



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
October 9, 2017

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Leyba, Martinez, Paolucci, and Reeder
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Drew Sisson - Resignation as High School Girls Basketball coach effective September 18, 2017
 - Shayna Lee - New Hire as Paraprofessional at Child Developmental Services for the 2017-2018 school year
 - B. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for 2017-2018**
 - Sam Grimsley
 5. **PRESENTATION**
 - A. **Primary School Report/Update**
Report added 10/5/17
 8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - E. **ADDITION - Discussion of District Dress Code Policies**
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 - Approve Resolution Authorizing Credit Card Limit Increase
 - Approval of District Accountability Committee's Master Action Plan for 2017-2018
5. **MINUTES** – September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting **APPROVED WITH REVISIONS**
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Reisch handed out the quarterly report to the Board and informed them it will be posted on the website tomorrow. She reviewed it and stated that capital projects have used 75% of funding and all other funds are holding steady. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

7. PRESENTATIONS

Building/Principal's Monthly Report

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

Mr. Nuschy's written monthly report to the Board:

Building Accountability

- Participation numbers are up
 - 6 Student Reps, 7 Parent Reps, 4 School Reps
- The seven purposes and functions of our accountability committee were shared with policies: Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment: AE, AE-R, and AE-R-1.
 - GOAL
 - Stay positive as we work our way through the scores and implementing Jumpstart
- The Overview Report of State Assessment Scores document was shared and explained. Data notebooks were created for all teachers - creating transparency of all scores on all assessments for the 2016 and 2017 reporting years. Gains as well as losses were discussed while realizing the magnitude of student/parent opt-out leading to the low participation rate and our accreditation. Consensus was made to work together in relaying the seriousness of the state testing and ALL (students/parents/teachers) should give their best efforts always on whatever is put in front of them. We need to look at a different approach on how we give information to our students and parents about testing. Our students brought up a great point, that some students do poorly on purpose - somewhat to get back at the school and teachers.
- An opt-out form will be created and brought back to SAC (School Accountability Committee) in November - if a student is going to opt-out of state testing, they must do so by the last day of the first semester or they must take the test. Jumpstart is a way of addressing our low participation rate. The Jr/Sr HS hosted a community forum with Kevin Jones from Center Schools. Jumpstart is a win-win: rewarding those students who perform well while supporting those students who need it. The forum has been posted on our website and social media sites. SAC will be heading the Jumpstart processes. It was also further pointed out that we should instill Tiger Pride in everything that we do - school, test scores, work, campus. Student score reports were handed out at Parent Teacher Conferences September 21 and 22, 2017.

Parents felt we need to share out, publish, our class of 2017 stats: scholarship totals \$931,800, 79% entered college, 6% entered the military, 3% internship with the City of La Junta, 12% entered the workforce. GREAT work is coming to fruition with our GearUp and Counselors working with students and families as well as teachers within the classrooms. Consensus was to share out our positives! GearUp will be holding their Family FAFSA night October 4th from 4 pm - 7 pm.

- School Accountability Committee (SAC) Dates: High School Library at 1:00 p.m.
9/18/2017; 11/9/2017; 2/15/2018; 4/12/2018; 5/3/2018
- District Accountability Committee (DAC) Date: OJC Room 120 at 11:30 a.m.
9/19/2017; 11/14/2017; 2/20/2018; 4/17/2018; 6/12/2018

Eligibility

- We are reaching out to students who need support with academics through our NJHS and NHS students who volunteer time during their lunch
 - Students who are on the ineligibility list are required to attend tutoring during lunch time Tuesday - Thursday

Friday Professional Development

- September 22 - 7th & 8th Reading/Math/Science/Social Studies teachers met to set goals from their STAR Screening Report linked to Colorado CMAS (these four grade level teachers will post the Screening Report with the shared goal in their classrooms).
 - *7th Grade Reading:* 50% of our 7th Graders can move from Level 3 (Blue) to Level 4 (Green) by our next STAR Reading Test in February. We also believe that our 7th Graders will improve on their PARCC Testing in March!
 - *7th Grade Math:* 36% of our 7th Graders can move from Level 3(Blue) to Level 4 (Green) by our next STAR Math Test in February. We also believe that our 7th Graders will improve on their PARCC Testing in March!
 - *8th Grade Reading:* 15% of our whole 8th Graders can move to Benchmark Level 4 (Green) by our next STAR Reading Test in February. We also believe that our 8th Graders will improve on their PARCC Testing in March!
 - *8th Grade Math:* 29% of our 8th Graders can move from Level 3 (Blue) to Level 4 (Green) and 12% can move from Level 2 (Yellow) to Level 3 (Blue) by our next STAR Math Test in February. We also believe that our 7th Graders will improve on their PARCC Testing in March!
- October 20th - 'I Love You Guys' training

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Homecoming - HUGE Success & Fun had by all - 'Thank you' to our new STUCO sponsor, Ms. Nikki Haberman

- SHOUT OUT to the whole district for participating with dress up days and events throughout the week - it was AWESOME to see all the TIGER PRIDE as an entire district.

Sports

- Congratulations to Jay Paolucci and Cody Schrock for qualifying for the State Golf tournament, and Noah Sedillo who is an alternate.

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

Mrs. Woodyard's written monthly report to the Board:

- Our students and staff had a great time participating in the Homecoming activities this year! We would like to express our gratitude to the High School for taking the time to include the younger students in on all of the fun and excitement!!!
- Teachers are excited about the unit assessment data they are seeing so far this year. Having the pre and post assessment data to graph and review with the students has been extremely beneficial when working towards getting the students to "buy-in" to the importance of their data. We will start recognizing classrooms that reach the class average of 80% or better on their unit post assessments during our next Town Meeting.
- The LJIS Student Council Officers and Representatives have been hard at work. They are currently working on raising money for Pennies for Patients, collecting Box Tops, and getting prepared for the annual Cancer Awareness Celebration that will be held during our Town Meeting on October 26.
- The Fundraiser Kick-off was on September 28. Students will be out and about selling a variety of items to help raise money for our school. This money will be used to fund the end of the year field trips, programs that are purchased throughout the year to help benefit students in the classrooms and at home, different projects the students will be working on throughout the year, etc.
- We are working on getting Miss Colorado, Meredith Winnefield, to come speak to our students during the October Town Meeting. Miss Winnefield's platform is centered on youth and vision. She also has a talent of twirling that she will be demonstrating for our students if she is able to come in on this day. Mrs. Woodyard shared some important dates.

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

Mrs. Haberman shared that there are now 341 students enrolled at the Primary School, which is an increase of three since August and an increase of twenty at this same time last year. Prior to the homecoming festivities, the Junior/Senior High School student council members came to the Primary School and gave a presentation to the kids. During homecoming week, Junior/Senior High School students came to the Primary School and held a pep assembly, which was well-received by the students. Mrs. Haberman was excited to announce that the Primary staff and students will be receiving their La Junta t-shirts, purchased by the district, next week. This year there are co-presidents for PTO. Membership has increased from the first PTO meeting to the second and Mrs. Haberman is happy word is getting out that parent's voices are needed. Primary School Sonic Night is this Wednesday. Primary students get 10% of the proceeds from Sonic during Sonic night. Mrs. Haberman said that some of the Primary students are working on a presentation to be aired on the local radio station. There are two Primary students who are working on being released from truancy court. These students entered truancy court last year and their attendance has been great this year. Director Ayala asked Mrs. Haberman how often students are reading during the day at the Primary school. Mrs. Haberman said this year there is a 90-minute block for reading. Each student has 25-30 minutes of independent reading (AR) as well. She said last year students had a 60-minute block for reading and the hope is to see an improvement in STAR test scores.

Mrs. Haberman's written monthly report to the Board:

The students have been enjoying this wonderful autumn weather and are dressing accordingly in warmer layers that are appropriate for the chilly mornings. We start each day with morning announcements, where a second grade student reports on the daily events. Students and teachers are absolutely in the "swing of things" with classroom routines and procedures firmly in place. Our enrollment in the month of September is 341, with an addition of 3 from the previous month. During the Homecoming festivities, the High School Student Council Officers, band, cheerleaders, volleyball players, golf and football players lead the pep-assembly at our building. Each of the officers spoke to the student body of the importance in listening and paying attention to their teachers and getting good grades. The students received the HS students with gratitude and excitement. LJPS staff entered the parade with a float and many students and parents joined in by walking and sharing in the school spirit! We continue to focus on catching students doing what they're supposed to do!! Power up, Power Down! Classroom Competition "Pawistive" Paw for the classroom who has no referrals to the office or negative

behavior in the classroom. For the month of September there were 8 classrooms out of 17 that received the “Pawsitive” Paws. Congratulations! Office referrals and suspensions are down from this same time last year. The AR program is underway and students are reading every day. As with anything, performance improves with practice. We encourage parents to have their child read at home. AR is imbedded into reading every day for the students and they are knowledgeable of their independent reading level. Students and parents are informed on the amount of points they are expected to earn to reach their goals for the quarter. The Art program is underway and to help expose our students to a wide variety of material, we will be participating in a program with Original Works again this year. Students will create an original art piece at school and families will have the option to purchase their child’s art on different products like magnets, cups, coasters, pillow cases and more. The Teacher Preparation for Rural Education Program (TPREP) at the University of Colorado Denver is partnering with Otero Junior College to bring a Bachelor’s degree program in elementary to the Arkansas Valley. Pre-service teacher candidates are placed in local elementary schools throughout their time in the program, gaining valuable classroom experience as they prepare to become teachers. LJPS has six candidates, two of whom are employed para-professionals. Students that are learning English as a second language have been working diligently with Mrs. McMillian to enhance their English and improve their academic performance. Students are also receiving Direct Language Instruction from one of our interventionists (Cassandra Siefkas). Mrs. Haberman shared some important dates.

Primary School Construction

Superintendent Lovato didn’t have anything new to report at this point. There were several leaks from the recent moisture. They are being addressed. Staff is still working on what the best way is to have a safe parking lot. Superintendent Lovato said there are still safety issues with students walking across the parking lot. Mr. Vela asked if there were any public forums to communicate with the public. Superintendent Lovato said he will be hosting an informational meeting at Casa Del Sol in the morning at 8:30 a.m. and there is a public forum at the Primary School this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Technology Report

Parker Bickel, Technology Director, told the Board that this summer the Wi-Fi was upgraded at the Primary. Each classroom had an access point installed, which now allows mobile labs to be utilized. The rock walls in the building were an issue for Wi-Fi access. Teachers computers were also refreshed and operating systems were upgraded. Most of the computers at the Junior/Senior High School were replaced. Five mobile labs were replaced, as well as three stationary labs. He has received great responses on the Chromebooks. Mr. Bickel sent out a student survey and had about 60% participation. This survey asked students if they had a computer at home to complete school work on (60.6% yes), Wi-Fi at home (88.4% yes) and would their household be willing to pay a \$35 insurance fee per student for a district-issued lap-top (63.5% maybe). Mr. Bickel presented costs to the Board for three possible scenarios for students grades 7-12. Scenario 1 would be to purchase a Chromebook for each student. He based the pricing on 617 students, which is the latest enrollment numbers. Option one would cost \$158,562.83, with approximately \$25,000 annual recurring costs. This cost includes the insurance and a carrying case for each computer. Scenario 2 would be to purchase a mobile lab for each Junior/Senior High School classroom. This would cost \$131,382.00, with \$24,000 in annual recurring costs. Scenario 3 would be to purchase low-end Windows computers with carrying cases, insurance and a DNS filter for \$137,942.69. The annual recurring costs would be around \$20,000. If students were given individual lap tops, they would use these lap tops for six years, from seventh through twelfth grades. Mr. Bickel isn’t sure of what effect that many devices accessing the internet will have on the Wi-Fi. He said there is no way to know until it is tried. Director Martinez asked about increasing our bandwidth to accommodate. Mr. Bickel will look into that. He said the district participates in e-rate, which pays a large portion of internet costs.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- October 10 - Intermediate PTO Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- October 10 - Meet the Candidates night at La Junta Intermediate School from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- October 11 - Primary Sonic Night at 5:00 p.m.
- October 14 - Robotics at Trinidad State Junior College at 10:30 a.m.
- October 16 - Primary Students to the Pumpkin Patch
- October 17 - 5th Grade Concert at Otero Junior College at 6:00 p.m.
- October 18 - 3rd Grade to see the Creede Repertory Theater
- October 19 - High School Knowledge Bowl at Pueblo Central
- October 19 - 2nd Grade Music Program at 6:00 p.m.

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- October 26-27 - Primary and Intermediate Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 31 - Primary Character Day
- November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 7 - Election Day
- November 11 - Veteran's Day Ceremony at Intermediate School
- November 13 - Board Meeting

Superintendent Lovato shared that part of the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) requirements is to increase parent involvement. He said there was a large number in attendance at the District Accountability meeting and he asked every person there to share what they thought was a weakness and strength of each building in the district. Superintendent Lovato shared the feedback. He wants to use this and create a timeline and also to help create the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). Director Leyba thanked Superintendent Lovato for the District Accountability report. She feels there has been a disconnect between the accountability committee and the Board for many years and feels this is a must.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Approve Revised Exhibit GCBC-E Worksheets #1 and #2 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- Approve Revised Regulation IKA-R(Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- Approve School Accreditation for the 2017-2018 school year (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- Approve Replacement of Engine and Turbo on Activity Bus #6 in the amount of \$22,381.45 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- Discussion of District Dress Code **ADDED AS AGENDA ITEM NEXT MONTH**
- Executive Session regarding personnel matters per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f). **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER 7:19 P.M. MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:30 P.M.**

10. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Leyba thanked the Board and Mrs. Dellinger with the thank you cards that were sent to accountability and PTO members.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato took a moment to thank the volunteers that helped out with the first Friday activity at the Intermediate School, in which 42 students took part in. He said next month, Southeast Health Group will be sponsoring the Friday activity for the Primary students.

11. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 p.m.

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