



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
October 11, 2021

1. **ROLL CALL** – Backes, Bickel and Derbigny. Absent: Ayala and Leyba.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **D.C. DiPrince – New Hire as Junior High Boys Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 season**
 - B. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for 2021-2022**
 - **Diego Haun**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Nina Salmeron - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at CDS effective September 13, 2021
 - Riley Remick - New Hire as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year
 - Marrisa Hollis - Resignation as Special Education Paraprofessional at CDS effective September 13, 2021
 - D. C. DiPrince – New Hire as Junior High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 season
 - B. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year**
 - C. **Approval of District Advisory Council’s Master Action Plan and Membership List for 2021-2022**
 - D. **Approve Building Accountability Committee Members for the 2021-2022 School Year**
 - E. **Approve Revised Regulation CBI-R on First/Revised/Final Reading**
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, informed the Board the August financial reports are attached to the agenda and she handed out the September financial reports. Mrs. Reisch explained there were for expenses than income for August by \$396,000 and for the month of September, there was \$2,000 more in expenses than income. Director Backes inquired about the grants that were just received. She asked if that was just money that hasn’t been processed yet. Superintendent Lovato explained the grants are reimbursed funds and the district has to request reimbursement. This is the same way Title funds work and it will usually be one to two months behind receipt of funds. He also shared the expenses are higher due to not receiving Title funds yet. Director Backes said the district has made some purchases that will paid for with ESSER funds and she just wanted to make sure she wasn’t misinterpreting that. She asked if the cash flow report would show the ESSER expenses or will it just show reimbursement. Mrs. Reisch stated the report just shows the deposit without detail. Director Derbigny asked if the district has one big pot of money why does the district have two banks. Mrs. Reisch explained the district works with several banks and shared the breakdown of funds at each bank. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
6. **MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2021. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
7. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Lovato began his report by sharing enrollment numbers haven’t been finalized by the Colorado Department of Education and the district enrollment is currently sitting between 1370 and 1375 students, which is down a little bit from last month.

Superintendent Lovato shared the turf at Tiger Stadium is complete.

Access to the street east of the bus barn is being worked on. Superintendent Lovato said the cement should be cured starting next week and we will be able to put buses in the bus barn.

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The on-site financial audit was complete on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Superintendent Lovato informed the Board the audit went well. There wasn't anything he thought was glaring and the budget will be in the black.

The auditorium lighting replacement project will begin as soon as the fall production is complete at the end of the month.

Superintendent Lovato informed the Board that last week's Homecoming activities were positive events and the student's behavior was good. He said everyone did an awesome job and Superintendent Lovato thanked the staff and students.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Dell PowerEdge Server (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,747.46 AS PRESENTED**

10. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Bickel said she has a personal comment. The scoreboard at the field is not working correctly. Superintendent Lovato said we need to purchase a new one as it is difficult to find people to work on an old scoreboard. He said the controllers are not working properly. Director Derbigny said she read that some schools were using Covid funds for other items beside Covid purchases to make students feel better. Superintendent Lovato said we have not done that but we have done a lot with mental health. He said the only sports related things that have been purchased were hand sanitizer stations and touchless water fountains. He did say the camera that allows parents to see events online was also a Covid purchase. He said there is a little left from the Health and Wellness Grant and he is looking at putting in some pickle ball and basketball courts in for students.
- ✓ Director Derbigny asked if this is the first year the student drop off and pick up has been an issue at the Intermediate. Superintendent Lovato said it has been an issue since he has been here. He said the bus pick up could be moved to Smithland instead of the parking lot. Also talks about grade level regionalizing pick up and drop off have happened. He said there aren't a lot of good solutions because beyond campus can't be controlled.
- ✓ Director Backes clarified the Board retreat/work session is Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:56 p.m.**

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