



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**June 24, 2020**

1. **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** - A public hearing was held for the purpose of hearing written and/or oral comments from the public concerning the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. There were no questions or comments. Some discussion was held regarding the COVID relief fund and the fall preparation.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **RECOGNITION OF THE FBLA NATIONALS QUALIFIERS** – Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performance in FBLA. The National Competition will be held virtually this year. Superintendent Lovato also congratulated Mrs. Frankmore for being named Outstanding Colorado FBLA Advisor.

State Leadership Placers - National Qualifiers

2nd Place - Publication Design - Hailey Bender, Sydney Copley, Sara Noll - National Qualifier

4th Place - Business Plan - Trent Johnston, Ian Backes - National Qualifiers

Nathan Frankmore and Sari Schrock - Peak V - National Qualifiers

Chapter Challenge Awards - Nathan Frankmore, Trent Johnston, Jay Grimsley - National Qualifiers

Outstanding Chapter Award - Nathan Frankmore, Trent Johnston - National Qualifiers

State Leadership Top 10

5th Place - Sports & Entertainment - Nathan Frankmore and Chance Oquist

7th Place - Insurance Risk Management - Sierra Reisch

10th Place - Social Media Campaign - Sari Schrock and Emily Noll

9th Place - Emerging Business - Megan Lofing and Jordan Phillips

10th Place - Emerging Business - Whitney Denahy and Alana Hill

Individual National Awards

American Level BAA - Sydney Copley and Sara Noll - National Qualifiers

Leader Level BAA - Nathan Frankmore and Cooper Jones

Business Level BAA - Kali Sanchez, Azalea Gamez, Shealie Schmidt, Ian Backes, Trent Johnston, Jayden Jones, Diego Romero, Daxton Blair, Jayden Romero

Future Level BAA - Alizeh Frazier, Logan Gearhart, Jay Grimsley, Alana Hill, Azalea Gamez, Sari Schrock

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED WITH AMENDED MOTION AS PRESENTED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**I. ADDITION - Approve Chromebook Computer Purchase**

**J. REVISION - Approve retirement incentive for one-year service credit ~~one-staff member.~~**

Superintendent Lovato also requested that Agenda Item F under New Business be eliminated as it is a duplicate agenda item.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

**A. Personnel Approval**

- Kylie Smith - Resignation as paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School effective May 27, 2020
- Paula Kerr - Resignation as Kindergarten teacher effective June 10, 2020

**B. Approve Out-of-District Students for the 2020-2021 School Year**

**C. Approve Resolution Declaring Buses as Surplus**

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, said the expenses and the income were in the black by \$1,735,000. She said the food service account is in the negative \$108,000 due to not receiving funds from the state in a timely fashion. The district has received the first half of March, which is in the report. The remainder of the March payment, as well as the April and May payments in the amount of \$405,000 were received in June, which is not reflected in this report. This account will show a positive amount of \$295,000 next month. Superintendent Lovato said he doesn't feel the budget will be in the black at the end of the year. This budget is reflecting the COVID relief funds. He explained the capital project fund included the BEST grant and the capital projects building fund will have a transfer. Director Ayala asked if everything has been resolved with the Primary School renovations and Superintendent Lovato said they have. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**8. MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of May 11, 2020 and May 28, 2020. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Summer school went well considering this year's circumstances. It was a face-to-face format. There was good attendance and gave the district an idea on a smaller scale of what fall might look like.

Regarding the bus barn construction, Superintendent Lovato said we are waiting on architectural things to break ground and get started. The deadline for this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. He said the plans the architect drew up will be posted on the website.

Superintendent Lovato explained the fall plans for instruction. He said he plans on being face to face with students and will see where things are in July. He and area superintendents will be meeting with the Health Department and County Commissioners in early July. He said the plan is to be able to switch back and forth from face-to-face, homebound online or hybrid and he is not planning a hybrid scenario for elementary students. At the secondary level, a hybrid plan will be in place. There will also be an online option for La Junta secondary students, as well as some degree to elementary students who are high risk available. New pandemic policies will be created, as well as policies for e-learning, online learning and attendance. The building handbooks should be available for approval in July. Registration will be online this year. He said there will still be some face-to-face items that need to happen and a plan will be put in place.

Regarding athletics and activities, Superintendent Lovato said there are some activities happening now, with no contact.

He would like to schedule a Board team building session with Randy Black from CASB in July. This session would also include action planning.

Director Leyba asked if the district will be hiring a person directly responsible for handling COVID related items, i.e., screening and staying current on public health orders. Superintendent Lovato said this will be handled in-house with current staff.

Director Derbigny asked about the online program and Superintendent Lovato said the district uses the Odysseyware program. He said we also use CDLS (Colorado Digital Learning) and this program will also be used by the state. Director Leyba said that since TTA is its own school and the district purchased physics curriculum that are currently being used by TTA students, how will this curriculum be shared with students at the Junior/Senior High School. Superintendent Lovato said this will be worked out between the buildings.

Director Derbigny asked about the isolation spaces for COVID symptom students and if the buildings have enough space for that. Superintendent Lovato said he and the principals are working on that. He explained there might need to be some classroom adjustments to make the appropriate space. He reiterated the attendance policies will be adjusted so students and parents won't abuse COVID illness absences.

Director Derbigny asked if Superintendent Lovato had any idea of how many students won't be returning next year. He said he doesn't have a number yet, but he has been told that if the district doesn't have an online program in place there will be students who withdraw.

Director Leyba asked Superintendent Lovato if it would be possible to have a special meeting where the Board members follow the student's day in order to have firsthand knowledge of what the day will be like and this will allow Board members to be able to answer questions they receive. Superintendent Lovato has been asked for a tutorial video of procedures for the fall. He said he feels it is important to let parents know that safety will be first. This will likely happen the last week of July. Director Leyba also said personal safety and hygiene has to be done at home as there are items that are not the school's responsibility.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Approve 2020-2021 Final Budget and Appropriation Resolution (Lovato) **ADOPTED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Revised Policies IKF-2 and IHCD A on Second/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Revised Policies IKE, GCCAA and GDCA on Second/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED POLICIES GCCAA AND GCDA AS PRESENTED AND TABLED POLICY IKE WITH AMENDED MOTION**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve 2019-2020 Supplemental Appropriation Resolution (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve 2020-2021 Consolidated Federal Programs Application (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve ESSA Compliance Form (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve 2020-2021 Accreditation Contract (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Classified Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2020-4 (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve Science Textbook Purchase (Lovato) **DUPLICATE AGENDA ITEM-ELIMINATED**
- g. Approve Purchase of Interactive Displays (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- h. Approve Physical Science Materials (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- i. Approve Chromebook Computer Purchase (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- j. Approve Retirement Incentive (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- k. Approve CSDSIP 2020-2021 Renewal Proposal (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- l. Approve Renaissance Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- m. Approve 2020-2021 Infinite Campus Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- n. Approve 2020-2021 CASB Membership Dues (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- o. Approve Alpine Achievement Contract Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- p. Approve Regulation IHCD A-R on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- q. Approve Policies GBGD, GCBA, GCCBA and GCLC on First/Revised Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- r. Approve Revised Exhibits GCBA-E, GDBA-E-1 and GCBB-E on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED WITH AMENDED MOTION AS PRESENTED**
- s. Adopt Exhibit GCBB-E2 on First/Revised/Final Reading (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**12. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Director Derbigny inquired about the notation in the high school graduation requirements which states some colleges require more credits that we require. Superintendent Lovato explained this disclaimer is for students who plan on attending college. She also asked when our students learn about Colorado history. Superintendent Lovato said in elementary school. Director Derbigny asked if there is a cultural diversity class offered. Superintendent Lovato said cultural awareness is blended in. He said there are specific weeks for cultural awareness and it is not a class, but each building tailors their instruction for that. Director Bickel said Colorado history was offered at the high school this year.
- ✓ Director Backes thanked everyone for their continued efforts and work managing the COVID requirements and it doesn't go unnoticed. She said we can talk about what school will look like and she reminded all that things can still change due to what is happening in our area and in the state. She said it is easy to get caught up into the what-ifs, but we need to remind ourselves we have a long way to go before we know what it will look like.
- ✓ Director Leyba would also like to add if anyone has concerns or questions, please call the Board members or email their questions to the [questions@lajunta.k12.co.us](mailto:questions@lajunta.k12.co.us) email. She understands at this point things are scary and she would like to hear any ideas or concerns. She thanked Superintendent Lovato for all of his efforts.

13. ADJOURNMENT – **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:06 p.m.**

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