

# BOARD UPDATE

MAY 2020

**Mission:** The Board wants to keep in touch with all of you and let you know what the Board is working on and be completely transparent. We also want to give you updates from our regular monthly board meetings just in case you missed it! [Please join us at the next Board meeting on June 8, 2020 at 5 p.m. via Zoom.](#)



L-R: Stephanie Tunstall, Blair Decker, Julie Lang, Sherri Reid and Joe Wipple

**Cotopaxi Pride:** The Board also approved the list of Classified Employees, Certified Employees and list of Coaches presented to us during our last Board meeting. We also approved a step increase for our staff plus a 2% percent raise to the base salaries. We were fortunate to be able to approve such a measure when so many schools all over Colorado will be feeling the effects of major budget cuts and will not be as fortunate as we are to be able to do it. We felt it was important to show our staff that they are truly appreciated and valued in a time when there has been so much uncertainty.

**Graduation Approved:** We hope that you will join us in celebrating the Class of 2020 on the Cotopaxi Football Field on Sunday, May 24 at 1 p.m. The Administration, Staff and Senior class have worked tirelessly to coordinate and make this celebration happen. There will be yard signs available to be displayed in your front yard. We would love to see everyone there supporting our wonderful seniors who have worked to hard and have had to endure some truly unprecedented\ circumstances this year.

**Policy Review:** During our May Board meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the first reading of the "K" and "L" policies regarding School-Community-Home Relations and Education Agency Relations. The Board also finished the work on the "G" policies dealing with "Personnel" and approved them. The next step in the process will be to go through the first reading of the "I" policies pertaining to "Instruction". We encourage you to join our open and now virtual work sessions (upcoming dates will be posted on the Cotopaxi website along with the Zoom link). We as Board members want you to feel that you are part of this process to strengthen our policies for the best interest of our students, families, and community. We are always open to your input and questions. We will continue to strive to achieve our goal of completing this comprehensive review of our Board policies and post them to the website by August 2020.

## **In-School Instruction for the Fall Update:**

The Board and the Administration followed the advice of federal, state, and local officials to close in school instruction for the remainder of the school year and will continue with its online instruction until the last day of school on May 20th. We know that there have been challenges associated with this online instruction process for all of our students and families and we appreciate you for hanging in there during this time. We hope to be back to in-person instruction in the Fall. It will look different but we are hopeful to have our students back to in-person school learning. We thank you for your patience and hard work.