



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

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
July 27, 2026

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Hines, Kolomitz, Salzbrenner. Bickel was absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – **AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
Erin Vance, Diego Vigil-Reyes and Lisa Villanueva added
 3. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 - A. **Financial Reports added**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA** - **APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Joseph Gamez, Jr. - Resignation as High School Girl's Wrestling Head Coach
 - Kelsey Schweizer - Resignation as a 1st Grade Teacher at the Primary effective July 17, 2026
 - Mark Henson - Resignation as a 3rd Grade Teacher at the Intermediate effective July 20, 2026
 - Amanda Baker - Resignation as a Paraprofessional at SEAL Academy effective July 30, 2026
 - Erin Vance - New Hire as a 3rd Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School for the 2026-2027 school year
 - Diego Vigil-Reyes - New Hire as High School Girls Head Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 season
 - Lisa Villanueva - New Hire as an Art Teacher at the Primary School for the 2026-2027 school year
 - B. **Approve Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 School Year Approve Additional Out-of-District Students for the 2026-2027 school year**
 - C. **Approve Resolution Authorizing Signing of Checks/District Bank Accounts at Colorado Bank and Trust**
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

Sarah Siegrist and Kim Griego with Abacus, explained the June financial reports are pre-audit reports. Ms. Siegrist said until the audit is completed, these are considered preliminary and the numbers could change a little bit after the audit. She said she doesn't feel they will change much. The pre-audit cash flow report was explained and the revenues, salaries and benefits include all funds in these amounts. Ms. Siegrist pointed out the net change from revenues to expenses is \$154,842.55. This report also shows all cash available in the amount of \$8,973,041.14. Director Kolomitz asked what the goal is for the amount of days' cash on hand. Ms. Siegrist said the state recommends 90 days' cash on hand for operation expenses. Director Hines asked about being behind in the audit and the property taxes being shut off again in March. Ms. Siegrist said property taxes were received from the prior year so the district is running a year behind but on schedule. She clarified property taxes will be withheld until the audits are completed. Director Hines asked if the cash on hand is not a concern because the audits will get completed. Ms. Siegrist said the is correct and said she will inform the Board well in advance if she sees there is an issue with cash. Director Kolomitz asked about the student count of 1285.75 students and the budget being based off of that number, which is an average rate. He is concerned that an average is being used when the state is going to stop using an average. Superintendent Krumholz said the district is fine this year due to being held harmless, but in three years that will go away. He said the district is planning for the decrease in funds in the future. He said by the third year, the district will be where needed. Director Salzbrenner clarified the district is stepping down the enrollment numbers for the budget versus decreasing all at once. Ms. Siegrist said the district will be ready to be adjusted down in three years to where it will need to be.

The pre-audit cash account breakdown was reviewed. This report shows the bank balances and the largest amount of cash the district has is currently in ColoTrust. The district has earned \$17,859.14 in interest at an interest rate of 3.75% from ColoTrust in the last month. A separate account has been added for TABOR funds. There is also a separate reserve account that was created to hold one month of payroll. Cash available is \$1,335,936.04. Outstanding checks are at \$199,598.13 and open accounts payable are at \$188,662.62. After the outstanding checks and open accounts payable amounts are deducted, there is \$947,675.29 cash remaining in the checking account.

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The preliminary income statement summary was reviewed. In Fund 10, general fund, revenues collected were at 98% to the budget and the expenses were at 89% to the budget. Ms. Griego said there were two small payrolls after this report, which will change the expenses slightly. She said there may be some invoices coming in that will be on this fiscal year that could also change the expenses slightly. The general fund has a positive balance of \$543,075.60. Fund 21, food service, shows the district is waiting for a couple more reimbursements to be received. Food expenses did go over budget. Fund 22, grants, shows CDE has been helping the district draw down grant monies from past years. The revenues are at 62% and the expenses are at 76% of the budget. The fund is currently showing a loss, however, when reimbursements are received, that will compensate for that. Fund 23, pupil activities account, shows the revenue currently at \$484,241.05 and the expenses are at \$168,028.39. There was \$150,000 transferred from the general fund into the activity account. This will be reviewed by Abacus to make sure that is the amount of money needed to be transferred. Director Kolomitz asked when the transfer happens. Ms. Griego said she transferred the money in June. Bond fund 31, the bond fund, was reviewed and shows interest earned of \$46,786.88. Fund 43, capital project fund, was reviewed.

The principals returned to work last week and Superintendent Krumholz thanked Ms. Griego and Ms. Siegrist for meeting with each principal to review their building budgets with them. He said it was extremely helpful.

Director Kolomitz asked if there is any word from the auditor. Ms. Griego said she talked to him two weeks ago. The goal is to have all information to the auditor by early September. He will put a team on it to look at it and if all documents are received, he will attempt the audit. Superintendent Krumholz said the 2024-2025 audit is before Abacus took over and he knows that when the 2025-2026 audit happens, it will be a clean audit. Director Hines asked if the auditor will know pretty quickly to see if he can complete the audit. The auditor said he should know in about a week. If a disclaimer is given, will the district be on time for the next audit due in December. Ms. Griego said the December deadline probably won't be met, but it will be by springtime that it will be done. Superintendent Krumholz said if a disclaimer is given for the 2024-2025 audit, the taxes will be received and caught up on tax revenue. The goal is to have clean audits year after year and that is where we are headed. Director Hines asked if the auditor can complete the audit, if that will push the 2025-2026 audit further out than the spring. Ms. Griego said she doesn't believe it will.

6. MINUTES -

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 29, 2026. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION -

Superintendent Krumholz said he is excited to announce the swimming pool will be open this Sunday, August 2. He said information is on the website and district social media. He shared that there have been adjustments to the hours and pricing. Superintendent Krumholz said one of the big goals is provide year round swim lessons, which is being worked on. He said WSI (Water Safety Instructor) certification is in process.

The Primary School parking lot is being repaired and will be completed by the time school starts.

Teachers return on Monday, August 3. They will return with an all staff breakfast on Monday and next week there will be in-service training and getting ready for students to return on August 10.

A Back to School Bash will be on Tuesday, August 4 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tiger Field for parents and community members. There will be community vendors, outreach and food trucks.

Superintendent Krumholz said he is excited to have students return.

Director Hines asked what caused the issue with the cracks in the Primary parking lot. Mr. Romero said from the initial lay down of the parking lot. There are two sink holes in the parking lot being repaired as well as a section of sidewalk. She asked about the Back to School Bash and if it is too late for a business to participate. Mr. Wilson said to send the information to him as soon as possible and he says there is still space available.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Hudl, Inc. Renewal (Krumholz) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,100.00 AS PRESENTED**
- b. District Strategic Plan (Krumholz)

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Kolomitz welcomed everyone back. He said last year, he wasn't sure what we were getting into. He shared it is exciting to start off the school year with solid leadership and a good plan.
- ✓ Director Salzbrenner agreed with what Director Kolomitz said. He said he is looking forward to how great it is going to be.
- ✓ Director Ayala recognized the Tiger Trades 4-H members. She shared the county shoot just finished and Marz Danner placed 2nd in the .22 open sight rifle competition and will be heading to state. Hunter Taylor placed 5th in the .22 open sight rifle and took 5th place in shotgun trap competitions and will also be heading to state. Hunter placed 9th in compound archery, his brother, Harper Taylor placed in 10th and Anakin Ayala placed 7th. Director Ayala stated the Tiger Trades 4-H members placed well in the cat show. Gia won grand champion in showmanship and reserve grand champion for confirmation. Violet Ayala won grand champion in confirmation and Anakin Ayala won reserve grand champion for showmanship. Director Ayala said the 4-H kids may be stressed out the first week of school as they will be getting ready to compete at the Arkansas Valley Fair. Director Ayala congratulated all of the participants.
- ✓ Director Hines said she is excited for the new school year, how far we have come in a year and where we are going.

10. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26 p.m.

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