



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**October 12, 2020**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **RECOGNITION - DEE LEYBA - MCGUFFEY AWARD RECIPIENT**

Dee Leyba, Board President, was recognized and congratulated for receiving the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) McGuffey Award. This award honors board members who bring committed and passionate service to their board work. Superintendent Lovato thanked Mrs. Leyba for her hard work.

4. **AUDIENCE**

Rod Bickel, Junior/Senior High School teacher, spoke to the Board in support of students returning to school four days a week. Mr. Bickel touched on the academic struggles for students.

Michelle Garner, parent, informed the Board she supports students returning to school four days a week. Mrs. Garner wants her children to receive the education they deserve.

Shaunna Schrock, GEAR UP advisor, told the Board she supports students returning to school four days per week. Mrs. Schrock stated student's mental health is suffering.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

A. **Fund Balance attached 10-12-20**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

C. **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Covid Letter attached 10-12-20**

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

A. **Personnel Approval**

- Rebecca Miner – Resignation as Head Volleyball Coach effective September 28, 2020
- Jennifer Weber – Resignation as Head Bookkeeper at Central Office effective October 15, 2020

B. **Approve an Additional Substitute Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year**

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

D. **Approval of District Advisory Council's Master Action Plan and Membership List for 2020-2021**

E. **Approve Building Accountability Members for the 2020-2021 School Year**

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Merinda Reisch, Business Manager, said the fund balance report was attached and explained expenses were higher than the income which shows a deficit of \$729,000. She told the Board that money is being received from the state daily which will be deposited at the end of the month. Director Backes asked about the Colorado Preschool Program. She is curious as why last year's shows a zero balance and this year shows an expense of \$54,885. Director Backes also asked Mrs. Reisch about the food service line expense to income comparison from last year to this year. Mrs. Reisch stated the expenses for the Colorado Preschool Program is due to site improvements and regarding food service, Mrs. Reisch said the increased revenue is due to serving extra meals this year with the Covid situation. Regarding the expense side, Chartwells have been paid but the district has not received reimbursement from the state yet. **FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

8. **MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2020. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Lovato gave a brief update on the progress of the bus barn construction. He stated things are going much slower than anticipated and expressed his frustration with the contractor. He shared he has reached out directly to Mr. White and has received no response. Mr. White did respond to Mr. Miell, Maintenance Director, and shared that by the end of next week he should be able to begin working more. Superintendent Lovato said there needs to be more of a sense of urgency from the contractor to complete the job.

The financial audit was to begin this week, however, the auditor lost a family member and won't arrive as scheduled. Superintendent Lovato expressed his condolences to Mr. Waller and his family during this time.

STAR testing data is being compiled and will be presented at the November meeting.

The first home football game will be held this Friday at Tiger Stadium. Superintendent Lovato shared with the Board that the guidelines for guest attendance have been published on the district website and social media pages. He said the game is sold out and thanked Mr. Nuschy and his team for their efforts on making sure guidelines are in place. Superintendent Lovato explained there has not yet been outside facility use, however, the guidelines now allow limited use of the facilities. The Elks will be using half of the gym for their annual Halloween celebration and are working with the health department. Superintendent Lovato assured the Board the gym will be cleaned prior to students arriving on Monday. The health department will hold an upcoming flu shot clinic in the gym parking lot.

Director Derbigny asked if concessions will be sold at the football game. Superintendent Lovato said only water and prepackaged candy will be sold.

Director Backes wondered about sanitizing. Superintendent Lovato said the fogging disinfectant machines were purchased and he is currently looking into air purification for the classrooms that might need it due to circulation issues. Director Backes clarified that there are still Covid relief funds for use. Superintendent Lovato said there are.

Director Ayala voiced a concern regarding the bus barn plans. She said when the plans were originally discussed last year, the basketball court would not be affected. She is concerned that now the basketball court is unavailable for use, as well as the playground equipment being removed. Superintendent Lovato explained that due to the bus barn not being completed, the buses had to be moved from their temporary location at the high school due to the start of school. They are currently parked on the basketball court. The old playground equipment was removed due to safety concerns, however, there is updated playground equipment on grounds for use. Superintendent Lovato is waiting to see the actual location of the bus barn and a response from the contractor. He said he is at a point where he will contact the self-insurance pool for assistance.

Director Ayala also asked why the facilities are being opened up for outside use. Superintendent Lovato explained the new guidelines from the health department now allow limited use by outside entities. She asked Superintendent Lovato if the district would be liable if anyone were to get sick while using our facility. Superintendent Lovato said he would contact the insurance company to see if there is a Covid writer.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt Regulation EBCE-R on First/Revised/Final Reading. (Lovato) **ADOPTED ON FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve revised Policies DJB, DJE and GBEB on First/Revised Reading. (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED READING AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Full-Time Face-to-Face School for Junior/Senior High Students. (Lovato) **APPROVED ON A 3-2 VOTE**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session regarding Annual Superintendent Evaluation per C.R.S. 24-5-402 (4)(f) and Student Discipline per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(h) **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 P.M. MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:26 P.M.**

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**12. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Director Ayala said “Go Tigers!”
- ✓ Director Derbigny said Mr. Joe Farra, pool manager, needs commendation for accommodating the public needs/requests at the swimming pool. She said she appreciates his efforts and sometimes people get overlooked for the good they do.

**13. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:28 p.m.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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