



EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1
1802 COLORADO AVENUE
LA JUNTA, COLORADO 81050

BOARD WRAP-UP

**Board of Education Meeting
February 9, 2009**

Educational Administrative Office Board Room

1. **ROLL CALL** – Hansen, Jackson, Mills, Newby, Reeder
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **RECOGNITION** – *School Board Appreciation* – Kindergarten students at the Primary School sang a couple songs to the Board to thank them for their service to the district.
4. **AUDIENCE** – *Rebecca Morlan, Career & Technical Education Director, reviewed CTE information. She explained that February is CTE month and discussed the benefits of the program at La Junta High School. She reviewed the La Junta High School Career and Technical Education Facts which included student statistics, elective student statistics, along with Career & Technical student organization statistics.*
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a. Approve the following personnel:
 - Retirement of Mary Berg at the Intermediate School
 - Resignation of Mike Haines as High School Assistant Football Coach
 - Resignation of Kimberly Tyler as 1st Grade Instructor at the Primary School for 2009-2010
 - Amber Kreft as Playground Aide at the Intermediate School for 2008-2009
 - Daniel Coates as Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the High School for 2008-2009
 - b. Approve Michael Mihalas, Nicole Chavez and Tammy Thompson as additional substitutes for 2008-09 school year

ADDITIONS:

 - c. Resignation of Lacey Ehrlich as High School Assistant Tennis Coach
 - d. Sean Borton, Jack Harris, and Bill Remick as High School Assistant Track Coaches for 2008-2009
 - e. Lisa Sedillo as additional sub for 2008-2009 school year

APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH ADDITIONS
6. **MINUTES** – January 12, 2009 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
7. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - February, 2009 (Gustine) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - *Monday, February 16th – No School, President's Day*
 - *Monday, February 23rd – No School at Primary School ONLY, parent-teacher conferences*
 - *March 2nd thru March 13th – CSAP testing; 3rd grade testing will begin next week*
 - *Monday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. – regular board meeting*
 - *March 16th thru 20th – Spring Break*
 - *March 24th thru 26th – Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at Middle School, Intermediate School, and High School*
 - *Friday, March 27th – No School (due to evening conferences)*
 - *Three district employees will be attending the National Hispanic Education Conference in Colorado Springs in March.*
 - *Randy Black from CASB is preparing notes from the Board Work Session held on January 27th.*
 - *Paperless board packets – cost will be \$2,800 per year along with a \$1,000 set up fee and laptops will need to be purchased for the board room.*
 - *A letter has been received from Brad Clabo, LJEA President, requesting negotiations. Since there is a negotiated agreement thru June, 2010 the district needs to honor the request. It was unanimously agreed that Debby Hansen and Bill Jackson will serve as board representatives on the administrative negotiation team.*

- ***Tiger Booster Club will attend regular board meeting in March to give a report.***
- ***Board/Administrative Retreat – principals agreed to the date of Saturday, June 20th. The Board will check their schedules. Specific information to be discussed at retreat includes: building's report on what is working and what is not working, what is needed to improve, along with goals. The Board will share long-range plan and goals and receive input and collaboration from principals.***
- ***Jaime Bailey will report new Middle School reading data at the regular meeting in March.***
- ***Central Office administration and building level administrators have been going on walk-thru's in the classrooms. Each walk-thru consists of approximately 8 to 10 minutes. There has been good dialogue between administrators as it is good to get different views. It is not a part of the teacher evaluation process, this is just for administrators to grow.***
- ***Middle School was selected as a School to Watch, which is quite an honor. Their accomplishments have been remarkable. Paul Jebe, Middle School Principal, explained program to the Board. A celebration will be held on February 26th at the Middle School. Staff members will also be able to attend a national conference in June, which will give them the opportunity to share with other schools. The Board congratulated them and expressed their appreciation of the staff at the Middle School.***
- ***The Primary Principal position is being advertised at this time. The district will need to visit about the technology vacancy created by a retirement.***

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Tiger Field Facility Update (Sullivan) (Discussion) – ***General Contractors will be meeting tomorrow, February 10th to review plans and site at the High School. Bids are due on February 27th. Loads of fill dirt has been moved to the site. Hampton Inn donated the dirt to the district and the City was willing to help move it to the Primary School and High School.***
- b. 2009 – 2010 Preliminary Budget Update (Gustine) (Discussion) ***Renae Gustine, Business Manager, reported that she and Mr. Sullivan will be completing their budget meetings with principals and directors this week. She will then start putting figures together. The district will have to wait on the state this year to determine funding as some areas will be reduced or eliminated.***
- c. Approve the following policies on second/final reading: (Sullivan) (Action)
 - Policy JLCD – Administering Medicines to Students
 - Policy ADC – Tobacco Free Schools
 - Policy KFA – Public Conduct on School Property
 - Policy EHB – Records Retention

APPROVED AS PRESENTED ON SECOND/FINAL READING

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Resolution regarding Amendment to the 2008-2009 Materials Purchase Cycle (Sullivan) (Action) ***APPROVED RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED***
- b. Superintendent Evaluation Process (Jackson) (Discussion) ***Director Jackson instructed each board member to complete an evaluation form and return it to him by the end of February. He will compile the information and meet with Superintendent Sullivan to review it.***

11. BOARD COMMENTS – Director Hansen made a comment regarding information they received from the Independence Institute.

- ***Director Newby inquired about paperless board packets and asked if the district would see a cost savings or if it was more for ease in preparation. It was agreed that it will provide both – it will be a savings in supplies/paper, time in compiling the packet, delivering packets, etc. It will also make it easier to send forms electronically, such as the suspension forms.***
- ***Director Hansen commented on the district's web calendar.***
- ***Director Reeder suggested all board members try to attend the celebration at the Middle School on February 26th. He also mentioned that he attend a women's basketball game and someone made a statement to him regarding his attendance as a board member. Mr. Jackson stated that maybe board members should try and attend more activities in the district.***

12. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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