



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
July 10, 2017

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **STUDENT RECOGNITION -**

The Board of Education recognized James Reeder for being chosen to participate in the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders Academy, which was held in Lowell, MA June 29 through July 1, 2017. James shared his experience with the Board.

4. **AUDIENCE** - Mr. Ed Vela took a moment to commend Mr. Nuschy and Mr. Romero on their work at Potter Park. He told the Board the gentlemen are part of the Tiger Diamond Club whose mission is to help with all athletics at the high school. Mr. Vela was also concerned about the City of La Junta and East Otero School District having a conflict on the ballot in November. The City is currently working on a ballot issue regarding a new nursing home.

Ms. Jennifer Ancona thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak with them. She said she works for the High Plains Research Network through the Denver University and currently is working on a study regarding opioid use disorder and its treatment. Ms. Ancona asked those in attendance to please take a survey she had with her.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

B. Approve Regulation GCE/GCF-R on First/Revised/Final Reading

6. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Personnel Approval

- Jayde Comfort - New Hire as 3rd Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year
- Amy Stokes - New Hire as Science Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year

Approve Compliance Report for the 2016-2017 School Year

Approve an Additional Out-of-District Student for the 2017-2018 School Year

Approve the Extra Duty Assignments at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2017-2018 School Year

7. **MINUTES** – June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting and June 22, 2017 Special Meeting **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Reisch informed the Board that she is still working on the financials for June and she just received clarification regarding changing insurance companies. She said there are a couple more year end items to finished before she will be able to close out the year. Mrs. Reisch told the Board the June financial statements will be on next month's agenda.

9. **2017 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE REVIEW**

Mrs. Reisch gave the Board an update on the summer food service program. She gave a comparison from June 2016 and June 2017. The numbers show adult meals being down 11 and student meals are up 61. This is an increase of 51 meals per day compared to last year. She said next year the summer food program will be extended to possibly eight weeks instead of six.

10. 2017 COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION PROGRAM APPROVAL LETTER

Mrs. Reisch told the Board she has been working on the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and was under the impression that the district would benefit by participating in the CEP program. After the district was approved by the CEP to participate, Mrs. Reisch was informed by the Sodexo Director that the district will be losing money by participating in CEP, as the cash sales will no longer be received. Mrs. Reisch said she contacted CEP and after things were looked at again, CEP gave incorrect information to Mrs. Reisch. The confusion was due to two of the schools already participating in the CEP program. There is the possibility of the district losing approximately \$40,000, however, Mrs. Reisch is working with Sodexo on implementing a dinner program. Also, there will be an increase from the state on meal prices, but at this time, Mrs. Reisch doesn't know the amount of the increase. Director Reeder asked if the district can cover the amount and Superintendent Lovato said yes. He also said the dinner program reimbursement rate is considerably more than the snack reimbursement rate and is hoping that will make up some of the gap. Mrs. Reisch will be traveling to a couple of other school districts who manage their own food service to observe their operation.

11. PRESENTATIONS

• **Primary School Construction**

Superintendent Lovato told the Board he would like to make Primary School Construction a standing agenda item so he can update the Board on the status of the project. He said currently, the district needs to create a fact sheet describing the project and select an organizational committee and election committee. Superintendent Lovato said he would like to entertain to the Board that they choose two members to serve on the committee and to avoid conflict of interest suggested the Board members that will not be involved in the election.

DIRECTORS REEDER AND PAOLUCCI NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED AS PRESENTED

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- August 2-3, 2017 - New Teacher Trainings
- Monday, August 7, 2017 - All Staff Breakfast and General Session
- Tuesday, August 8, 2017 - Central Registration from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Tiger Gym
- Monday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
- Monday, August 14 - First Day of School for Grades 7-12
- Wednesday, August 16 - First Day of School for Grades K-6
- Monday, September 4 - Labor Day
- Monday, September 11 - Regular Board Meeting

Superintendent Lovato informed the Board that this year at registration he is encouraging the community to come to registration to promote their group/club. He said he will have them set up a table outside of the gym. Superintendent Lovato shared that the East Otero School District was awarded the Donnell-Kay grant. This grant will help fund Friday programs for students. Tutoring, fishing, mentorship, and partner opportunities with the community are possibilities. Director Martinez requested an information sheet be available at registration describing the activities. Superintendent Lovato said he is meeting with a representative from the foundation next week. Director Leyba would like to know how the district is going to inform and encourage community members to sign up to receive informational calls from the district. The new website is up and running and this feature is an extra that is paid for. Superintendent Lovato said he is working on that.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve Revised Policies IKF-2, GCCAA, GCCAB, GCCBA, GCBA, GCCA, GCKA, GCLA, GCLC, GDCA, GDCB, GD, GDBAB and GDD on second/final reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Revised Policies ADD, EBBB, EBCE, ECA/ECAB, EEAFF, GBEB, IC/ICA, JICDD, JICF, JICJ, JK, JKA, JQ and new policy ECAF on second/final reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Updated List of Fees for the 2017-2018 School Year (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Revised Regulation GCE/GCF-R on first/revised/final reading (Lovato) **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH**

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Superintendent Lovato said he applied for and received a grant through Take Note Colorado. These grant funds will be used to purchase new band instruments for the Marching Dynamite. Superintendent Lovato also wanted to recognize Kelly Jo Smith for being selected to be a member of the Commissioner's Teacher Cabinet with the Colorado Department of Education.
- ✓ Director Leyba inquired about a table being available for parents to sign up for parent portal. Mrs. Dellinger said parents will need to stop at the technology table before they are able to go on to the school's tables.

14. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 p.m.

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