



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**May 13, 2021**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba. Director Ayala was absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **RECOGNITION OF THE 2021 CO-VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIAN** - The Board of Education recognized the following students for their hard work and achievement at La Junta Junior/Senior High School:
  - 2021 Co-Valedictorian – Alyssa Bullock
  - 2021 Co-Valedictorian – Jayde King
  - 2021 Salutatorian – Austin Kurtz
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
  3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
    - A. **Personnel Approval**
      - **Debbie Bogner - Summer School Secretary at the Intermediate for the 2021 session**
      - **Danica Ferrero - Summer School Secretary at the Intermediate for the 2021 session**
      - **Kelly Addington - Resignation as School Counselor effective June 10, 2021**
      - **Melissa Davis - Summer School Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021 session**
      - **Michael Leeb - Summer School Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021 session**
      - **Demian Ryder - Summer School Paraprofessional at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021 session**
      - **Jennifer Ritter - Resignation as Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective May 27, 2021**
    - C. **Approve Additional Extra Duty Assignments for the 2020-2021 School Year - Corrected percentage for Tennis assistant coach**
  8. **NEW BUSINESS**
    - H. **ADDITION - Approve New Pathways to Graduation, Graduation Guidelines, and Capstone Portfolio**
    - I. **ADDITION - Approve Revised Policy GDBD and Revised Regulation GCBD-R on First/Revised Reading and First/Revised/Final Reading**
    - J. **Classified Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2021-4 - Revised 5-13-21**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
  - A. **Personnel Approval**
    - Ryan Siefkas - New Hire as Ag Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Gloria Shoptese - Resignation as Bus Aide effective April 8, 2021
    - Jorgina Magana - Resignation as Transportation Secretary effective June 30, 2021
    - Donald Brooks - New Hire as Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Veronica Leitner - New Hire as Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Briana Dutro - New Hire as Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Shea Peteque - New Hire as Secretary at the Primary School for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Tim Clem - New Hire as Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Janelle Balicki - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Lisa Monaco - New Hire as Junior High Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Nicole Romero - New Hire as Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year
    - Maria Lopez - Resignation as Bus Aide effective May 27, 2021
    - Heather Estrada - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
    - Lenea Ortiz - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
    - Amanda Hawks - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
    - George Ferguson - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
    - Carolanna Traver - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
    - Jerri Ann Stover - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session

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- Nicole Romero - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Will Tyler - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Brandon Coates - Summer School Teacher at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Amanda Baker - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Caressa Graham - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Sharee Flakes - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Christy Apodaca - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Dianna Marquez - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Mandy Allsworth - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Danica Ferrero - Summer School Secretary at the Intermediate for the 2021 session
- Rebecca Fraker - Summer School Teacher at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Kelsey Schweizer - Summer School Teacher at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Andrea Romero - Summer School Teacher at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Shaelyn Headrick - Summer School Teacher at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Diana Remick - Summer School Teacher at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Chantel Pineda - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Hope Holder - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Victoria Rivera - Summer School Paraprofessional at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Dawn Ortiz - Summer School Secretary at the Primary for the 2021 session
- Kelly Addington - Resignation as School Counselor effective June 10, 2021
- Melissa Davis - Summer School Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021 session
- Michael Leeb - Summer School Teacher at Tiger Trades Academy for the 2021 session
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- Jennifer Ritter - Resignation as Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective May 27, 2021

#### **B. Approve Out-of-District Students for the 2021-2022 school year**

#### **C. Approve Additional Extra Duty Assignments for the 2020-2021 School Year**

#### **D. Approve Resolution Authorizing Signing of Checks/District Bank Accounts at Colorado Bank and Trust**

### **6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, said. informed the Board the month-to-date expenses were at \$1.4 million and the income was \$1.47, which showed a positive balance of \$74,000. She said the year-to-date showed the opposite, with \$14.3 million in expenses and \$12.7 million in income. Mrs. Reisch said income is being received weekly, if not daily. Title funds and tax payments are being received, as well as the BOCES portion of the 6B grant. Mrs. Reisch said income should continue to flow regularly for the remaining part of the year. Director Leyba inquired about the 6B grant. She was informed it is special education funds. BOCES received the large amount and then it is filtered to the districts. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

### **7. MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 12, 2021. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

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

Superintendent Lovato spoke about the bus barn construction project. He said the garage doors have been installed and the plumbing is almost complete. It must be inspected before the floor can be poured. Next month, Superintendent Lovato said he will have quotes for some of the interior equipment. The project is moving along.

Regarding legal counsel, Superintendent Lovato said the district has received four letters of interest, with the closest being in Pueblo. He said he will ask one or two of the Board members to help make the selection when the time comes.

Graduation is still set to be outdoors on May 23. Superintendent Lovato said he is very proud of the students and staff for sticking it out this year. It has been a surreal year.

Director Derbigny asked what happens if the weather is bad for graduation. Superintendent Lovato said there is a contingency plan in place to move indoors. He said if that happens, there will be limited attendance with each graduate receiving tickets for guests. Director Leyba asked if Superintendent Lovato is planning on a Facebook live broadcast to inform the public of the graduation expectations and guidelines. He said he is planning to do that the Friday before graduation. Superintendent Lovato also shared that graduation will be live-streamed.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of the 2021-2022 Revised Preliminary Budget (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve revised Policy KB on Second/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED ON SECOND/FINAL READING**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve ESSA Compliance Form (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve 2021-2022 Infinite Campus Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,972.00 AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve ESSER II and ARP ESSER Applications (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Revised Exhibit GDBA-E-2 on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve K-6 Reading Specialist (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve an Air Quality/HVAC Study (Lovato) **APPROVED PHASE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,500.00 AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve ELL Evaluation (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,600.00 AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve New Pathways to Graduation, Graduation Guidelines, and Capstone Portfolio (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- i. Approve Policy GDBD on First/Revised Reading and Revised Regulation GCBD-R on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED AND FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
- j. Approve Classified Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2021-4 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**11. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Director Backes said last year felt like an earthquake and this year has felt like a roller coaster. She said she is incredibly impressed and grateful to staff for everything they have had to overcome and endure, as well as the students persevering. She is really proud of the accomplishments Director Backes said the things we used to take for granted has opened her eyes and made her appreciate everything that everyone has done. She gave a huge congratulation to the graduates and said it is super exciting.
- ✓ Director Leyba said wanted to say to Superintendent Lovato that she works at the health department and sits near the school liaison. She knows there was a huge fuss over prom and wanted to tell Superintendent Lovato that because of the decisions that were made, even though La Junta didn't do what the other districts did, she was constantly told that they appreciate La Junta doing things the way that they did because they weren't on the list of things they had to take care of. Director Leyba said she is looking forward to graduation and it is an honor and privilege to be part of family's milestones.
- ✓ Director Derbigny told Superintendent Lovato to keep up the good work so the district doesn't regress and go back because we've come too far now.

**12. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 p.m.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*DEE LEYBA, President                      KRISTIN BICKEL, Vice President*  
*KIDRON BACKES, Secretary/Treasurer                      ANGELA AYALA, Director*  
*DARLENE DERBIGNY, Director*