



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

## **BOARD WRAP-UP**

### **Board of Education Meeting March 9, 2009 Educational Administrative Office Board Room**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Hansen, Jackson, Mills, Newby, Reeder

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** It was approved to add two additions to the agenda of:  
**PRESENTATION** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kindness Retreat Update  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Authorize Superintendent Sullivan

3. **RECOGNITION** – High School Forensics District Champions: Hannah Vinduska & Molly Nielsen  
Forensics State Qualifiers: Mikaella Wolfe & Chelsea Williams  
History Day Competition: Shayna Nixon – Best of Show  
Matt Fouracre – 1<sup>st</sup> place; Jamie Walter – 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Kaysie Walter – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
*The Board presented students with a gift and Certificate of Achievement for their accomplishments and hard work.*

4. **AUDIENCE** – *Crystal Redner, Intermediate School Instructor and special needs parent, along with Tanoa Miles, Intermediate School Instructor and parent, addressed the Board regarding their concerns on the district's sick leave bank policy. Mrs. Redner handed out information to the Board regarding surrounding districts' guidelines for their sick leave bank. She asked that the Board review the policy during negotiations and possibly make changes to it so the bank can be accessed more. Tanoa Miles stated it is difficult to get into the sick leave bank as staff members are required to accumulate up to 14 sick leave days, especially staff with children or medical conditions. It is difficult for staff members to handle unexpected sick leave, especially financially. Director Jackson asked them to contact their LJE representative regarding the policy concerns and issues.*

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Approve the following personnel:

- Resignation of John Haberman as Assistant Girls Swim Coach for the High School
- Linda Elliott as Assistant Tennis Coach at the High School for 2008-2009
- Aaron G. Aragon as Volunteer Assistant High School Baseball Coach for 2008-2009
- Derek Hutchison and Scott Peabody as Volunteer Assistant High School Tennis Coach for 2008-2009

b. Approve Jon Brandt and Antonia Whatley as additional substitutes for 2008-09 school year

c. Approve Surplus Item Resolution – 1978 Ford Bucket Truck

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

6. **MINUTES** – February 9, 2009 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - February, 2009 (Gustine) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

8. **PRESENTATIONS** - a) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kindness Retreat Update – Isaiah Chapparo, Aleesia Martinez, Annie Davis, & Angel Lopez (5<sup>th</sup> grade students). **Dayna Bender, Elementary School Counselor, explained the kindness retreat to the Board. It was a huge success for both staff and students. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students explained to the Board what they did that day along with what they learned about being kind and how to prevent bullying and disrespect.**

- b) Tiger Booster Club Report – Mike Oquist/Mark Apodaca – **Mike Oquist, Booster Club President, presented information to the Board regarding the Tiger Booster Club, which was formed so the clubs/activities would not have to do numerous fundraisers. A financial report was handed out that listed the total number of items that the Booster Club helped fund during the school year. He mentioned that the district had a huge response from the community to help fund it, and in return the businesses received a lot of advertising among other things. Dan Nuschy, Athletic Director, commented that the Booster Club was formed to help students and organizations with necessary items/requests that are needed to help run a program. It is mainly to help with the operations of the activities. Mike stated that in the end, the Booster Club will be able to help in a lot more areas. Future needs that the club has discussed are helping send students to summer camps, along with purchasing nice travel shirts for all students. Booster Club will be sending out letters to people/businesses to renew their memberships soon. No action was needed or taken.**
- b) High School Mission Statement & Guiding Principles – Bud Ozzello **High School Principal, Bud Ozzello, presented the High School’s proposed Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Guiding Principles. Staff members worked hard on the process over the last six months and have outlined the guiding principals to help guide their decisions and keep them focused on their mission. The Board agreed that it includes a lot of points they are also focusing on right now. The Board unanimously approved the document and commended the High School staff for a job well done.**

#### 9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- *March 24<sup>th</sup> thru March 26<sup>th</sup> - Middle School, Intermediate School, & High School Parent Conferences*
- *Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – No School (due to evening conferences)*
- *Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – No School, Spring Holiday*
- *Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m.*
- *Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Board/Administrative Retreat – location will be determined in La Junta*
- *CSAP testing is being done and will continue through Thursday; Friday is scheduled for make-up CSAP tests. Students will release at noon on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.*
- *The district was awarded \$500,000 in TANF grant monies from the County. It will help the district get technology into the hands of staff and students.*
- *District has also applied for a CDE grant for \$75,000 for staff development around use of technology.*
- *Special Board Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Room 120, Macdonald Hall, Otero Junior College regarding certified staff evaluations.*
- *Negotiation meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*
- *The district recently received the October Count Audit report – it needs to be reviewed more, but there are some issues with TLC. An update will be given at the April board meeting.*

#### 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve General Contractor for Tiger Field Facility Project (Sullivan) (Discussion/Action) **APPROVED GTC (Golden Triangle Construction) AS RECOMMENDED FOR THE TIGER FIELD FACILITY PROJECT**
- b. 2009 – 2010 Preliminary Budget Update (Gustine) (Discussion) **THE DISTRICT HAS NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE STATE REGARDING REVENUE PROJECTION. TWO BUDGET WORK SESSIONS WERE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 A.M. AND APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 A.M. IN ROOM 120, OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE. A BUDGET WORK SESSION WILL ALSO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 P.M. PRIOR TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**

- c. Authorize Superintendent Sullivan to enter into an Agreement with BoardDocs (Emerald Data Solutions, Inc.) for paperless board packets (Sullivan) (Action) **BOARD AUTHORIZED SUPERINTENDENT SULLIVAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH BOARDDOCS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 School Calendars (Sullivan) (Discussion) **CALENDARS WILL BE ADOPTED AT THE APRIL BOARD MEETING – NO ACTION WAS NEEDED OR TAKEN**
- b. Superintendent Evaluation (Jackson) (Discussion) **DIRECTOR JACKSON GAVE A STATEMENT REGARDING THE RESULTS OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION. THE BOARD WAS PLEASED WITH HIS PERFORMANCE AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD WERE MET.**
- c. Approve Superintendent's Contract from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 (Jackson) (Discussion/Action) **BOARD APPROVED NEW TWO-YEAR SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

**12. BOARD COMMENTS**

- *Director Jackson commented that Mr. Sullivan's salary is not tied into raises that other staff members have received. Mr. Sullivan has agreed to keep the same salary amount. Superintendent Sullivan was commended.*
- *Director Newby acknowledged the High School Knowledge Bowl team for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and advancing to the state competition. Those students will be recognized at the next meeting.*
- *Director Jackson asked how the Board is going to determine what students should be recognized. Director Hansen stated the PRIDE Team at the High School will attend the May board meeting, journalism students might also attend the meeting and hand out their final issue of Tiger Tales. She suggested the Board recognize students with perfect attendance in June.*
- *Director Newby commented on High School's recent drama production. She attended it and mentioned it was a phenomenal performance.*
- *BOCES Update – High School principals and counselors are working together to help offer a variety of things to students during blocks of time in the afternoons. They will meet on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Superintendent Sullivan applauded Sandy Malouff, BOCES Director, for her help with the schools in implementing the Rtl process. She has been a valuable resource to the district. It was agreed that Sandy Malouff will be invited to attend the April board meeting.*
- *Director Reeder mentioned under recognitions the Board might want to acknowledge the top three Primary School students who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart program.*
- *The Board was invited to attend the Primary School Awards Night scheduled for Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Otero Junior College Humanities Center.*

**13. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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*MARGARET NEWBY, Vice President*

*CAROLYN MILLS, Secretary*

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