



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
February 13, 2017

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Leyba, Paolucci and Reeder
2. **SPECIAL SESSION - 5:30 p.m.** – Three Board Candidate Interviews were held
3. **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD DIRECTOR** – Toni Martinez was appointed to fill vacancy
4. **BREAK** until 6:30 p.m.
5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 - Consent Agenda**
 - A) Personnel Approval**
 - **Mike Maik - Retirement as Math Instructor at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective May 26, 2017**
 - Financial Report:**
 - A) December Fund Balance Report and Quarterly Report added 2-10-17**
7. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - Personnel Approval**
 - Ruth Montoya - New Hire as ELL Paraprofessional at La Junta Intermediate School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 School Year
 - Joe Montoya - New Hire as ELL Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 School Year
 - Cara Larsen - New Hire as Classroom Instructor at La Junta Primary School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 School Year
 - Sophia Salazar - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Primary School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 School Year
 - John Haberman - Resignation as La Junta Junior/Senior High School Principal effective July 1, 2017
 - Denice Eden - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective February 28, 2017
 - Mike Maik – Retirement as Math Instructor at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective May 26, 2017
 - Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the Remainder of the 2016-2017 School Year**
8. **MINUTES** – January 16, 2017 and January 23, 2017 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Reisch said everything is in balance and looking good. The quarterly report was submitted and is on the website. The auditor has received everything and will be working on it this week. He should have everything finalized in order to submit our state reporting and will be here next month to present to the Board. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

10. PRESENTATIONS

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

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

Mr. Haberman told the Board that all 7th and 8th grade students went on a Manufacturer's Tour to Oliver Manufacturing, Lewis Bolt and Nut Company, Falcon Industries, and the Workforce/ED/OJC on January 26, 2017. The ACCESS-ELL testing has been completed. Mr. Haberman thanked Mrs. Foos, Ms. Arellano and Mr. Montoya. He said the PARCC testing schedule is set and testing begins on March 13, 2017. On January 18, 2017 most of the students taking the PSAT/NMSQT assessment created College Board accounts and linked them to Khan Academy. Mr. Haberman said there is a parent informational night on March 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. during parent-teacher conferences. He said the SAT for 11th grade students will be taken on April 11, 2017 and the PSAT for 10th grade students will be taken on April 12, 2017. Mr. Haberman said during professional development, staff have been working on team building activities and would like to do this activity three or four times per year. All mid-year reviews have been completed and teachers have entered their MSL's (Measures of Student Learning). In music, Mr. Haberman said there was an 8th grade student who performed at the Denver All State Choir. He said band is looking into getting new marching uniforms. The National Honor Society induction was held on January 18, 2017 and inducted 16 new members. The Forensics home meet went very well. There were 48 members who competed at the district competition, with 36 students placing. The Knowledge Bowl team finished 5th out of twenty schools last month and is now gearing up for the regional competition. Mr. Haberman said the English/Language Arts (ELA) department is continuing with the ELA student of the month. The math department is continuing to have students practice the PSAT/SAT test to collaborate and fill gaps. The Science department has started a Science book club and there is student interest.

- **Brenda Woodyard – Intermediate School Principal**

Mrs. Woodyard shared that during the month of January, there were 16 major office referrals and four suspensions. She explained that anytime a consequence is given, such as loss of recess, owed time after school, lunchroom duty, etc. or a parent needs to be called by an administrator because of a behavior concern, these are documented as "major" office referrals. The teachers continue to meet twice weekly during collaborations. Mrs. Woodyard said that during the month of January, teachers met to discuss the following topics: mandatory reporting guidelines with DHS, unit discussions among grade levels, and 3rd quarter AR letters and when to send them home to parents/guardians. Parents expressed, during the February Building Accountability meeting, that they really appreciate the AR letters that have been sent home. They feel this consistent communication has been very helpful. Mrs. Woodyard said there has been great parental involvement this year during PTO and Building Accountability meetings. The average is approximately 9-12 parents per meeting. La Junta Intermediate is excited about this change because during the last few years, the typical average was 2-4 parents attending. Students and staff participated in a lockdown drill on January 24, 2017. All of the teachers did a great job reviewing the emergency procedures with the students and the lockdown drill was very successful. Officer Ramirez, Mr. Romero, Mrs. Woodyard, Ms. Walz and Ms. Moreno went room to room to see if any students would open the door or if they would remain in the lockdown position. They all did exceptionally well with this. Things that were noticed were reviewed with the students. Mrs. Woodyard said mid-year evaluations with all certificated staff have been completed. During this evaluation, everyone gets the chance to review their personal goals they set for themselves at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year and re-evaluate where they feel they currently are at with those goals. Mrs. Woodyard shared upcoming events and dates.

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

Mrs. Haberman said the students at Primary have caught the "reading bug"! She said the library has been hopping with students checking in and out books to read for AR (Accelerated Reading). She also mentioned the City Library has been working with the school to have AR friendly books available as well. Mrs. Haberman said the Kindergarten staff/students have read and passed the tests of 538 books, the First grade students have read and passed the tests of 9,143 books, and the Second grade students have read and passed the tests of 12,858 books! Mrs. Haberman also shared that the City Library has ordered a subscription for La Junta Primary School students to utilize **TumbleBooks** (animated, talking picture books) with fiction, non-fiction and foreign language titles, **Math Stories, Read-Alongs** (chapter books with sentence highlighting and narration but no animation), **Videos** (from National Geographic), **TumbleTV** which consists of pre-set playlists of a sequence of books, **Tumble Puzzles & Games**, and **TumbleResources** for teachers and students. In Art, students participated in Drug Free Week by

designing a poster showing what being Drug Free means to them. All posters were displayed in the halls of the school. Art students continue to explore the seven elements of art and use rubrics to grade their work. Mrs. Haberman said staff and students participated in Be Drug Free Week, "Red Ribbon Week" where the focus was on teaching students three goals in making healthy choices. The Primary staff participated in team building activities during the recent in-service day. GT enrichment provided students with the opportunity to have the ZOOMobile come to the school. The ZOOMobile provides up close interactions with a variety of animal ambassadors including snakes, tortoises, prairie dogs and many more. The presentation added a unique "wild" touch, while inspiring students to make a difference in the natural world. Enrollment at La Junta Primary School is 319 students. There are 116 students in Kindergarten, 106 in First Grade and 97 in Second Grade. Class sizes for Kindergarten students average 23-24 in each classroom, first grade average is 22-23 students in each room. For the 2nd quarter, there were 38 students with perfect attendance. At La Junta Primary School, focus is on rewarding students who demonstrate positive behavior. In the month of January, there was a continued reduction in suspensions and office referrals in comparison to this time last year. Last year in January, there were seven suspensions compared to zero for this year. Office referrals dropped from 64 to 32 from last year. Mrs. Haberman also shared the Primary School recently had a lockdown drill. She said the students did a great job and did what they should have done. The Sweetheart Luncheon is tomorrow, February 14, 2017. Mrs. Haberman said there are 461 guests who have signed up. She invited the Board members to attend and said family photos will be taken. Mrs. Haberman was proud to inform the Board that this year there are six Primary students participating in the Science Fair. She said the Primary School has not had any participants for quite some time.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- February 14, 2017 Sweetheart Luncheon at Primary School
- February 15-16, 2017 Parent-Teacher Conferences at Intermediate
- February 16-18, 2017 State Wrestling Tournament
- February 17, 2017 No School - Make up day for Evening P/T Conferences
- February 20, 2017 No School - Presidents Day (Central Office closed)
- February 21, 2017 Fine Dining at La Junta Intermediate School
- February 23-24, 2017 CASB Legislative Conference
- February 28, 2017 District Accountability Meeting
- March 9-11, 2017 Spring Play "Fools"
- March 12, 2017 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 13, 2017 Board Meeting
- March 15-16, 2017 Parent-Teacher Conferences at Primary
- March 20-24, 2017 Spring Break
- March 31, 2017 La Junta Open

Superintendent Lovato said RTA Architects will be attending the March Board meeting. They will have the Master Plan completed and will share it next month. RTA's assessment of the district is that it will cost around \$35,000,000 to bring our schools to where they need to be. They found issues with the buildings, particularly the Primary School. Superintendent Lovato said a BEST Grant will be submitted. He said projects will be completed in phases. Due to the need, the Primary School will be Phase I, at a cost of \$10-12 million dollars. With the possible growth in the community, Superintendent Lovato said he wants our schools to be attractive for students coming in. Superintendent Lovato explained the process for determining a snow day. He said there are many factors that are considered, with safety of our students and staff being the first concern. Director Leyba inquired about the information on the website regarding RTA Architects. Superintendent Lovato said information will be updated and will be posted on the website and the district's Facebook page.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve revised Policies GBK and JII on first/revised reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve revised Regulation GBK-R and JII-R on first/revised/final reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Superintendent Evaluation Results (Reeder) **DIRECTOR REEDER REPORTED THAT SUPERINTENDENT LOVATO RECEIVED AN ACCEPTABLE RATING FROM ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT BE EXTENDED TO JUNE 30, 2020**
- d. Approve Superintendent Contract (Reeder) **BOARD APPROVED EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2020**
- e. Administer Oath of Office to Appointed Board Member – **JILL DELLINGER ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE TO TONI MARTINEZ**

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Reeder congratulated the five La Junta Junior/Senior High School wrestlers who made it to state (Dax Bender, Deron Bletson, Will Tyler, Noah Barrett, and Isaiah Gamez).
- ✓ Director Reeder also took a moment to welcome new Board member, Toni Martinez.
- ✓ Director Leyba is excited to attend the CASB Legislative Conference

14. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 p.m.

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