



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
May 11, 2026

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Bickel, Hines, Kolomitz, Salzbrenner.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CELEBRATIONS**

La Junta Intermediate School Power Hour Students sponsor, Mrs. Desiree Goheen, presented their projects to the Board. Daelyn Cody and Henry Gingrich were present. Mrs. Goheen explained the students are in the Gifted and Talented program and are on an ALP (Advanced Learning Plan). The Power Hour students meet to work on passion projects, which are driven by the learner's interest, enthusiasm and passion. The following students are part of the Power Hour group: Daelyn Cody, Taylor Fischer, Henry Gingrich, Ryder Donnell, Tessa Smith, Abe Ouattara, and Anjelica Cisneros.

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

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

A. **Personnel Approval**

- Wyatt Buhr - New Hire as Junior High Head Football Coach for the 2026-2027 season
- Justin Samora - New Hire as Junior High Head Girls Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 season
- Justin Samora - New Hire as Junior High Head Boys Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 season
- Penni Blanchard - New Hire as Counselor at the Junior/Senior High School for the 226-2027 school year
- Pablo Martinez - New Hire as an English Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2026-2027 school year
- Brenda Woodyard – New Hire as Principal at the Junior/Senior High School for the 2026-2027 school year
- Richard Romero – New Hire as Director of Operations for the 2026-2027 school year

B. **Approve Out-of-District students for the remainder of the 2026-2027 School Year**

C. **Approve Surplus Resolution for Bus and Backhoe**

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

Sarah Siegrist with Abacus, shared the April financial report. Ms. Siegrist began by sharing the property taxes that were being withheld have been received. The funds were deposited into ColoTrust to build as much interest as possible. Ms. Siegrist said staff and administration have been doing a great job of keeping things input into the system, which helps Abacus keep track of the cash flow.

The balance sheet was reviewed. Ms. Siegrist explained the “due from student activities” line in assets. She said this will be a transfer to the general fund from the student activities fund. The liabilities were reviewed and Ms. Siegrist said the fund equity is showing an operating loss of \$1,419,606.57. She said the property taxes will help that balance.

The insurance reserve isn't a requirement any longer and Ms. Siegrist stated this will be removed from the books before the end of the fiscal year. She said Abacus will be working with the auditor to get that completed.

The food service fund is currently running at a loss and Ms. Siegrist said this is not a concern due to reimbursements not yet being received.

Ms. Siegrist said the grants fund has seen a lot of activity. She said the district is working on spending those funds before the end of the year.

The student activities fund shows each club and activity balances. Ms. Siegrist stated these funds stay in the activities account. The activity account fund will reimburse the general fund for expenses that were pulled out of the general fund throughout the year.

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The bond fund is the debt service program and shows the interest and payments made each year.

The capital projects fund has been idle this year. This fund was created back when the district has more construction happening. This fund typically shows the use of bond money. Ms. Siegrist pointed out that she will work with the auditor to get these funds closed down.

The cash flow report was reviewed. This report has helped monitor the cash flow for the district. Ms. Siegrist explained funds have been put aside to finish paying out contracts. A column has been added to the cash flow report for fees and fines. She explained the district has received a sizable fine from the Internal Revenue Service because the ACA (Affordable Care Act) report was not filed by the district in the past. Superintendent Krumholz added this is the fine he spoke to the Board about previously and the district is just now receiving the bill. He said he has been meeting with the attorney to see if they can help get the fine reduced or abolished. Ms. Siegrist said some of the payroll requirements can get missed if the staff doing payroll isn't aware of them. She shared the district is current now and is hoping this bill can get reduced.

Director Kolomitz stated he noticed the daily burn rate on the cash flow report has significantly decreased. Ms. Siegrist said this is due to purchasing being under control.

7. MINUTES -

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 27, 2026. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION -

Superintendent Krumholz formally introduced staff in new roles. George Ferguson is the new principal at Tiger Trades Academy (TTA). Mr. Ferguson said he has many ideas and is looking forward to making TTA the pride of La Junta. Brenda Woodyard is the new principal at the Junior/Senior High School. Mrs. Woodyard shared she is excited for the opportunity and is looking forward to uniting the buildings and making La Junta a place people want to be. Richard Romero is the new Director of Operations. He thanked the Board for the opportunity and said he wants to see the district drive forward. Superintendent Krumholz said all have the vision of where the district wants to go.

Graduation is Sunday and the last day for students is May 21. Superintendent Krumholz said there are a lot of end of year activities happening. Baseball and track are in state events.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget (Siegrist)
- b. Approve Classified Staff Employment Renewals – Resolution 2026-4 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

10. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Bickel said Superintendent Krumholz and Sarah Siegrist have done an awesome job and kudos to both of them. He is very pleased. He welcomed staff in their new positions and said he is happy to have them in new positions to help get the district back to being the premier district.
- ✓ Director Ayala thanked staff for stepping up and applying for their positions. She is excited to see what will happen. Director Ayala enjoyed the bake sale Mr. Martinez held for the band fundraiser. She is excited for the band program. Shared a heartfelt thank you to the staff, those who retired and were let go due to budget cuts. Director Ayala wants them to know the Board thinks of them and she realizes they shaped a lot of the kid's lives.
- ✓ Director Kolomitz echoed the above sentiments. He thanked the entire district staff. He said it has been a rough year and everyone has stepped up. There are brighter days ahead. Director Kolomitz happened to be in Canon City during the Blossom Festival and gave a shout out to the band. He said it was very cool to see the band back in the parade.
- ✓ Director Salzbrenner said he appreciates everything Abacus and Superintendent Krumholz have done with the finances. He congratulated the staff in their new positions. Director Salzbrenner said he knows they can get the district to the gold star level.
- ✓ Director Hines stated teacher appreciation week was last week. She thanked the teachers for all they do for the students. She also thanked Abacus for being part of the team to continue improving the district to the golden standard.

12. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:39 p.m.

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