



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
April 10, 2017

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Leyba, Martinez, Paolucci and Reeder

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **STUDENT RECOGNITION – PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS AND THE WE HONOR SCHOOL CONTEST WINNER**

The Board congratulated the following second grade enrichment students who entered projects in the 21st Annual Arkansas Valley Regional Science and Engineering Fair: Shannon Fuller, 1st place in medicine health and OJC nursing award; Isabella Yoder, 1st place in earth space science and meteorologist award; Jacoby Herrera, 1st place in Physics and Air Force award; Ayden Kurtz, 1st place in Chemistry; Gavin Denahy, 1st place in environmental sciences; and Ryan Remick, 1st place in Microbiology.

The Board also congratulated Avery Head for being a winner in the We Honor School Contest. She was honored at the Center for American Values in Pueblo on April 6, 2017.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE WE HONOR SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS

La Junta Intermediate School Student Council officers and representatives were congratulated by the Board for winning the We Honor hospice contest. The following students were honored at the Center for American Values in Pueblo on April 6, 2017: Alana Hill, Jay Grimsley, Kaylee Peabody, Sari Schrock, Chantel Martinez, Rayani Nunez, Nia Nunez, Emiliano Hernandez and Elah Backes.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – BOETTCHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER AND DANIELS FUND SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Board congratulated Anastasia Mathews for receiving a 2017 Boettcher Scholarship and Rayann Remick for receiving a 2017 Daniels Fund Scholarship.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT

Caitlyn Dieckmann was congratulated by the Board for placing 6th in Dramatic Interpretation at the State Speech Tournament.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – OJC WRITING FESTIVAL

The Board congratulated the following students for placing at the Otero Junior College Writing Festival: Ariana Gallegos (11th grade), 1st place in Essay; Destiny Maestas (12th grade), 1st place in Essay; Hannah Smith (9th grade), 1st place in Short Story; Alyssa Chavez (10th grade), 1st place in Poetry; Addison Aragon (10th grade); 2nd place in Poetry; and Eleanor Ludwig (10th grade), 3rd place in Poetry.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – JUNIOR HIGH STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION

Mitchell Peabody, 8th grade, was recognized by the Board for becoming state champion at the Middle School State Wrestling Tournament held on March 31-April 1, 2017 in Denver.

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- Mark Head - Resignation as 4th Grade Teacher effective May 26, 2017
- Danielle Head - Resignation as 3rd Grade Teacher effective May 26, 2017

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. March Financial Report

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Purchase of New Website

5. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Personnel Approval

- Jennifer Quintana – Resignation as Part-time Health Aide at La Junta Intermediate School effective March 30, 2017
- Jennifer Quintana – New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year
- Drew Sisson – Transfer to La Junta Junior/Senior high School as Industrial Arts Instructor for the 2017-2018 school year
- Mark Head - Resignation as 4th Grade Teacher effective May 26, 2017
- Danielle Head - Resignation as 3rd Grade Teacher effective May 26, 2017

6. MINUTES – March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting and March 21, 2017 Special Meeting APPROVED AS PRESENTED

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Reisch gave a financial update for February and March. She said she has reconciled through the end of March for food services and currently the district is at a loss of \$18,000. Mrs. Reisch explained it was a big hit to lose a major catering contract. Currently, the commodities are at \$32,000 and the district should receive around \$50,000. This should bring the deficit up, but Mrs. Reisch explained the status won't be known for a few months. She said she has submitted the February and March billing to the state. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

8. PRESENTATIONS

• **Building/Principal's Monthly Report**

➤ **John Haberman – La Junta Jr./Sr. High School**

Mr. Haberman proudly announced that Anastasia Mathews has been awarded the Boettcher Scholarship and Rayann Remick has been awarded the Daniels Fund Scholarships. He said the English/Language Arts testing went well and the next round of testing is April 10-13. The subject areas that will be tested are Math, Science and Social Studies. He also said that iVolunteer activities and college visits are scheduled for 10th-12th grade students. Eighth grade student, Mitchell Peabody, recently earned the state champion title in his weight class at the Middle School State Wrestling Tournament that was March 31-April 1 in Denver. Mr. Haberman commended the Drama department on their successful spring play, *Fools*. He said the Band is preparing for the Blossom Festival which is in Canon City on May 5. The Knowledge Bowl recently completed in the State Knowledge Bowl Tournament in Fort Collins, and Forensics competed at the State Speech Tournament in Highlands Ranch. Caitlyn Dieckmann placed sixth in Dramatic Interpretation. Mr. Haberman informed the Board that regular safety fire drills are held monthly.

➤ **Brenda Woodyard – Intermediate School Principal**

Mrs. Woodyard said all of the students who have met their first, second or third quarter AR goals along with their fourth quarter goal will be eligible to attend the end of year field trip with their grade level. The third grade students will be traveling to the Cave of the Winds in Colorado Springs; the fourth grade students are on an overnight trip going to the Denver Zoo to "Bunk with the Beasts"; the fifth grade students get to attend a Colorado Rockies baseball game in Denver and participate in some fun science activities with Steve Spangler; finally, the sixth grade students will be going to Boondocks in Northglenn. There is a full month of music programs scheduled during the month of April. Mrs. Woodyard encouraged everyone to attend one or all of the concerts to see all of the hard work the students have put in. Mrs. Woodyard took a minute to thank Natasha Lowe, the music teacher, for all of her hard work in organizing the concerts. Mrs. Woodyard again congratulated the Student Council officers and representatives for winning the "We Honor" Hospice competition. The following students were recognized in Pueblo on April 6: Nia Nunez, Rayani Nunez, Emiliano Hernandez, Elah Backes, Sari Shrock, Jay Grimsley, Alana Hill and Kaylee Peabody. There were 312 students who consistently demonstrated the R.O.A.R. behaviors throughout the third quarter. These students will be participating in the quarterly behavior incentive, which will be enjoying several different stations of indoor and outdoor activities. Mrs. Woodyard thanked Mrs. Walz and

Mr. Pacheco for their efforts in planning and organizing this event. The annual Family Math Night will be held on April 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mrs. Woodyard said the teachers always do a great job creating several fun math games and activities for students and families to enjoy. The Intermediate students are right in the middle of state testing. Mrs. Woodyard said all of the students have completed all sessions of the English/Language Arts assessments. She said the fifth grade will be completing their Science sessions this week and all students will finish their Math assessments the week of April 17-21. Mrs. Woodyard took a minute to thank Mrs. Salazar and Mr. Jordan Salazar for their hard work to make sure the testing runs smoothly. On April 25-26, the fifth grade students will be participating in the 7th annual AgFest Workshop with other fifth grade students from the Arkansas Valley. The workshop will be held in the Intermediate School gym and is a unique educational experience in an interactive program which provides student the opportunity to explore the science found in everyday food production. Mrs. Woodyard also said Mrs. Lowe is in the process of moving forward with organizing the Marching Dynamite band. She is hoping to have it up and going in order for parade participation this summer. Mrs. Woodyard was impressed with the great turnout at the 5th grade guitar concert.

➤ **Cindy Haberman – La Junta Primary School**

Mrs. Haberman told the Board the current enrollment for the Primary School is currently at 323 students. She said Parent/Teacher Conferences were recently held and were a success, with 89% of Primary parents attending. The First grade students participated in a Flag Folding Ceremony presented by American Legion Post 9. The students were taught how to march, fold the United States flag and what each fold means. This event supports one of the First grade standards, Symbolism. The Second grade enrichment students entered their individual writing pieces in the *We Honor* contest sponsored by the Arkansas Valley Hospice. The students entered letters, stories, reports and poems. Avery Head was a winner. She was honored on April 6 in Pueblo. Mrs. Haberman said the Character Education classes have been finishing units in the *Second Step* curriculum. She said the Kindergarten classes completed the unit on empathy, while first and second grade classes completed the unit on emotion management. In Art, students have been exploring the seven elements of art and use rubrics to grade their artwork. Students participated in the Read Across America Week by recreating or designing a Dr. Seuss book cover. Student artwork was displayed during Parent/Teacher conferences outside the classrooms. The Primary students continue to demonstrate a passion for reading and are surpassing their Accelerated Reading goals. The next AR incentive will be a mystery trip on May 15, 2017. The Primary continues to see a reduction in suspension and office referrals from last year at this time.

➤ **Technology Update**

Parker Bickel, Technology Director, gave an update to the Board regarding the District's technology. He said the technology department has been busy due to the state testing. Mr. Bickel was pleased to inform the Board that there have been little to no technology problems for testing. Mr. Bickel said he has filed for E-rate. He is currently accepting proposals. He would like to install a Wi-Fi router in each room at the Primary school. Due to the rock walls in the building, the teachers are unable to use the mobile labs in their rooms.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato reminded the Board of dates and upcoming activities in the district as follows:

- April 11, 2017 4th Grade Program
- April 12, 2017 District Accountability Meeting
- April 13, 2017 Family Math Night at La Junta Intermediate School
- April 14, 2017 Spring Holiday - No School (Central Office Closed)
- April 20-21, 2017 Tiger Relays
- April 27, 2017 5th Grade Field Trip to the Colorado Rockies game
- April 25, 2017 Kindergarten Transition Night at La Junta Primary School
- April 28, 2017 EOSD Retirement Reception at La Junta Primary School
- April 29, 2017 Prom
- May 3, 2017 6th Grade Track Meet
- May 4, 2017 5th Grade Track Meet
- May 4, 2017 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Nature and Science
- May 5, 2017 Junior High Track Meet
- May 6, 2017 Blossom Festival Parade

Superintendent Lovato congratulated the fifth grade band and Mrs. Lowe for presenting an excellent music performance on April 4. He congratulated the Knowledge Bowl for having a successful year and making it to the 2016-2017 State Knowledge Bowl Tournament. Superintendent Lovato also congratulated the Forensics team for also having a successful year and making it to the State Speech Tournament. Congratulations to the students that attended and placed at the OJC Theatre Festival. Superintendent Lovato said Operation Smile raised \$500 for their charity at the Staff vs. Student basketball game. He told the Board that Mr. Ansley, Transportation Director, is in the process of gathering quotes for a new school bus for next year. Superintendent Lovato also said he is working on a few grant opportunities. He had his second phone conference with the Donnell-Kay Foundation regarding aide for Friday activities for students next year. He has spoken with the Southeast Health Group and also Brock Hinkhouse, for possible Friday ideas. He said the next phase will be getting things lined out for the fall. Youth change is a professional development for breakthrough strategies to teach and council youth. The entire district will go through training for that in order to develop more consistency with student behaviors. This training will be held August 9-10, 2017. Superintendent Lovato said the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative in conjunction with the Generation Schools Network has offered us an opportunity to participate in a STEM support grant. This would allow the district to share a STEM coordinator with neighboring schools. He said we are also working to improve school health with the WISH project through the Rocky Mountain Research Center. This is a non-competitive grant and our district qualifies for \$160,000. The district would develop a health and wellness plan, to include both physical and mental health, which is consistent with state guidelines.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 2017-2018 Preliminary Update (Lovato)
- b. Approve revised Policies BCB, BEDF, BID/BIE, DJ/DJA, DJE, DKC, EHB and GBEA on second/final reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Adopt Policies DAC, DJB and Regulation DJB-R on second/final reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Purchase of a New Website (Lovato) **APPROVED ON A 3-2 VOTE**
- b. Unified Improvement Plans (Lovato)
- c. Approve Increase in School Lunch Prices for the 2017-2018 School Year (Reisch) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Adopt Policy JRCB and Regulation JRCB-R on first/revised reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Administrative Staff Employment Renewals-Resolution 2017-2 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve Certified Staff Employment Renewals-Resolution 2017-3 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala said she was impressed with the number of students that were recognized by the Board. She said she is very proud of them. Superintendent Lovato said it is rare to have both a Boettcher Scholarship recipient, as well as a Daniels Fund Scholarship recipient in the same year.

14. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 p.m.

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