



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

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 27, 2025**

1. **ROLL CALL** – S. Ayala, Hines, and Kolomitz. A. Ayala and Leyba were absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **CELEBRATIONS – DIANA REMICK** - Julie Miller, La Junta Primary School Principal, recognized Diana Remick, La Junta Primary Teacher, who received the 2025 John Morton Excellence in the Teaching of Economics Award. Mrs. Remick received a cash award, a recognition plaque, and an all-expense paid to New Orleans to attend the CEE 64th Financial Literacy and Economic Conference receive her award. Mrs. Remick was also nominated as the 2026 Colorado Teacher of the Year Award and was named a semifinalist. Mrs. Remick received the Koelbel Enterprising Teacher of the Year Award in 2024 as well. She was congratulated by the Board.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
  - A. **Personnel Approval**
    - Anthony Romo - Resignation as Paraprofessional at the Junior/Senior High School effective October 6, 2025
    - Savannah Samaniego - Resignation as Paraprofessional at CDS effective October 9, 2025
    - Vicky Masar - Resignation as District Nurse effective October 10, 2025
    - Jon Nuschy - New Hire as Assistant High School Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 Season
    - Kaden Ramirez - New Hire as Assistant High School Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 Season
    - Ethan Leyba - New Hire as Assistant Junior High Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 Season
    - Natasha Lowe - Resignation as First Grade Teacher at the Primary School effective December 18, 2025
  - B. **Approve Surplus Resolution**
  - C. **Approve an Additional Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 School Year**
  - D. **Approve Additional Out of District Students for the 2025-2026 School Year**
  - E. **Approval of District Advisory Council's Master Action Plan and Membership List for 2025-2026**

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT – APPROVED FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED**

Kim Griego, with Abacus, reviewed the September financials. She said the Balance Sheet is the main report they look at daily. All reports are reviewed weekly with district staff. The Cash Flow Report shows the budget was based on a student count of 1305.5. Total revenues that were budgeted were \$ 21,206,640.00. Total expenses are \$21,312,341.56. \$300,000 in Title funds were received yesterday. The revenues are showing 17% of the budget, which should be at 25% at the end of the first quarter. This percentage is low due to property taxes not being received yet. The expenses are on track at 24.62%. The daily operating expense for the district is \$56,841.65. Director Kolomitz asked about reducing the TABOR fund. Ms. Griego said it was reduced from the cash available. Superintendent Krumholz said he is really paying attention to where things are at until the audit is finished. He said we have to be very careful and he has spoken to the principals regarding spending.

Director Kolomitz said this report is great. Director Hines agreed and likes having a snap shot to look at. She asked about the check register report. Ms. Griego shared this shows what checks have been written or ACH (Automated Clearing House – electronic bank to bank transfer) transfers for the month. Director Hines asked if any ACH availability has been switched from paper checks. Ms. Griego said that is being worked on and anything that can be switched to ACH will be done. Ms. Griego also informed the Board that all payroll liabilities are current. Superintendent Krumholz shared he meets with Ms. Griego and Ms. Siegrist twice weekly. All quarterly taxes have been paid. Medicaid reporting is close to being ready for submission.

Director Kolomitz asked what the \$50,000.00 cash with the treasurer listed on the Balance Sheet and where is the money reflected that the Otero County Treasurer is holding. Ms. Griego said that is the audit entry from fiscal year 2024. Director Kolomitz asked what taxes receivable and the accounts receivable are. That is the property tax receivable from fiscal year 24. The accounts receivable show revenue that was expected but not received yet.

Director Kolomitz asked about Fund 23, what would be the restricted fund balance under equity. Fund 23 is the athletics/activities accounts and those funds are restricted for athletics and activities. Director Kolomitz asked in Fund 31, what are the deferred property taxes under long term liabilities. Ms. Griego said this is the property taxes that have to be recorded at the fiscal year. Director Kolomitz asked in Fund 41, there is a restricted fund in capital projects. Ms. Griego said she is waiting to hear back from the auditor as this shows money still in the BEST account. There has been no activity in this account and Ms. Griego won't move it until she hears from the auditor. Director Kolomitz asked about the auditor. Ms. Griego said the single audit is being worked on. The auditor is running a little behind and Ms. Griego doesn't have a timeline right now. Director Hines asked after this audit is submitted, then there is another audit due in December. She asked if the December audit will be met. Ms. Griego said she personally doesn't feel it will be completed. Director Hines asked if an extension is requested and when it would extend the deadline to. Ms. Griego said the extension is until March 31. Director Kolomitz asked if they have everything they need for the 2024 audit. Ms. Griego said they do. Superintendent Krumholz said they are currently working on the districts who are on track. Director Hines clarified we are being fit in when they can work on the audit. Ms. Griego will be asking to be put on the books for next year. Director Kolomitz said he knows a lot of time has been put into this and thanked everyone. Superintendent Krumholz shared he has spoken with the auditor and explained the auditor is having to go back two years and clean things up from the last auditor. He said he has confidence we are on the right track.

**7. MINUTES -**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 22, 2025. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

**8. PRESENTATIONS -**

**Building Report/Update (Julie Miller)**

Julie Miller, Primary School Principal, said the Primary had a great first quarter. Mrs. Miller shared a first quarter benchmark review sheet. She said they have been working with Josh Smith of TNTP (The New Teacher Project). He visits the campus once every other week and supports staff with their PLC's (Professional Learning Community). The purpose of the PLC's is to support staff with implementation of the new math curriculum. Bright spots from the walkthroughs were noticing near universal use of the high quality curriculum resources. Near universal evidence of a strong culture of learning; there are clear expectations in the classrooms and good pacing. Evidence of attempts to gather data of student mastery. The main focus is on math, but literacy is also looked at. Mrs. Miller said all the first quarter goals were met or exceeded and she is proud of that. She said quarter one was wrapped up with parent teacher conferences that were well attended. Students were able to visit a pumpkin patch.

Director Kolomitz asked what the last goal meant on the handout. Mrs. Miller said it shows the students are engaged in learning in the classroom and the teacher has strong control of their classroom. Mrs. Miller said the culture of learning is strong at the Primary School. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter work will be on essential content and making sure students are engaged in learning at their grade level. She said those goals will be a little harder. Director Hines gave a kudos to the teachers for diving into the new math curriculum. She said she is hearing good feedback. Mrs. Miller said this is hard work for the teachers. She said students will tell her math is their favorite subject.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION -**

Superintendent Krumholz said October is Principal Appreciation Month. He took a moment to thank the principals for their hard work.

Board training will be held the first week in December with Dan Jorgensen from the Colorado Department of Education, most likely on December 2. Superintendent Krumholz said there will be strategic planning with TNTP coming up as well. A timeline has not been set for that yet and this will be a long-term strategic plan. These trainings will be paid by grant monies.

Superintendent Krumholz said unfortunately he was at a conference and was unable to attend the play Beetlejuice, Jr. Everyone he spoke to said it was amazing and the kids and staff did a great job.

The band placed 9<sup>th</sup> at the State Band Marching Competition and had a five-point increase. The band instructor and students are doing a great job.

Homecoming was a great success. He said he was impressed with the culture and the community support.

Superintendent Krumholz enjoyed watching Tiger Trades Academy students paint downtown. He was able to attend the pumpkin patch with the Primary students and had a lot of fun.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve Revised Abacus Contract (Krumholz) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Revised Policies GDD and DKA on First/Revised Reading (Krumholz) **APPROVE ON FIRST/REVISED READING AS PRESENTED**
- c. Approve Intermediate School Gym Floor Refinishing (Krumholz) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,731.50 AS PRESENTED**

**11. BOARD COMMENTS**

- ✓ Director Kolomitz acknowledged the high school theater production. He said it was fantastic and the students did a great job. He congratulated the band and softball team for making it to state. Director Kolomitz also shared the passing of Mr. John Canaday, who worked for the district in maintenance. He gave condolences to the family.
- ✓ Director S. Ayala thanked all the kids who participated in the Art Project during the Tarantula Fest. She also said she enjoyed the Beetlejuice, Jr. play and really enjoyed it. Director S. Ayala congratulated the softball team and the band. She shared the band met the goals they set and have been working really hard.
- ✓ Director Hines thanked the staff who have been putting in all the hard work with the financials, human resources and the new math curriculum. She said things are moving in the right direction and she is excited to see where things will be in a year.

**12. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:22 p.m.**

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