



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting

April 13, 2020

1. **ROLL CALL VIA VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - **Linette Griffy - Resignation as Special Education Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective May 22, 2020**
4. Approve Policy BEAA on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Chelsea Batterton - Resignation as Kindergarten Teacher at La Junta Primary School effective June 2020
 - Jeanie Nesselhuf - Resignation as Counselor at La Junta Primary School effective June 4, 2020
 - Shaelyn Headrick - New Hire as Kindergarten Teacher at La Junta Primary School for the 2020-2021 school year
 - Regan Morlan - Resignation as 4th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School effective May 22, 2020
 - Jessica Larson Hershey - Resignation as 5th Grade Teacher at La Junta Intermediate School effective May 22, 2020
 - Drew Sisson - New Hire as Head Football Coach for the 2020-2021 season
 - Linette Griffy - Resignation as Special Education Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective May 22, 2020
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, said the financial report was presented. She said the budget is \$385,853 in the black for the month. She said she made transfers and hopes that takes care of everything. She said everything looks pretty good so far. Director Backes asked about the activity fund discrepancy from this year to last year. This year is showing more money in the account. She is wondering if it is due to the fact that school isn't in session and there is less activity right now. Mrs. Reisch will check into that. Director Ayala inquired about how this is affecting food service and if we will owe more to Chartwells for the year. Mrs. Reisch said Mr. Hanson stated things are looking good. It will depend on how much reimbursement is received from the state. She said she will be turning in the numbers for March, however, that will be only for the first two weeks. The rest of the month will be on hold for now. Superintendent Lovato said a waiver will probably have to be accepted. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
7. **MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 9, 2020 and Special Meeting on March 18, 2020. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato informed the Board that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Unified Improvement Plans (UIP) are now due to the state on May 15 instead of April 15. He said the building level UIPs are completed and he is working on the district UIP.

The Colorado Department of Education has also decided no state assessments will occur this year. Fortunately, the STAR assessments were completed prior to spring break so we do have some data for reference.

Regarding Chartwells, Superintendent Lovato said there are a few adjustments from this year to next year on the contract.

Superintendent Lovato shared he does not know what summer school will look like right now. He said it will need to be really a solid program in order to fill in gaps.

At this time, Prom is indefinitely postponed.

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 will occur. It will look different, but Superintendent Lovato said the district is keeping the original date. He said there are several ideas, but he thinks it is important to have closure for our senior students. He said unless the control is taken out of the district's hands, there will be some type of ceremony on May 17.

Superintendent Lovato said the local superintendents were given an opportunity to write a letter to our legislators as they are contemplating issues regarding special education.

He said the COVID-19 has manipulated every part of our lives and has changed perspectives on things. It has made the work load very different. He said we are making the best out of a bad situation.

Back to graduation, Director Bickel asked if there was a consensus among parents on if they would rather have some type of ceremony that looks different on the date or would they rather have the real thing later. Superintendent Lovato said it is a mixed bag and the car parades are popular. He said the district took more feedback from the students than parents and they want the closure. He isn't confident that access to the buildings and having people in large groups will occur by May 17. Director Bickel also asked about the awards ceremony. Superintendent Lovato said the seniors will receive their awards. He said it just depends on what we will be able to do. Director Leyba said she asked the health department about having a graduation ceremony. It was shared that if a ceremony took place, it would be preferable to have students on the field, spaced apart with the stands empty.

Director Ayala asked Superintendent Lovato to make sure things don't fall through the cracks as far as things that were in the works before spring break. Superintendent Lovato said the fund raiser delivery has been put on hold. Jostens has been able to hand out senior orders and those were the pressing items. He said the secretaries are all rotating shifts at Central Office to make sure the mail gets routed out.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Update (Lovato) **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- b. Adopt 2020-2021 Calendar (Lovato) **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Continued Remote Learning Until of the End of May (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Purchase of Chromebook Computers (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,688.93 AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Purchase of New Activity Bus (Lovato) **AGENDA ITEM TABLED**
- d. Approve Chartwells Contract (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Purchase of Tractor (Lovato) **AGENDA ITEM TABLED**
- f. Junior/Senior High School Gym Floor Refinishing (Lovato) **AGENDA ITEM TABLED**
- g. Approve Administrative Staff Employment Renewals – Resolution 2020-2 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve Certified Staff Employment Renewals – Resolution 2020-3N and Resolution 2020-3P (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

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- i. Approve Non-Renewal Employment Resolutions (Lovato) **FOLLOWING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO NOT RE-EMPLOY ONE CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**
- j. Approve One-Year Unique Contract – Resolution 2020-4 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

11. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Leyba thanked all of the district family and the community. She said everyone has done a really good job with all the planning for getting things to students. She also included parents and students for doing a really good job as well.
- ✓ Director Backes seconded Directory Leyba's thoughts. She reminded everyone that if something is not working, to please use the chain of command and to communicate. She said there is a lot to be proud about of how people have come together and what has been accomplished. She asked everyone to take it day by day and we will get through this.
- ✓ Director Ayala thanked the teachers. She realizes they work extremely hard for our students. She said her daughter's teacher has gone above and beyond. She appreciates the efforts teachers are putting in to keep some kind of normalcy. She also thanked Chartwells for their service during this time. She applauds all staff for doing such a wonderful job.
- ✓ Director Backes also recognized the district's counselors for getting information to students and letting them know they are here to help them through this trying and traumatic time.
- ✓ Director Bickel mirrored everyone's thoughts and thanks. She wanted to let the seniors know they are not forgotten and they are loved and we will make this as special as we can.
- ✓ Director Derbigny also shared her thanks and wants everyone to petition the healing of this planet.
- ✓ Director Ayala thanked Superintendent Lovato for coordinating the Board members for the zoom call, as well as Cindy Smith for her assistance.
- ✓ Superintendent Lovato recognized the volunteers for handing out food. He also thanked everyone. He offered his help to any student who needs math help. He said he hasn't forgotten families who don't have internet access. He doesn't want any student to be missing out and he is continuing to work on things.
- ✓ Director Ayala asked about an email for questions. Superintendent Lovato said there is one available, but he hasn't received any questions since March. He is putting something in the newspaper and radio in hopes to contact everyone.

12. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 p.m.

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