



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
May 16, 2022

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **RECOGNITION OF THE 2022 CO-VALEDICTORIANS** - The Board of Education recognized the following students for their hard work and achievement at La Junta Junior/Senior High School:
 - 2022 Co-Valedictorian – Ian Backes
 - 2022 Co-Valedictorian – Chiana Mendoza
4. **RECOGNITION OF THE FBLA NATIONALS QUALIFIERS** - The following students were recognized for their outstanding performance in FBLA. They have qualified to attend the National Conference which is in Chicago, IL on June 27-July 3, 2022.
 - Trent Johnston - Public Service Announcement, Event 1; Peak V, Event 2
 - Ian Backes - Public Service Announcement, Event 1
 - Leia Mora-Menges - Public Service Announcement, Event 1
 - Shaelie Schmidt - Retail Management, Event 1; Peak V, Event 2
 - Alizeh Frazier - Non Profit Management, Event 1; Champion Chapter, Event 2
 - Jay Grimsley - Non Profit Management, Event 1; Champion Chapter, Event 2
 - Sari Schrock - Retail Management, Event 1; Champion Chapter, Event 2
 - Elah Backes - Intro to Event Planning, Event 1
 - Chevelle Hogan - Intro to Event Planning, Event 1
5. **RECOGNITION – FBLA COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR** - Shaunna Schrock was recognized by the Board for being named the 2022 FBLA Counselor of the Year.
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - **Nikki Huckaby - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022**
 - **Caitlyn Nuschy - Resignation as Intermediate Teacher effective May 26, 2022**
 6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **Budget added 5-16-22**
7. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Colleen Hudson - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy effective April 28, 2022
 - Sasha Salinas - New Hire as a Kindergarten Teacher at the Primary School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Kristin Golding-Langston - Transfer from Intermediate to the Junior/Senior High School as the Music Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Amy Place - Resignation as Primary School PE Teacher effective May 26, 2022
 - Erika Fishkin - New Hire as Intermediate School Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Maryna Pruet - New Hire as Intermediate School Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year
 - George Ferguson - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
 - Erika Fishkin - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
 - Amanda Hawks - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
 - Lenea Ortiz - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
 - Thelma Lay - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
 - Carolanna Traver - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
 - Susie Clemons - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
 - Maria Cristuta - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022

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- Heather Estrada - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Jerri Ann Stover - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Kayla Schmelzer - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Kaden Ramirez - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Riley Remick - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Caressa Graham - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Mandy Allsworth - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Dianna Marquez - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Christy Rodriguez Apodaca - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Amanda Baker - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Sharee Flakes - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Kassandra Branum - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Victoria Hernandez - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Stephanie Gutierrez - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Megan Apodaca - Intermediate Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Iliana McMillan - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Shayla Brown - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Shaelyn Headrick - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Lindsey Golding - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Gundy Allumbaugh - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Kelsey Schweizer - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Rebecca Ramirez - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Crystal Ortiz - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Rebecca Fraker - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Diana Remick - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Andrea Romero - Primary Summer School Teacher for 2022
- Misty Pounds - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Tammie Langston - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Nikolas Carson - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Shiann Muniz - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Pam Black - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Chantel Pineda - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Orlando Estrada-Ruiz - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Trisha Ortega - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Victoria Rivera - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Paula Sanchez - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Krystal Vigil - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Kristina Ruiz - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Shea Peteque - Primary Summer School Secretary for 2022
- Jessica Fritz - Resignation as Counselor at the Junior/Senior High School effective June 10, 2022
- Nikki Huckaby - Primary Summer School Paraprofessional for 2022
- Caitlyn Nuschy - Resignation as Intermediate Teacher effective May 26, 2022

B. Approve Out-of-District Students for the 2022-2023 School Year

8. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 11, 2022 and Special Meeting on April 25, 2022 **APPROVED**
AS PRINTED

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato updated the Board on summer school. He said this year new things are being tried, funded by ESSER funds. He shared the Junior/Senior High School is using a new format.

Superintendent Lovato is still learning about the FMLI leave. He said the district will have to abide by the rules and it will be important for the district to follow them. The district will have until January to decide what they will be doing. Director Leyba said she has had several conversations regarding this and she understands the employer must have something better in place that is equal to or better than FMLA for employees. There are many different interpretations. Director Backes said there is a recorded webinar regarding this matter.

Superintendent Lovato shared the contractor that will install the new gym floor informed him today they are backed up and will not be here as planned. They don't have a beginning date yet.

The HVAC installation is on schedule and will begin the beginning of June.

Director Leyba asked for clarification on why TTA students will sit separate from La Junta Junior/Senior High school students at graduation. Superintendent Lovato explained they are two separate schools and the parents actually requested only one graduation occur.

Director Ayala asked about the bus barn construction progress. Superintendent Lovato said finishing items are occurring. Interior offices and bathrooms are being completed by our maintenance crew and he said it will depend on their workload for how long it will take to complete. Director Ayala stated it was requested at the Meet and Confer that TTA students get their basketball courts back. Superintendent Lovato said the buses will be off the courts before fall.

Director Leyba said Superintendent Lovato is the Board's only employee and asked if it is his job to keep on top of construction projects. He said it is the director of the department to handle that.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of the 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve the 2022-2023 Intermediate and Primary Schools Calendar (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve ESSA Compliance Form **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve the revised 2022-2023 Junior/Senior High School and Tiger Trades Academy Calendar (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Out-of-State FBLA National Trip Request and Funding (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,741.50 AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve GoGuardian Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,275.00 AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve 2022-2023 CASB Membership Dues (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,448.00 AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve the Purchase of NWEA Assessment Map Suite (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,450.00 AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve Revised Technology Coordinator Job Description (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve Classified Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2022-4 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- i. Approve Non-Renewal Employment Resolution (Lovato) **FOLLOWING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO NOT RE-EMPLOY FOUR CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

12. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Superintendent Lovato clarified there is a bill that will help people get licensed. The bill will give an alternate pathway besides the PRAXIS test. Director Bickel asked if there is anyone that can't take the test due to financial issues. Superintendent Lovato said typically not and at times Title II funds have been used to help. Director Derbigny said there are booklets to help prepare for the test. She said it is a hard test for people who aren't prepared to be a teacher.
- ✓ Director Leyba would like to thank the community and families for allowing the Board to be active in their child's education. She said she isn't on social media as much as she used to be, but enjoys seeing the photos of students. It is nice to see all of the things the district is doing for our students. She said it is a good feeling to celebrate the group moving through on Sunday.
- ✓ Director Backes said congratulations to all students. She said it has been a good year compared to the last two that we've had. She said there is a lot to celebrate and congratulated the Seniors and the FBLA students. Director Backes said she would love to have a more formal finance report that shows the Board very detailed information. She would like an authentic financial report starting fresh this fiscal year. She would like to see year to year comparisons that would help the Board make financial decisions. She would also like follow through to see when purchases occur. She said one of the Boards biggest jobs is the financial health of the district.
- ✓ Director Derbigny agreed with Director Backes and asked for a more user friendly report. She would also like as a Board to be able to keep up with student achievement and parental involvement. She said with all the students in the summer school program and literacy program she feels the district needs to be more involved.
- ✓ Director Leyba said she did share an idea of having breakfast with the Board in the past.
- ✓ Director Ayala said she keeps hearing from the community of having the Board meetings to be live on social media. She would like the district to actively pursue that. She thanked the teachers in the audience for their hard work.
- ✓ Director Backes agreed and thanked all staff for their hard work.

13. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 p.m.**

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