



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



BOARD WRAP-UP

**Board of Education Meeting
March 25, 2024**

1. **ROLL CALL** – A. Ayala, S. Ayala, Derbigny, Hines. Leyba was absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – **AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - E. **Approve Intermediate School Exterior Painting**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** - **APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Will Tyler - New Hire as Junior High Assistant Track Coach for the 2024 season
 - B. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2023-2024 School Year**
 - C. **Approve an Additional Out-of-District Student for 2023-2024**
 - D. **Approve Revised Policies GCE/GCF, GDE/GDF, JLDAC, AEA and GBI**
 - E. **Approve Revised Regulations GCE/GCF-R and GDE/GDF-R on First/Revised/Final Reading**
5. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 26, 2024 **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
6. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - Primary School Report – Julie Miller**

Mrs. Miller informed the Board the Sweetheart Luncheon event went really well again this year! She said 773 students, staff and family members were served. Mrs. Miller thanked Chartwells and shared there is a lot of preparation and planning for this event. Mrs. Miller said people were served quickly due to Chartwells efficiency.

The Primary and Intermediate Schools have both been nominated to become Capturing Kids Hearts National Showcase Schools. If the buildings are selected, it would mean staff is implementing the Capturing Kids Hearts curriculum correctly and there is evidence it is making a positive impact on the students. Mrs. Miller said behavior referrals decreased from 202 referrals by December 2022 to 167 by December of 2023. The behavior incentive for the third quarter was a dance party. The premium version of Capturing Kids Hearts was able to be purchased by using funds from the BOCES health grant. Mrs. Miller invited the Board to attend a school assembly to see where many of the Capturing Kids Hearts practices are used. The upcoming assembly dates are April 4, May 2 and May 22.

Mrs. Miller reviewed the upcoming events for the Primary:

- April 12 – Kindergarten Round Up
- All grade levels will be traveling to the Sangre De Cristo Art Museum in April to see Primary Schools Art Teacher, Mr. Shiflett's work on display. He will have a solo exhibition from April 5 to May 25.
- The Primary is in the beginning stages of starting a community garden with Mrs. Villanueva hosting. Students and community members are collaborating to plant a variety of plants and hopefully these will be able to be shared with the community.
- The end of year testing will begin on May 6
- May 10 – Reelin' in the Summer event
- Field Trips:
 - Kindergarten will travel to the Pueblo Zoo
 - First Grade is going to the Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience
 - Second Grade is traveling to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

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Mrs. Derbigny asked if the community garden will go through the summer. Mrs. Miller said yes and Mrs. Villanueva will be planting some fast growing plants so the students can see their harvest before school is out.

Mrs. Derbigny asked if Mrs. Miller received the information on the community concerts. Mrs. Miller said yes and it was distributed to parents through their communication app.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Lovato spoke about summer school. He said each building is planning summer school. For the secondary students, it might be credit recovery. For junior high students, administration is looking at having an enrichment program. The elementary schools will focus on reading skills.

Mr. Farmer, the auditor, is still working on the audit and we are awaiting his reply. Superintendent Lovato said it is getting close to tax monies being withheld.

Regarding the EASI grant and school improvement plans, Superintendent Lovato said he just received the report from the state when they audited the Intermediate School. He will share that when he has a chance to read through it. There will be a kick off the second week of April.

Superintendent Lovato would like to schedule a budget work session in April. He would also like to include in that work session time with the district attorney as a Board orientation and team building session.

The April Board meeting will be moved from April 22 to April 29.

Director Ayala asked where the district is with the superintendent search. Superintendent Lovato said he is not sure, but believes there have been around eight applicants.

Director Ayala asked if there was follow up from the track incident. Superintendent Lovato explained there have been some unwelcome visitors that went to the track team's spring practices and one of the coaches was assaulted. He said he will be following up on the incident.

Director Derbigny said Mr. Farra would like the hot tub at the swimming pool to be repaired. Superintendent Lovato said that is not a priority right now.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Share Results of Board Self-Evaluation**
- b. **Approve the Purchase of Chromebook Computers (Lovato) APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,800.00 AS PRESENTED**
- c. **Approve the Purchase of Chromebook Tablets (Lovato) APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,099.00 AS PRESENTED**
- d. **Approve New Spanish Class Curriculum (Lovato) APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,977.90 AS PRESENTED**
- e. **Approve Intermediate School Exterior Painting (Lovato) APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,280.00 AS PRESENTED**
- f. **Approve Administrative Staff Employment Renewals - Resolution 2024-1 (Lovato) APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- ❖ Director Derbigny shared she had fun seeing the Dr. Seuss decorations in the buildings for Dr. Seuss week.
- ❖ Director A. Ayala said she and Director Derbigny enjoyed going to the AmeriTowne event. She said some of the children were having a hard time buying into the process. She feels that if the kids continue to participate, the program will only grow for our students. Director Derbigny said the kids were excited and she said this event feels like it is a worthwhile event. Director A. Ayala said she is happy we are the town who hosts the event and that we have students participating.

Director Derbigny said she would also like to see La Junta students attend the community concerts.

- ❖ Superintendent Lovato informed the Board the district is hosting the Sullivan Classic this weekend. He shared this event brings in a lot of town revenue and it is a 3-day tournament.

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

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