



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
March 28, 2022

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny. Director Leyba was absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **STUDENT RECOGNITION – SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS**
The Board congratulated the La Junta Science Fair winners. The students informed the Board their name, grade and the name of their project. Each student was given a treat by the Board members and congratulated.
4. **RECOGNITION – SUPERINTENDENT LOVATO**
The Board recognized Superintendent Lovato for his efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board received a letter from Aaron Olivieri, the SE Colorado Emergency Preparedness and Response Otero/Crowley counties school's liaison who thanked Superintendent Lovato for his efforts during a difficult time. He received a standing ovation.
5. **AUDIENCE**
Tony and Davida Moreland spoke to the Board regarding First Responder recognition. Mr. Moreland invited the citizens of Otero County to attend the 4th annual First Responders Celebration on July 9, 2022.
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - **Takeesha Ortiz - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year**
 - **Kaden Ramirez - New Hire as Track and Field Coach for the 2022 season**
 - **Riley Remick - New Hire as Track and Field Coach for the 2022 season**
 8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - D. **ADDITION - Approve Purchase of Responsibility-Centered Discipline Program**
 - E. **ADDITION - Approve Summer School Curriculum Purchase**
 - F. **ADDITION - Approve Capturing Kids Heart Training Package**
 - G. **Correction on the resolution**
7. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Mary Belew - Retirement as Music Teacher at the Primary School effective March 31, 2022
 - Kellie Buhr - New Hire as Junior High TAC director for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
 - Christina Mackey - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective March 11, 2022
 - Ryan Malden - New Hire as High School Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 season
 - Diego Haun - New Hire as High School Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 season
 - Cassidy DiRezza - New Hire as High School Assistant Tennis Coach for the 2021-2022 season
 - Courtney Ayala - New Hire as High School Assistant Tennis Coach for the 2021-2022 season
 - Matthew Beard - Resignation as Band Director effective June 30, 2022
 - Kathy Lay - Resignation as Junior High Math Teacher effective May 26, 2022
 - Adalida Foxhoven - Resignation as Junior High TAC director effective February 22, 2022
 - Kassandra Branum - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Intermediate for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
 - Laura Medina - New Hire as Secretary at the Intermediate School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
 - Marissa Oquist - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy effective March 9, 2022
 - Duane Grasmick - New Hire as Junior High Social Studies Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year

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- Raylene Gonzales - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
- Jaedin Baca - Resignation as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services effective March 22, 2022
- Linette Griffy - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
- Takeesha Ortiz - New Hire as Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
- Kaden Ramirez - New Hire as Track and Field Coach for the 2022 season
- Riley Remick - New Hire as Track and Field Coach for the 2022 season

B. Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year

C. Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2021-2022 School Year

D. Approve Revised Policies AC, DB and JICDE on First/Revised Reading

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, had to unexpectedly leave the meeting due to a family emergency. Superintendent Lovato said things are up-to-date and explained the district is still waiting on grant funds to be disbursed, which explains the discrepancy of \$2.7 million in expenses and income of \$388,000. He said having the meeting later in the month changes things a little bit in terms of how that cycle works because typically earlier in the month reflects the equalization that comes and all the grant funds that get disbursed. **FINANCIAL REPORT WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

9. MINUTES – Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2022 **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

10. PRESENTATIONS

Gary Waller, auditor, was unable to make the meeting. His report has been tabled until the April 11, 2022 meeting.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato took a moment to thank the La Junta Police Department and their help with the incident that occurred yesterday evening. He shared there will be mental health aide available to staff and students who might need it.

The bus barn has live cameras and the alarms are in working order.

The S-CAP review went well. Superintendent Lovato said some of the review data was critical in nature, but it was good to get feedback from an in-person review.

Summer school is in the process of getting scheduled. Superintendent Lovato is looking at higher wages for summer school staff.

Superintendent Lovato said he is working on scheduling the insurance company for a meeting in order to get insurance quotes earlier. He shared he is also looking at salary schedules. He said it is nice to be getting back to normal things that should be happening this time of year.

Superintendent Lovato is expecting a high number of opt-outs for CMAS testing. Director Derbigny asked why students are opting out of testing and Superintendent Lovato said he feels it is because the data is skewed. She asked if there has been any discussion regarding not having the test. Superintendent Lovato said the district doesn't have a choice.

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Share Results of Board Self-Evaluation

b. Approve Purchase of Chromebooks (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,600.00 AS PRESENTED**

c. Approve Purchase of Chromebook Tablets (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,850.00 AS PRESENTED**

d. Approve Purchase of Responsibility-Centered Discipline Program (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,237.75 AS PRESENTED**

e. Approve Summer School Curriculum Purchase (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,565.00 AS PRESENTED**

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- f. Approve the Purchase of the Capturing Kids Hearts Training Package (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000.00 AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve Administrative Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2022-1 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Derbigny asked about the drug presentation and if the kids were excited about it. Superintendent Lovato said it was an informational presentation for mostly staff.
- ✓ Director Backes mirrored her appreciation for those who acted quickly for the safety of our students and faculty given the events of the last 24 hours. She is grateful that that was all the district had to deal with. She said if you “see something, say something” saves lives.
- ✓ Director Ayala said it has been a very exhausting 24 hours in the district and appreciates it being resolved quickly. She thinks every part was oiled and ready to go and it showed. She said good job.
- ✓ Director Derbigny said “Here, here” regarding the letter received from Mr. Olivieri for Superintendent Lovato. She said Superintendent Lovato is appreciated and thanked him.

14. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 p.m.

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