



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**July 21, 2022**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, and Derbigny. Directors Bickel and Leyba were absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **AUDIENCE**

Joe Ayala, La Junta Mayor, spoke on behalf of the City of La Junta and invited the Board to attend a meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022 with the CU President, Todd Saliman who is traveling to communities across Colorado.

Mr. Ayala also spoke to the Board as a parent and requested the Board have online video recordings of Board meetings.

Lenea Ortiz, Intermediate School teacher, voiced a concern to the Board regarding the policies changes on the agenda.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
  2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
    - A. **Personnel Approval**
      - **Melinda Viescas - New Hire as an Elementary Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year**
      - **Felisha Herrera - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2022-2023 school year**
      - **Samantha Vaisa - Resignation as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School effective July 17, 2022**
      - **Shiann Muniz - Resignation as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Primary School effective July 31, 2022**
      - **Matthew Mascarenas - New Hire as a Custodian/Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year**
      - **Danita Rocha - New Hire as an Activity Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year**
      - **Kaitlin Ybarra - New Hire as an Elementary Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year**
    - E. **Addition - Approve Resolution Authorizing Signing of Checks/District Bank Accounts at Colorado Bank and Trust**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
  - A. **Personnel Approval**
    - Rayann Remick - New Hire as a Math Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2022-2023 school year
    - Kendra Herrell - New Hire as a Secondary Math Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
    - Thelma Lay - New Hire as a Junior High Math Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
    - Paula Michele Bouldin - New Hire as a 6th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year
    - Ellen Froman - Transfer from a 3rd Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School to an Assistant Principal at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
    - Nicole Haberman - Resignation as an English Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School effective July 5, 2022
    - Rebecca Griffin - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2022-2023 school year
    - Pablo Martinez - New Hire as an Industrial Arts Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
    - Christina Mackey - New Hire as the Social/Emotional Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year

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**A. Approve Compliance Report for the 2021-2022 School Year**

**B. Approve Revised Policy BE on First/Revised Reading**

**C. Approve Revised Policies GBGH, GCCAA, GCCBA, GCLC, GDBD and GDCA on Second/Final Reading**

## **6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Superintendent Lovato presented the financial report to the Board. He shared a revenue report and stated all funds revenues are all aligned with the budget. The state revenues from June have not yet been entered into the system, which will make the revenues closer to \$12.5 million. Superintendent Lovato said the he and the business office staff are working diligently to clean things up in the system. He explained the budget codes to the Board. Superintendent Lovato said the revenues and expenses are trending well. Director Backes asked if the report they received is for the last fiscal year. Superintendent Lovato said this report covers January 1 to June 30. Director Derbigny inquired if all errors in the system have been cleaned up. Superintendent Lovato said they are not, however, it is being worked on daily. Director Derbigny asked for a more condensed report with a budget code key so the Board can better understand the report. Director Ayala asked if anyone is helping Superintendent Lovato with the financials. He said the business office staff are helping, as well as the district auditor. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

## **7. MINUTES – Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 28, 2022 **APPROVED AS PRINTED****

## **8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Lovato updated the Board regarding the ongoing HVAC project. He shared he had a meeting this week with TRANE and the project is on schedule and will be complete in time for students to return.

The swimming pool roof is being re-roofed right now. After the recent rain, a new leak was discovered in the gym lobby. Those leaks are being also being addressed.

A gas line was hit while boring for conduit at the bus barn location last week. The district had the line located before work began. The line has been repaired. Superintendent Lovato said the district is currently looking for contractors to complete the finish work in the interior of the bus barn.

The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) recently completed an audit on the district's online policy manual. Superintendent Lovato said a Board work session will be needed to review the results.

Director Ayala asked for the estimated completion date of the bus barn. Superintendent Lovato is hoping sometime in September. A fire panel and fire suppression system is also still needed. Director Ayala also asked when the buses will be off the basketball court and Superintendent Lovato explained they were moved a couple of weeks ago as well as the trees being watered and a berm installed at Orahoad Park. He said the landscape maintenance at Orahoad Park will become a work study project for Tiger Trades Academy students. Director Ayala reminded everyone of the contributions Mr. Ernie Orahoad made to the community and wants to make sure the park that is named after him is taken care of. Superintendent Lovato also shared lines are being repainted on the basketball court, as well as pickle ball lines. Students will also have corn hole games to play. Director Ayala asked about the street access for buses and if that will happen. Superintendent Lovato said that is a huge financial cost and probably won't be happening in the near future. Director Ayala thanked Superintendent Lovato for getting the court cleared off and asked about the estimated time for playground equipment. Superintendent Lovato said he will take care of the elementary schools first and will most likely need to obtain grant monies for that purchase.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve Rotary Membership (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Revised Superintendent Contract (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Desk and Chair Purchase for the Intermediate School (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,925.25 AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Children's Literacy Center Summer Tutoring Program (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,000.00 AS PRESENTED**
- e. Adopt the Small Vehicle Driver Job Description (Lovato) **ADOPTED AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve TTA Flooring (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,220.00 AS PRESENTED**

**10. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Superintendent Lovato introduced Mr. Nuschy as the Assistant Superintendent. Superintendent Lovato informed the Board that Mr. Nuschy will be sharing a monthly building update.

Mr. Nuschy said online registration opened on July 1 and in-person building registrations will still occur. The Primary and Intermediate Schools building registration will be held on August 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Junior/Senior High School and Tiger Trades Academy building registration will be on August 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade orientation will be held at the Junior/Senior High School on August 11 at 5:00 p.m.

All four buildings are implementing new frameworks for behavior and building relationships this year. The elementary schools will be using Capturing Kids Hearts. The focus of Capturing Kids Hearts is building relationships with students and colleges and creating a safe environment for learning and classrooms. The secondary schools will be implementing Responsibility-Centered Discipline (RCD) with the same outcomes expected. Mr. Nuschy said the schools are trying to get away from obedient discipline and having students participate in classroom expectations. The RCD program has a parent component as well. Both programs are innovation on communication and classroom procedures.

Director Derbigny asked Mr. Nuschy if he will report on all of the buildings at each meeting. Mr. Nuschy said he will. Director Ayala asked if the Board will still hear from the principals or will it just be Mr. Nuschy. Superintendent Lovato said the principals will attend quarterly, but Mr. Nuschy will report monthly. Director Ayala clarified that there won't be a district-wide registration and asked if there will be transportation and health tables at the elementary registrations. Superintendent Lovato said there would be as well as a mental health table. He also shared the buildings prefer registration at their own sites. Director Ayala wants to make sure people are aware of registration dates if they don't have computer access. Calls will go out.

- ✓ Director Derbigny asked if the district still has ESSER funds to spend. Superintendent Lovato said yes and we have to be very pointed on how to use the monies. She asked if some of the money could be used for school supplies. Superintendent Lovato said at the beginning of the pandemic he was able to purchase school supplies, but now is not able to due to people not being in quarantine. Mr. Nuschy said there are still supplies in stock. She also asked about where the district should be on the state accountability clock. Superintendent Lovato said the district will be looking at the state testing results when they are received.
- ✓ Director Ayala asked if there will be any public limitations to the buildings this year. Superintendent Lovato said he doesn't foresee any, however, the district will be monitoring access for safety. Director Ayala also clarified the roles for administration. Superintendent Lovato is also the Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Nuschy is also the Athletic Director.

**11. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33 p.m.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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