



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
December 9, 2024

1. **ROLL CALL** – A. Ayala, S. Ayala, Hines and Leyba.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**
The Board conducted interviews with the following qualified candidates for the Board vacancy: Tiffany Rizo-Morales, Irene Flood, Morgan Sutton, and Gregory Kolomitz.
4. **CELEBRATIONS**
Tiger Trades Academy (TTA) showcased a video with the Board made by the technology class highlighting classes at TTA. Mr. McNerney explained the students do all the camera work as well as interviews.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - **Nikolas Carson resignation added**
 - **Vicky Masar new hire added**
 7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - B. **ADDITION – Certify Mill Levy**
 - C. **ADDITION - Selection/Appointment of Board Director**
 - D. **ADDITION - Administer Oath of Office to Appointed Board Director**
 - E. **ADDITION - Select/Appoint Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, CASB Legislative Representative and CASB Delegate**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA WITH MOVING THE CAO RECOMMENDATION TO NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Fritzie Muniz - Resignation as Custodian effective November 15, 2024
 - Emilee Weirich - Resignation as District Nurse effective December 19, 2024
 - Wayne Mills - Retirement as Custodian effective November 30, 2024
 - Jaye Senner - Resignation as Special Education Teacher at the Intermediate effective December 31, 2024
 - Raelynn Romero - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective November 21, 2024
 - Nikki Huckaby - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective January 9, 2025
 - Jared Wilson - New Hire as Chief Academic Officer for the 2024-2025 school year
 - Nikolas Carson - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional effective December 19, 2024
 - Vicky Masar – New Hire as District Nurse for the 2024-2025 school year
 - B. **Approve the District Advisory Charge for the 2024-2025 School Year**
 - C. **Approve an Additional Substitute Teacher for 2024-2025**
7. **MINUTES -**
 - A. Minutes of November 11, 2024. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
8. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT -**

Superintendent Blincoe shared the district will receive another GEAR UP Grant. GEAR UP is a program that assists students in obtaining scholarships and attending college. This grant is for \$1.25 million dollars over the next seven years.

While at the CASB Convention, the district’s attorney resigned her position as the district’s legal counsel. Superintendent Blincoe said he is looking at Caplan and Earnest firm.

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Superintendent Blincoe explained the principals were not in attendance at tonight's meeting as they are at a training with TNTP.

The EASI grant has been completed and the district will receive \$350,000.

Upon return from winter break, the BEST grant will be submitted.

Director Leyba said Caplan and Earnest was recommended by Michelle Murphy and she will honor her contract until March when it is completed.

9. DISCUSSION -

Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

Superintendent Blincoe said the Board will need to complete training for the new superintendent evaluation instrument that was recently purchased. He said this would be around a 45-minute Zoom training. Mrs. Dellinger will facilitate scheduling a time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve TNPT as Partial Manager (Blincoe) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,838.00 AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve the Mill Levy certification as presented. Total Mill Levy has been certified at 27.005. (Nelson) **2024 MILL LEVY CERTIFIED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve CAO New Hire (Blincoe) **MOTION FAILED ON 3-1 VOTE; AMENDED MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL NEXT MEETING AS PRESENTED**
- d. Selection/Appointment of Board Director **GREGORY KOLOMITZ WAS SELECTED AS THE NEW BOARD MEMBER**
- e. Oath of Office – Newly Appointed Board Member (Dellinger) **JILL DELLINGER ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE TO GREGORY KOLOMITZ**
- f. Select/Appoint Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, CASB Legislative Representative and CASB Delegate
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Sara Hines
 - Dee Leyba will serve as CASB Legislative Representative and CASB Voting Delegate.

11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Leyba welcomed Mr. Kolomitz to the Board.
- ✓ Director Leyba spoke to Superintendent Blincoe and said the Board understands his position on hiring the CAO, but they just would like more information. They would like a special meeting just for this topic. Director A. Ayala said the special meeting could be a noon meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 p.m.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DEE LEYBA, President *ANGELA AYALA, Vice President*
SARA HINES, Secretary/Treasurer *STACEY AYALA, Director*
GREG KOLOMITZ, Director