



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
August 14, 2017

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Leyba, Martinez, Paolucci, and Reeder
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **AUDIENCE** - Mrs. M. J. Romano asked the Board to minimize Wednesday activities for students so they may attend church services or have evening family time. She would like the Board to consider practices/activities be released no later than 6:00 p.m.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel**
 - Joseph Montanez - New Hire as Assistant Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season (clerical correction)
 - Michelle Montoya - New Hire as Junior High JV Volleyball coach for the 2017-2018 season
 - Hayden Bickel - New Hire as Junior High Assistant Football coach for the 2017-2018 season
 - Rick Lovato, Sr - New Hire as High School Assistant Boys and Girls Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season
 8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - C. **Approve School Assessment Coordinator and District Assessment Revised Job Descriptions**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Personnel Approval

 - Hannah Higgs - New Hire as 6th Grade Math Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year
 - Joseph Montanez - New Hire as Assistant Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 season
 - Dustin Wallace - New Hire as Assistant Softball coach for the 2017-2018 season
 - Michelle Montoya - New Hire as Junior High JV Volleyball coach for the 2017-2018 season
 - Hayden Bickel - New Hire as Junior High Assistant Football coach for the 2017-2018 season
 - Rick Lovato, Sr - New Hire as High School Assistant Boys and Girls Basketball coach for the 2017-2018

Approve Extra Duty Assignments for the 2017-2018 School Year
Approve List of Substitute Teachers for the 2017-2018 School Year
Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2017-2018 School Year
6. **MINUTES** – July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Reisch explained that the fiscal year is in the process of being closed out, so the July financial report is not quite ready. She did share with the Board a fund balance sheet for July. There were no questions regarding the June financial report. Mrs. Reisch told the Board the auditor is here for the next three weeks. Mrs. Reisch said the overall budget shows a positive amount of between \$200,000 to \$300,000. Director Ayala had previously inquired about offering all teaching staff free lunches and asked about the status of that. Superintendent Lovato said he and Mrs. Reisch have looked into that and it would cost around \$60,000. Superintendent Lovato said with not knowing exactly how CEP will affect the budget this year, this is something that can possibly be built into next year's budget. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

8. PRESENTATIONS

Building/Principal's Monthly Report

➤ **Dan Nuschy – La Junta Jr./Sr. High School**

Mr. Nuschy informed the Board that the current Junior/Senior High School enrollment is at 643 students. There was a district-wide professional development on behavior training held last week for teachers. Mr. Nuschy said it was beneficial to some teachers and some of the information learned will be used to begin the school year. The tardy policy has been revised and a new earphone policy has been put into place. Last year, there were over 4,000 tardy slips given out to students. Mr. Nuschy felt that the earphones/earbuds were becoming a classroom distraction. He explained the revised tardy policy. Students will receive detention after reaching a fifth unexcused tardy. If any further tardies accumulate after the fifth tardy, there will be one hour of after school detention or for each accumulated tardy. Students will be able to work on homework if they are assigned detention. Mr. Nuschy said breakfast is being served after the bell this year. Students are able to grab breakfast and go to class. Mr. Nuschy is looking at implementing a Jump Start program for next school year. He said this program would be for students who didn't pass their classes, who aren't at grade level or who didn't make adequate growth. The plan would be to have those students begin school two weeks before the other students. This would be a Kindergarten through 12th grade program and would look different for each grade level. He said he is hoping to have something finalized by November. Tippy Martinez ball field has had improvements made and Mr. Nuschy encouraged the Board to take a look.

➤ **Brenda Woodyard – La Junta Intermediate School**

There was no report from the Intermediate School this month.

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

There was no report from the Primary School this month.

➤ **Primary School Construction**

Superintendent Lovato gave the Board an update on the committee for the bond issue. He said Greg Kolomitz is the committee chair, Jeff Paolucci is the treasurer and Candi Hill is the secretary. The rest of the committee members are himself, Heather Maes, John Canaday and Cindy Haberman. Informational fliers were available to parents at registration, however, not many were taken. Currently, boards are being worked on to place at each building as well as businesses that would be willing to display them. Director Leyba asked how many times the committee has met. Superintendent Lovato said there have been two meetings so far and the committee is trying to meet every other week. The committee is looking to add more members as well.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- Monday, August 14 - first day of school for 7-12
- Wednesday, August 16 - first day of school for K-6
- Monday, September 4 - Labor Day
- Saturday, September 9 - Early Settler's Day
- Monday, September 11 - September regular board meeting
- September 25-29 - Homecoming week
- Tuesday, September 19 - District Accountability Meeting

Superintendent Lovato said he was approached by a former student who would like to offer a virtual reality club at the Junior/Senior High School. Another parent asked considering bringing back the spelling bee competition. Director Reeder mentioned the science fair. He said he would like to see our students participate, as colleges offer scholarships to students who participate in science fairs. There is a strong push from colleges for STEM activities. In the past, our students were required to participate or not in the science fair. Director Ayala would like to see our students be taught cursive writing skills again as well. The sixth and seventh grade science teachers had a See the Change training recently. Superintendent Lovato said the Intermediate School has a journalism club this year. A concerted effort will happen to engage parental support for student testing. Superintendent Lovato said the older the kids get, the more desensitized they become to testing and lose the sense of urgency. He said this will be a focus in his newsletter and he will ask parents and teachers to unite for a strong front. Director Leyba asked Superintendent Lovato about Friday activities information being offered at registration. Superintendent Lovato said there were still some items he is working out with the grant funds, so

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nothing has been finalized yet. Director Martinez mentioned that a possible Friday activity could be helping students with their science fair projects.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve Revised Regulation GCE/GCF-R on first/revised/final reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Schedule Special Board Meeting (Lovato) **APPROVED AND SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 30, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M. AT CENTRAL OFFICE**
- b. Approve Revised Exhibit GCBC-E Worksheet #1 and Worksheet #6 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve School Assessment Coordinator (SAC) and District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Revised Job Descriptions **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Leyba commented about the fundraising process. She would like the process to be re-evaluated, as the Junior/Senior High School has opportunity to create funds that the other two buildings do not.
- ✓ Director Paolucci inquired on when the new website would be updated with all current information. Superintendent Lovato said the technology department is diligently working on the website.

14. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:31 p.m.

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