. He said most classes stayed close to the same count except for Kindergarten. Last year there were 115 students enrolled and this year there is 107. At the Junior/Senior High School, almost every class dropped a couple of kids, but the Senior class has dropped seven students. He said enrollment is stable, which is good.

Behavior at Jump Start was not an issue. Superintendent Lovato said kids took it seriously and staff was better prepared. It helped create a cleaner start to the year.

The performance frameworks have been released. The Intermediate is beginning year two on Turnaround status. Superintendent Lovato said he has a good conversation with a gentleman from Monte Vista, who is entering year four on Turnaround status. Monte Vista schools have similar clientele and is around the same size as La Junta. As part of the SCAP (Student Centered Accountability Project) process, we will have visitors in our schools this year.

Superintendent Lovato said the BASE Odysseyware is for social/emotional learning. He would like to filter this down to the Intermediate School to try and minimize repeat offenses.

Santa Fe Trail BOCES is in the process of organizing a substitute and paraprofessional training. He said he considered offering something similar for our district, and is excited for the opportunity through BOCES.

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The 2018 audit is underway and the auditor is almost finished.

Superintendent Lovato updated the Board on the Primary construction project. He said the walls have been removed on the east side of the school. He said it won't be long before footers are being set and that the first section of the asbestos abatement is finished. Superintendent Lovato said weekly or bi-weekly meetings will begin with the contractor. He said the move went smoothly thanks to the Primary staff and Mr. Canaday. They took care of the transition. Superintendent Lovato is pleased that East School has been revived.

Director Leyba mentioned the PEP program (Parents Encouraging Parents). This program brings parents who have a child with a disability and professionals together to discuss concerns and share ideas. She will get information to Superintendent Lovato.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve Revised Policies AEE and DAB on First/Revised Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Resolution in Support of Amendment 73 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Revised Regulations JKD/JKE-R, GCBD-R, DKB-R, GCQC/GCQD-R, GCQF-R, JLCB-R, KDB-R, EEAEAA-R, GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF-R, JFABB-R, JICEA-R, GBGA-R and JICEC-R on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Revised Exhibits GDBA-E-1, DAB-E and EF-E-2 on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Revised Policies JLCD, GBGB, GDE/GDF, IHBD, JICEA, JICEC, BEDA, BEDH, EEAE, GBGA and GBGE on First/Revised Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve List of Substitute Teachers for 2018-2019 School Year (Lovato) **TABLED UNTIL OCTOBER MEETING**

11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala reiterated that she spent a considerable amount of time in the buildings during Jump Start. She was very impressed and feels the year is off to a very good start.
- ✓ GO TIGERS!

11. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:14 p.m.

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