



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
May 22, 2023

1. **ROLL CALL** –Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba. Directors Ayala and Backes were absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel**
 - Molly Borton – Resignation as Counselor at Tiger Trades Academy effective June 8, 2023
 6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **Preliminary Budget attached**
 7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - G. **Salary schedules added**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Joe Gamez - New Hire as Girls Wrestling Coach for the 2023-2024 season
 - Frank Magana - New Hire as Boys Wrestling Coach for the 2023-2024 season
 - Natasha Lowe - New Hire as 1st Grade Teacher at the Primary School for the 2023-2024 school year
 - Dave Mejia - Resignation as High School Girls Basketball Coach effective April 27, 2023
 - Lindsey Golding - Primary Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Sheila Gimeno - Primary Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Kelsey Schweizer - Primary Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Diana Remick - Primary Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Andrea Romero - Primary Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Vanessa Tafoya - Primary Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Evette Frentress - Resignation as Attendance Secretary at the Junior/Senior High School effective June 14, 2023
 - Maryna Pruett - Resignation as 6th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School effective June 30, 2023
 - Keri Robinson - New Hire as Secondary English Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2023-2024 school year
 - Carlos Rangel - New Hire as Math Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2023-2024 school year
 - Lenea Ortiz - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Susie Clemons - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Erika Fishkin - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Maria Cristuta - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Kaitlin Ybarra - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Amanda Hawks - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Danielle Dwyer Pacheco - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Heather Estrada - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - James Tracy - Intermediate Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - David Mejia - Resignation at Junior High English Teacher effective May 25, 2023
 - Kathryn Tracy - Resignation as Teacher at the Intermediate School effective May 25, 2023
 - Courtney Ayala - Jr/Sr High Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Julie Meiklejohn - Jr/Sr High Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - D.C. DiPrince - Jr/Sr High Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Thebe Lay - Jr/Sr High Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
 - Tim Clem - Jr/Sr High Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session

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- Kellie Buhr - Jr/Sr High Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
- Melissa Davis Perez - Jr/Sr High Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
- Lisa Monaco - Tiger Trades Academy Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
- Demian Ryder - Tiger Trades Academy Summer School Teacher for the 2023 session
- Michaela Romero - Resignation as Primary School Paraprofessional effective May 25, 2023
- Socorro Morales - New Hire as Custodian at the Junior/Senior High School
- Molly Borton - Resignation as Counselor at Tiger Trades Academy effective June 8, 2023

B. Approve Out-of-District Students for the 2023-2024 School Year

C. Approve Revised Policies EF, EF-E-2, and EFC on First/Revised Reading

D. Approve Revised Policy GDBD on First/Revised Reading

E. Approve Revised Regulation GCBD-R on First/Revised/Final Reading

5. MINUTES – Minutes of the April 10, 2023, April 24, 2023 and May 8, 2023 Board Meetings **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This year summer school will run from June 5 through June 22, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for students. A morning snack and bagged lunch will be provided to the students. It will be held at the Intermediate School for both Primary and Intermediate students. The Junior/Senior High School will have junior high summer school and credit recovery for high school students.

The sewer taps have been approved for installation at the bus barn. The heating is currently being worked on and the drywall has been completed. Superintendent Lovato said he is still looking at a June 1 completion date, but stated it does depend on contractor's timeliness.

Whitlock Construction will begin tearing up the floor next week at the Primary School to repair the plumbing issues there. Superintendent Lovato said hopefully the project won't be as intrusive as predicted, but he said the district is prepared if it is. Valley Plumbing jet washed the pipes at the Junior/Senior High School and the drainage is working much better. Superintendent Lovato said it has helped that students haven't been flushing massive amounts down the drain. Central Office has been experiencing plumbing and natural gas issues as well. The boiler system is very old and Superintendent Lovato said it will need to be replaced.

A special session has been scheduled for June 6. This meeting will include a financial report. Superintendent Lovato said the district's auditor and Mark Rydberg from the Colorado Department of Education have been in contact and the last few adjustments have been made to the audit. Superintendent Lovato said it should be ready to submit by Friday. He said the next task will be to input the numbers into the budget.

Superintendent Lovato said he would like to get going on the calendar for next year and not wait until January to discuss processes. The policies that pertain to the calendar have been shared with the Board.

Director Bickel inquired about payroll. She wondered if the issue has been resolved and if the employee received an answer. Superintendent Lovato said a meeting with ADP was scheduled and ADP needs to make adjustments. He said he hasn't received any communication for ADP yet. Director Bickel said one of the biggest complaints was not receiving a return phone call from the office. He explained he was out of state at that time. Superintendent Lovato shared with the Board that he has submitted ledger codes for full-time staff to ADP in order for them to create a report that will work with our software program, SDS. He still has to submit codes part-time staff.

Director Derbigny noticed the number of summer school teachers and asked how many students will be attending summer school. Ms. Fraker said between 60 and 80 Primary students and Mrs. Romero said around 68 Intermediate students will be asked to attend summer school. It was shared that some of the students encouraged to attend are students who are on the edge and teachers don't want them to lose much over the summer. There will be some students who will be unable to attend due to various reasons.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Declare a Critical Shortage of Teachers and Bus Drivers (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

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- b. Approve Out-of-State FBLA National Trip Request and Funding (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,004.00 AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve the Purchase of Photoshop Computers and Monitors (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,622.50 AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve GoGuardian Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,250.00 AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve 2023-2024 CASB Membership Dues (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,138.00 AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve the Renewal of NWEA Assessment Map Suite (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,250.00 AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve Percentage Increase to the Base Pay for all Full Time Staff (Lovato) **APPROVED 8% INCREASE TO BASE PAY AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve the School Improvement Retention of Funds Request (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Derbigny said she attended the TTA awards ceremony and the gym at TTA was nice because there was not a partition. However, the room looked pretty shabby. She said she doesn't know if there is air conditioning in the gym because there was a huge fan running in the back of the room. With the noise from the fan, no one could hear the speakers and she wondered how good the PA system is. The projector screen was still wrinkled. Superintendent Lovato said there is air conditioning and wasn't sure why it wasn't being used. He agrees the gym needs paint and repairs. The baskets on each end of the gym are going to be put back up. Director Derbigny asked if there is money for this and Superintendent Lovato said there is.
- ✓ Director Leyba said graduation was interesting and Superintendent Lovato it was long. He said that is the largest attended graduation he has seen in a long time. Director Derbigny said it was a lot of fun.

10. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 p.m.

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