



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**January 24, 2022**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **BOARD RECOGNITION**

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, the Board of Education was acknowledged for their volunteered service and dedication to the school district. Superintendent Lovato, Mr. McNerney and Mr. Remick thanked the Board for all they do for the district.

A gift, made by the students from Tiger Trades Academy, was presented to each Board member.

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

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Personnel Approval**

- **Daimean Feltner - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2021-2022 school year**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Final Budget Added 1-21-22; Revised Budget Added 1-24-22**

B. **Appropriation Resolution Added 1-24-22**

F. **Approve the Purchase of Welders Added 1-24-22**

5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA WITH AN AMENDED MOTION**

A. **Personnel Approval**

- Betty Grant - Resignation as Bus Driver effective December 16, 2021
- Veronica Leitner - Resignation as 6th Grade Science Teacher effective January 30, 2022
- Linda Valdez - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective January 6, 2022
- Hannah Adame - New Hire as an Elementary Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year
- Drew Sisson - Transfer from the Intermediate School to the Junior/Senior High School as the PE/Weightlifting Teacher
- Cassie Brusuelas - New Hire as an Elementary Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year
- Jennifer Ritter - New Hire as the High School TAC Director for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
- Kaden Ramirez - New Hire as the Junior High Girls JV Basketball Coach for the 2022 season
- D. C. DiPrince - New Hire as the Junior High 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022 season
- William Tyler - New Hire as the Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2022 season
- Joseph Gamez - New Hire as the Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2022 season
- Janell Cranson - Retirement as Family and Consumer Studies Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective May 27, 2022
- Rebecca Griffin - New Hire as Special Education Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021-2022 school year
- Katie Morales - Transfer from Special Education Paraprofessional to Secretary at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021-2022 school year
- Daimean Feltner - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2021-2022 school year

B. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for 2021-2022**

C. **Approve Surplus Resolution**

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- D. Approve Resolution to Appoint Rick Lovato as Authorized Representative for Federal Programs
- E. Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2021-2022 School Year

#### 6. MINUTES – Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2021 **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

#### 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Lovato explained to the Board that backdated financial reports will be presented in February now that the audit is almost complete and the budget is done. He recommended tabling the financial report until February. **THE FINANCIAL REPORT WAS TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY**

#### 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato informed the Board that insulation installation in the bus barn is on hold until the weather warms up. The bus barn is functional and Mr. Jackson is excited about the lift and being able to work on the buses.

The S-CAP review date is February 28-March 1. This will be an in-person review.

Superintendent Lovato shared with the Board there is valley community interest in starting a soccer program at the Junior/Senior High School. He said he wouldn't rule out the possibility of adding another sport, but the hardest part is practice and game time as we share our stadium with Otero Junior College and their soccer team. Superintendent Lovato said he would support a co-op with Swink or Rocky Ford and said he informed Swink he would support a co-op if Swink would host the program. He also stated CHSAA supports a two-year cycle, so it would be two years from this year to start the program. Superintendent Lovato said this is something that needs valley collaboration and will be further explored. He stated he feels Swink is the community that would be the best fit to host the sport. Director Bickel commented that we need to take care of the sports we currently have before adding more. She specifically stated the condition of the tennis courts and the need for more courts.

#### 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve Revised Policy GCCAA on Second/Final Reading (Lovato) **TABLED TO A LATER DATE**

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve 2021-2022 Final Budget (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Appropriation Resolution for the 2021-2022 Budget (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Wonders Curriculum Leveled Readers (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,412.98 AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve the Purchase of Teacher Laptops (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,599.70 AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Gym Floor Refinishing (Lovato) **APPROVED JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL GYM FLOOR REFINISHING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,790.00 AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve Purchase of Welders (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF 13,341.16 AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve Revised Policy GBGH on First/Revised Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED READING AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve New Bell and Intercom System (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,888.00 AS PRESENTED**
- i. Designate Official Posting Sites for Board Meeting Notices (Lovato) **DESIGNATED BOARDDOCS ON DISTRICT WEBSITE, CENTRAL OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD, EACH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND NOTIFICATION TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND RADIO STATION**

#### 11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala thanked TTA for the outstanding gifts.
- ✓ Director Leyba thanked Superintendent Lovato for having support staff and counselors available for our students with the recent tragedy.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato wanted to reach out to all of the families and say we are really sorry.
- ✓ Director Backes welcomed 2022!

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 p.m.**

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