



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Special Meeting
September 14, 2022

1. **ROLL CALL** – Backes, Derbigny and Leyba. Absent were Ayala and Bickel.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Linda Fief - New Hire as a Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Michaela Romero - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - John Angel - New Hire as a Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Danielle Lopez - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Abram Lopez - New Hire as an Industrial Arts Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Xavier Rodriguez - New Hire as a Custodian at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Kimberly Florez - New Hire as a Custodian at the Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Suzannah Hardy - Resignation as Counselor at the Junior/Senior High School effective September 29, 2022
 - Chris Eddy - New Hire as a Critical Shortage Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Emily Palmer - New Hire as a half-time Tiger Trades Academy Teacher and half-time ELL teacher for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Hannah Gomez - New Hire as Classroom Supervisor at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Samantha Vaisa - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Rayann Remick - Transfer from Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy to Counselor at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year
 - B. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year**
 - C. **Approve Resolution Authorizing Signing of Checks/District Bank Accounts at Colorado Bank and Trust**

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato discussed the HVAC project. He said the Intermediate School controls are still being installed and the boiler is set to arrive in October. There is a plan in place to use the old boiler in case the new one doesn't arrive on time. Superintendent Lovato informed the Board there will be a change order coming in the amount of approximately \$60,000.00, but it could be less. This is due to the need to add air conditioning to the Intermediate gym. This amount is still well under the contingency set aside.

The bus barn fire system will cost quite a bit Superintendent Lovato said. He stated he has asked the project to be pared down and has cut out the meeting and storage room in the building. There will be restrooms and a single office built instead, with the rest being a storage area. This expense will be on the next meeting's agenda. The initial quote for the HVAC system at the bus barn was ridiculously high coming in at \$230,000.00. Superintendent Lovato said this project will also be pared down and he is currently waiting on a revised quote. He shared the reason for calling this special meeting is to approve the framing and walls. In order to get the fire suppression system installed requires the walls being up.

Director Leyba asked Superintendent Lovato to explain the change order for the Intermediate School gym. He said that the initial quote received was to replace existing HVAC items. Superintendent Lovato stated the gym has never had air conditioning and the quote was for heat only in the gym. He said the gym needs to have air conditioning. Therefore, a change order is required to add air conditioning to the gym. There are a few other change orders that arose from equipment that was rusted out which wasn't visible until exposed during installation.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve the bus barn wall framing/drywall (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000.00 AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve the telephone system upgrade at Tiger Trades Academy (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,754.00 AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve the asbestos inspection and testing (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,980.00 AS PRESENTED**

7. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Derbigny asked about suspensions and if there is a guideline that staff uses for number of days suspended. Superintendent Lovato said there are determining factors and are a little different depending on the severity of the discipline issue. Director Derbigny also asked about the Improvement Plan and when that will be discussed. Superintendent Lovato said that will be a topic at the next meeting.
- ✓ Director Leyba inquired about the Junior/Senior High School student handbook and wondered if the District Advisory Committee could review it. She said there are procedures in the handbook that are not policy, which causes confusion. Superintendent Lovato said this was discussed at the Administrative Council meeting and they will be working on making all handbooks more consistent. He shared procedures are sometimes stricter than policy, but can also be more lenient. This year, there have been some issues with dress codes. Director Leyba said if communication is one of the strategic priorities, the handbook is not clear to parents, students, or staff. Director Leyba said the lip sync was fun to watch.

8. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 p.m.**

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