



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Special Meeting
May 25, 2022

- 1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny, Leyba.
- 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – **AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- 4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Approve New Job Descriptions (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 - b. Approve Revised Certified Administrative Staff Salary Schedule (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- 5. **BOARD COMMENTS**
 - ✓ Director Leyba said she thought graduation was really fun this year. She said the speeches got a little bit dark but we have been tested recently by local and national events. She said there are issues we have to work through and find better support for but overall we count our blessings.
 - ✓ Director Derbigny shared the Democratic Party is hosting a fun, family event this Saturday, May 28 at La Junta City Park from 12:00-3:00 p.m. There will be face painting, bounce houses, food and music. She asked for anyone interested to come and enjoy. There will also be speakers in attendance. Director Leyba pointed out that she asked Director Derbigny to discuss this event as one of the speakers in attendance will be Kathy Plommer, who is running for the at-large seat for the Colorado State Board of Education and feels this might be something the Board members would be interested in hearing.
 - ✓ Director Ayala took a moment to say for the last two days when picking up her children from school, how incredibly blessed she feels to have her children come to her vehicle because there are several families just the other day who didn't get that opportunity. She offered her condolences to Texas and the recent school shooting.
 - ✓ Director Backes mirrored Director Ayala's sentiments. She encouraged people to stay vigilant. She said it is really easy when we don't see things like that happening in the news to fall away from a heightened sense of awareness and this is a reminder that really horrible things can happen even in small schools. She encouraged everyone to support one another through the tragedy even though it may not have directly impacted us, but also take this as a reminder to be looking at things and understand why we take every threat seriously, our policies, and how we react in those situations to remain vigilant. Unfortunately, we live in a world where it is a reality and I think that is an unfortunate reminder for all of us. On a brighter note, Director Backes asked Superintendent Lovato to give a breakdown of how the fishing day at the park activity last week went.
 - ✓ Superintendent Lovato said over 2000 people signed up for the Reelin' in the Summer event hosted by the elementary schools PTO and staff members. He said what the PTO, Michelle Garner and other groups did was remarkable and they did an awesome job. He said usually he hears something negative comment, but the only thing he heard was why wasn't dinner served. He said it went really well. Director Backes sent out a huge thank you to everyone who worked hard on the event and said it was amazing. Director Derbigny said she was impressed with all the community groups in attendance that had information available in attendance. She said it was exciting and well done. Director Ayala said she took her kids to the event and they had a great time. Superintendent Lovato said there has been some discussion of having an annual fall and spring event. He said the last school-structured event that brought out 2000 people was the state football championships. Director Ayala said she felt graduation went well and was well attended.
- 6. **ADJOURNMENT** – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 p.m.**

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