



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**August 25, 2025**

1. **ROLL CALL** –Hines, Kolomitz, and Leyba (via Zoom). A. Ayala and S. Ayala were absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
  - A. **Personnel Approval**
    - Anna Angel - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at the Primary School effective July 28, 2025
    - MaKynna Martinez - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School effective July 29, 2025
    - Tammy Evett - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Mark Henson - New Hire as 3rd Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Tianna Perez - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Emma Pachak - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Crystal Marquez - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Marisol Marquez - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Leilani Salazar - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Melanie Sanchez - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Savannah Samaniego - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at Child Development Services for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Erin Spear - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Brenda Johnson - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at Child Development Services effective August 18, 2025
    - Brian Amaya - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at S.E.A.L. Academy effective August 19, 2025
    - Desirae Whatley-Sisneros - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Kyra Bierbaum - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Primary School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Brianna Gonzales - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Laura Valdez - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Brooklyn Waddles - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at S.E.A.L. Academy for the 2025-2026 school year
    - Samantha Rios - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at Child Development Services effective September 4, 2025
    - Krystal Freyta - New Hire as a Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2025-2026 school year
  - B. **Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for 2025-2026 school year**
  - C. **Approve Additional Substitute Teachers for 2025-2026**
  - D. **Approve Extra Duty Assignments for 2025-2026 School Year**
  - E. **Approve Resolutions Authorizing Signing of Checks/District Bank Account at First National Bank and Colorado Bank & Trust**

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#### **5. FINANCIAL REPORT – **TABLED UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING****

Kim Griego, with Abacus, shared she doesn't have financial reports to share this month. She explained she has been working with the auditor as well as getting payroll finalized. She said she will have the July financial reports completed soon and will share those with Superintendent Krumholz.

A motion was made by Director Kolomitz to table the financial report until the September meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Leyba.

Director Kolomitz asked if there was any progress on the audit. Ms. Griego said she spoke to the auditor and she sent him the information he requested today. She said he is diligently working to get it finished.

#### **6. MINUTES -**

**A. Minutes of the Special Meetings on July 22, 2025 and July 30, 2025 and Regular Meeting on July 28, 2025. **APPROVED AS PRINTED****

#### **7. PRESENTATIONS -**

##### **Tiger Tots Program – Diana Remick:**

Diana Remick, Tiger Tots Jumpstart Program Coordinator, shared an update with the Board. She said usually summer school is in June and the Tiger Tots program is at the same time. Due to curriculum work, these programs weren't held this June. July 21-31 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., students attended Tiger Tots. Students worked on reading, writing their names, drawing and math, as well as learning expectations, procedures and becoming familiar with the school and staff. There was a camp theme, prizes were given daily, and students were served breakfast as well as sack lunches being sent home with them. Mrs. Remick said the kids enjoyed the theme.

She said 44 kindergarten students attended. There were two classes with 14 students in each and one class had 15 students. There was an average of 38-39 lunches per day. Twelve students had perfect attendance. Mrs. Remick said some absences were due to illness.

Mrs. Remick said she really enjoyed the timeframe and said the program helped these students be able to create relationships with other students and staff. Positive relationships were established with families. This program was successful and helped the students who attended the camp were confident on the first day of school. Mrs. Remick praised the teaching team she worked with.

Director Hines asked how the numbers compared to prior years. Mrs. Remick said she believes the count was higher this year. Director Hines said the timing seems to be more beneficial. Mrs. Remick agreed and stated she feels the students retained more. Director Hines said she is glad the program will be done year after year and feels it benefits the kids.

#### **8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION -**

Superintendent Krumholz gave a beginning of school update. He said it was good to see students excited to be back at school. Enrollment is at 1223 students. At this same time last year, enrollment was at 1294. This is a loss of 71 students. Superintendent Krumholz said we are working on finding out where they went and will begin making phone calls. The Primary School lost three students, the Intermediate School lost 26 students, Tiger Trades Academy lost six students and the Junior/Senior High School lost 37 students. Director Hines said that seems to be a high number. Director Kolomitz asked what number was used for the budget. Superintendent Krumholz said 1305.5 was the average that was used.

The CASB convention is scheduled for December 11-13, 2025. The Board has been registered.

The roofers have repaired the roof at the Junior/Senior High School. They finished last Thursday and repaired around 13,360 square feet. They put three coats of silicon roofing on 600 feet. They probed and repaired 1290 feet of seams plus 15 curbs and penetrations. They also repaired multiple scuppers, holes and skylights. Director Hines asked how it fared during last night's rain and Superintendent Krumholz said he hasn't heard anything, so that's good news.

Mr. Wilson said TNTP came to the district right before school started for some professional development. The focus was on intentional planning around what the first few days of school looks like. Mr. Wilson said the Big Rock #1 is planning and implementation of a higher quality curriculum, which is now that the district has the new math curriculum, how is it being used on a day-to-day basis and helping teachers with the planning side of that. The Big Rock #2 is building teacher capacity to deliver high quality instruction. Mr. Wilson said that is diving into lead 1) leaders: how are they coaching teachers and how are they giving feedback to help push them to the next level to support them and 2) how will that be done. This will happen through weekly PLC's.

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Right now there are weekly meetings with TNTP, sometimes in-person and sometimes virtually. He said Josh Smith, with TNTP, will be at the Primary School tomorrow and the Intermediate School on Wednesday.

The 90-day plans (Arc of Learning) with UVA are broken down into four quarters and Mr. Wilson said a presentation will be given to the Board each quarter.

Illustrative Math came to the district for a two-day professional development on August 7-8. Mr. Wilson said this was really good and the first half of the day was with Illustrative Math and the second half of the day was with TNTP. What was learned at this training was able to be put into every day practice.

There is a training with CDE for leaders and coaches on September 4 in Pueblo. Dr. Sam Schneider is leading this professional development.

The performance frameworks will be released in the near future and Mr. Wilson said staff is looking forward to seeing those. Director Kolomitz asked what the timeline is for those. Mr. Wilson said possibly next week. Superintendent Krumholz said it's supposed to be the end of August but can be delayed.

Director Hines asked if the math training with Illustrative Math will happen every year. Mr. Wilson said it can. The training that was held was the 1.0 training. He said depending on staff turnover, the 1.0 training may need to be held again next year or move on to 2.0 training. Mr. Wilson said something to possibly look at is to have more work days at the beginning of the year instead of at the end of the year.

Director Kolomitz asked Superintendent Krumholz to work on the cell phone policy.

Superintendent Krumholz shared that the first football game is Friday night and volleyball and softball begin next week.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve Revised Policies AC, KLG and JRA/JRC on First/Revised Reading **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED READING AS PRESENTED**
- b. Adopt New Regulation KLG-R on First/Revised/Final Reading **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Revised Regulations AC-R-1; AC-R-2 and AC-R-3 and Exhibit AC-E-1 on First/Revised/Final Reading **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Purchase of a Kubota RTV **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- e. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,600 AS PRESENTED**

## **10. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Director Kolomitz said he went to the Arkansas Valley Fair 4-H auction and was very pleased to see an entry from the TTA 4-H Club. He also said he appreciates Dr. Krumholz' efforts of being out and about in the community. He said it hasn't gone unnoticed.
- ✓ Director Hines thanked the teachers and administrators for putting in all the work before school started and being on track with the math curriculum and everything going on with that.
- ✓ Director Leyba thanked Dr. Krumholz for his first Facebook live video. She said she feels people missed that. She also thanked him for everything he has been working on in the background. She is looking forward to attending the CASB Regional Meeting Thursday in Lamar with Director Hines and will bring back great information to share with the rest of the Board.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 p.m.**

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