



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting

April 11, 2022

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Bickel, Derbigny, Leyba. Director Backes was absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **AUDIENCE**

Grace Gardner, from Las Animas, thanked the Board for maintaining the pool facility to be available for the Arkansas Valley Swim Team. She said she is hoping to continue swimming in her college career and is hoping to get a swim scholarship.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - **Dave Mejia - New Hire as the Boys Golf Coach for the 2022 season**
 4. **MINUTES**

Correction
 7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - J. **Corrected K-6 calendar due to clerical errors**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Dave Mejia - New Hire as the Boys Golf Coach for the 2022 season
 - B. **Approve Revised Policies AC, DB and JICDE on Second/Final Reading**
 - C. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year**
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, said the March fund balance reports shows income at \$2,176,428.01 and expenses at \$1,908,278.85. She said \$576,515 in ESSER funds have been received as well as \$437,000 in Title funds being received last week. **FINANCIAL REPORT WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
7. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2022 **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
8. **PRESENTATIONS**

Gary Waller, Auditor of Dixon, Waller and Company, explained the results of the district's 2020-2021 audit. Mr. Waller reported that the report was given a clean opinion.

Mr. Waller is retiring and said he has enjoyed working with the school district. Superintendent Lovato and the Board thanked Mr. Waller for his service.
9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Lovato gave the Board a follow-up on the Meet and Confer meeting that was held in February. He said he is working on a lot of the items that staff requested. Currently, a committee is being formed with representation from all buildings to help decide the health insurance plan for next year. He is also working on advertising for some of the new positions requested. He said he isn't sure every request can be met, but he will try to do the best he can.

Rusty Jackson and Scott Bishop were congratulated on being 2 out of 20 in the State of Colorado selected to be a trainer. They can now conduct classes to train other people to train their students to be bus drivers. They took certification classes with the Colorado Department of Education last summer.

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Recently, audits were performed on Chartwells Food Service and our transportation department. Both passed the audit with good results.

On May 20, the Intermediate will be hosting a festival at City Park. Superintendent Lovato said there will be fishing and outdoor games. He shared this will be a community outreach time for families. Final plans will be released closer to the event.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Update
- b. Approve the Purchase of a Mini Bus (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,821.00 AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve the Purchase of Frame Tents (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,828.20 AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve the Purchase of Materials for a District Network Upgrade (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,059.45 AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve the Purchase of Table Carts and Folding Chairs (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,333.74 AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve the Purchase of Ear Buds (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,247.25 AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve the Purchase of Water Bottle Filler Stations (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,831.49 AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve the Purchase of Automatic Flush Conversion Materials (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,857.68 AS PRESENTED**
- i. Presentation of the 2022-2023 Junior/Senior High School and Tiger Trades Academy Calendar (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- j. Presentation of the 2022-2023 Intermediate and Primary Schools Calendar (Lovato) **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING AFTER AN AMENDED MOTION**
- k. Approve Administrative Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2022-2 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- l. Approve Certified Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2022-3N and Resolution 2022-3P (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- m. Approve Non-Renewal Employment Resolution (Lovato) **FOLLOWING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO NOT RE-EMPLOY TWO CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Leyba said she didn't have anything profound to say, but knows this part of the year seems to drag on for everybody. Superintendent Lovato said the speed is stressful and is never an easy time of year.
- ✓ Director Ayala said the pickup line at the Intermediate is running smoothly and she appreciates the change. The line moves fast and they have a good system. Superintendent Lovato shared there are still some issues on Smithland Avenue.
- ✓ Director Derbigny asked what the numbers for opt outs of the CMAS. Superintendent Lovato said it is pretty high and most classes were around 50-75%, but he is expecting better turnouts for the PSAT and SAT.

12. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 p.m.**

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