



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
June 28, 2022

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - **Jennifer Foxhoven - Transfer to Principal at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year**
 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **Budget and Appropriation Resolution added 6-28-22**
 9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - J. **Approve the Auditory Engagement Letter; added 6-27-22**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Suzannah Hardy - New Hire as a 7-12 Counselor for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Aissa Cisneros - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Jillann Begay (Mills) - Resignation as Junior/Senior High School Counselor effective May 26, 2022
 - Tatyana Bradshaw (Cote) - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at the Primary School effective May 26, 2022
 - Brent Cox - Resignation as Custodian and Bus Driver effective June 9, 2022
 - Mark Archuleta - New Hire as Technology Coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Gavin Townsend - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Kirk Shiflett - New Hire as an Art Teacher at the Primary School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Dan Nuschy - Transfer to Assistant Superintendent at Central Office for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Kamryn Fisher - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Catrina Triana - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Sarah Lopez - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Hallie Romero - New Hire as a Social Worker at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Linette Griffy - New Hire as a Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Mariah Arguello - New Hire as an Elementary Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Lavona Tyscka - New Hire as 7-12 Counselor at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Jayson Huberit - Resignation as Math Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective June 20, 2022
 - Laura Holguin - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Matthew Krueger - Resignation as a Teacher at the Intermediate School effective June 20, 2022
 - Alyssa Lovato - New Hire as a Physical Education Teacher at the Primary School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Demian Ryder - New Hire as a Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Carl McDade - New Hire as a Music/General Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Jennifer Foxhoven - Transfer to Principal at La Junta Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year

- B. Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2022-2023 School Year
- C. Approve Revised Policies GBGH, GCCAA, GCCBA, GCLC, GDBD and GDCA on First/Revised Reading
- D. Approve Revised Regulation GCBD-R and Revised Exhibits AC-E-1, CBD-E, GCBB-E1, GCBB-E, GCBA-E-2, GCBA-E and GDBA-E-1 on First/Revised/Final Reading
- E. Approve Resolution Authorizing Signing of Checks/District Bank Accounts at TBK and Colorado Bank and Trust

5. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 16, 2022 and Special Meeting on May 25, 2022 **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

Building Safe School Reports:

- Superintendent Lovato gave the report for the Junior/Senior High School. He began by stating reviving the Ag Program at the school has gone very well. Director Ayala said the Ag auction was a really good event. For the 2021-22 school year, the Junior/Senior High had 74 total suspensions and three expulsions. Overall, suspensions were down. Superintendent Lovato said some of the students who struggled with the formal, traditional building were sent to Tiger Trades Academy, which suited them better. A total of 531 students were enrolled, with ten of those students attending S.E.A.L. (Southeast Alternative Learning) Academy. There are 97 7th grade students enrolled, 106 8th grade, 90 9th grade, 83 10th grade, 79 11th grade and 78 seniors. 74 of those seniors graduated. The dropout rate stayed at less than 1% and the daily attendance rate was at 88.92%. Superintendent Lovato said the lower attendance rate was due to Covid and the recommendation to stay home if any symptoms are present. Director Ayala asked if any S.E.A.L. Academy students would return to the building and Superintendent Lovato said no, they would stay at S.E.A.L. Academy, however, he elaborated that S.E.A.L. Academy is also struggling to find teachers.
- Ken McNerney, Tiger Trades Academy Principal, shared his annual report. He said suspensions were up due to the Covid year, with a total of 52 suspensions reported. Mr. McNerney elaborated by saying students are having to be re-taught in how to be in the classroom. There were three TTA students expelled. Students who get expelled are offered educational services through TTA. Mr. McNerney proudly announced that 25 out of 34 seniors graduated. He said a lot of celebrations happened that haven't been done in the past and students who have never received a certificate for doing well were handed out certificates. Mr. McNerney said things are going well at TTA. Director Bickel asked about the students who don't graduate. Mr. McNerney said discussions are held with those students to discuss their options, with one of the options being the Bueno HEP GED program. Director Backes inquired if the district might start their own GED program and Mr. McNerney didn't think that would be a viable option. Mr. McNerney stated he would like to have an accountability committee next year. Director Ayala also commended Mr. McNerney and the TTA staff on the end of year festivities. Director Derbigny added she was also impressed with graduation.
- Claudia Apodaca, Intermediate School Principal, said enrollment was down for the 2021-2022 school year. Third grade has 107 students, 4th grade 103, 5th grade 113, and 6th grade 103, which is a total of 426 students enrolled. The average attendance daily attendance rate was at 90.32% and the average class size was at 21 students. There were 61 suspensions. Mrs. Apodaca took a moment to praise the reading specialist and said she was very helpful in assisting teachers to understand the student's reading data. Mrs. Apodaca shared Dibels test results. She shared the school-wide results were 67% of students at or above benchmark. 61% of the third grade students are at or above level, 78% of the fourth grade students, 53% of the fifth grade students and 74% of the sixth grade students. Mrs. Apodaca also shared she felt the year ended very well. Director Derbigny asked if the students who are at or above grade level continue to be assessed. Mrs. Apodaca said all students take the test three times per year, whether they are on grade level or not. Director Ayala inquired about the Turnaround status. Superintendent Lovato said the Intermediate is in year 3 of the third year. He shared the state tests were not consistently taken or administered the last two years.
- Julie Miller, Primary School Principal, said enrollment was down a little bit at 302 students. Kindergarten had 105 students, 1st grade had 95 students and 2nd grade had 102 students. The average class size was at 18 students. Mrs. Miller said Kindergarten had a larger class size due to late registered students. The average daily attendance is down at 86.97%. Mrs. Miller said absences played a part in retention, with six students being retained. There were 14 out of school suspensions with two in school suspensions. Mrs. Miller shared 68% of Primary students are at or above grade level in reading. She praised the teachers for their hard work. She said 39% of students in Kindergarten entered at level and ended the year 87%. The first grades students began at 52% and ended at 57%. Mrs. Miller said first grade will be an area of focus next year. Second grade

began at 46% and ended at 60%. The building goal for next year to get into 70%. Mrs. Miller said the intensive students (most struggling students) were cut in Kindergarten from 38% to 8% of students being in the intensive range; in first grade the numbers were cut from 36% to 28% and in second grade cut from 48% to 27%. Mrs. Miller said if kids are at benchmark being tested throughout the year and each test they take is at a higher level. Mrs. Miller said Primary is really excited about their Dibels test scores and this data is what is reported to the state based on the Read Act.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato discussed summer school. He said he believes it has gone well, but Superintendent Lovato said he is concerned about the burnout with some students being in summer school all through elementary. He said he also worries about staff burnout.

The HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) project is underway and everything is on schedule. The roofing company will begin the swimming pool roof next week. Superintendent Lovato reported the high school roof is also leaking. An infrared scan is going to be completed tomorrow. He said he is looking at possibly a grant for roof repair.

Regarding ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds Superintendent Lovato said there is a little less than \$100,000 in ESSER I left to spend. He said ESSER I funds have to be spent this September. ESSER II will be done next September and ESSER III will be done the September after that. No bids on the flooring for buildings were received. The HVAC project should be done in August.

Superintendent Lovato thanked the staff for ending the year and getting things done. He also thanked them for their understanding this week.

Director Ayala asked about the bus barn. Superintendent Lovato said right now work is being done on obtaining a contractor to get the restrooms built. He said work is being done on completing the punch list items so the bus barn can be certified for the district mechanic to complete his inspections. All the interior finishing work needs to be completed. He said fuel costs have doubled the cost of travel and today the district has reached the limit on the gas cards, which has never happened. He said the state is working on government rates for districts. He said staff is working on getting the slab cleared and ready and staff is working on finding a spot for the staff weight room.

Director Ayala shared she attended the Ag auction and commented the roof on that building looks terrible. She also said there are some spots on the floor in the main building that needs to be looked at. Director Ayala has a concern regarding the trees at Orahoad Park and said she noticed some are dying. She requested the trees be watered and would like a different entrance for the buses.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve the 2022-2023 Final Budget and Appropriation Resolution (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Chartwells Contract (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve 2022-2023 Consolidated Federal Programs Application (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve the 2022-23 Educator Effectiveness Assurances (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve CSDSIP 2022-2023 Renewal Proposal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368,024.00 AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve CopperPoint Insurance 2022-2023 Insurance Premium (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,936.00 AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve Renaissance Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,727.72 AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve the 2022-2023 Odysseyware Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,750.00 AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve the 2022-2023 Infinite Campus Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,769.00 AS PRESENTED**
- i. Declare a Critical Shortage of Teachers and Bus Drivers (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- j. Approve Auditor Engagement Letter (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

10. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Ayala thanked teachers and staff for hanging in with everything with payroll this week and said she is sorry. Superintendent Lovato echoed that sentiment and said things are still being worked on. He said we will do everything we can and make it right for staff. Each staff member's payroll is being looked at.
- ✓ Director Backes thanked staff who are working summer school. She understands it is hard and appreciates the time as it benefits the students. She said there was good discussion tonight and feels the meeting was very productive. She looks forward to moving forward in a positive way.

13. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:41 p.m.

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