

Yuma School District-1
December 16, 2013 Regular Meeting
District Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President

Marc Baucke, Vice President

Kim Langley, Sec./Tres.

Marc Haruf, Director

Rob Stannard, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Beth Dischner, Administrative Assistant

Tina Stroh, Executive Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ross called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2013 in the District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

Superintendent Stannard reported that there was one addition to the Agenda Item 8.3 in regards to discussion of the Kindergarten start date.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Haruf, to approve the addition to the agenda.

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 November 11, 2013 Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

3.2 December 5, 2013 Special Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Haruf, seconded by Langley, to approve the November 11, 2013 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

Moved by Baucke, seconded by Haruf to approve the December 5, 2013 Special Board meeting minutes as presented.

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Financial Report as of November 30, 2013

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Baucke, seconded by Langley, to approve the financial report as of November 30, 2013 as presented.

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

Secretary Langley asked if the audit services charge was an annual fee. Business Manager Dennis-Murphy said it was annual. Secretary Langley also asked if the Digital Boces fee was annual or monthly. Dennis-Murphy explained it was a monthly expense. A question was also raised by Secretary Langley regarding concurrent enrollment expenses between Northeast Junior College and Yuma High School. It was explained that classes taken by YHS students through NJC actually costs the district very little as most of the expense is reimbursed by NJC.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Baucke to approve the check register as presented.

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST

None.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Scott Szabo with Lauer, Szabo & Associates, PC 2012-2013 Financial Audit Report

Scott began by handing out bound copies of the audit report to all board members. He stated that it is the auditors' responsibility to express opinions on the financial statements assessed to complete the audit. All audit evidence obtained is believed to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their audit opinions. The primary focus analyzed the following funds:

- General Fund
 - Balance: \$6,844,525. This fund is in very good shape
 - 11 months in reserve
- Capital Reserves Fund
 - Balance: \$140 – Unrestricted funds set aside for projects
- Bond Redemption Fund
 - Balance: \$1,036,885 - Restricted funds
- Food Service Fund
 - Balance: \$79,920
 - May need to start looking at subsidizing this account. However, this is not alarming. It is very common in most school districts.
- Pupil Activity Fund
 - Balance: \$137,858
 - This fund is used to record transactions related to school sponsored pupil organizations and activities. There was a decrease from last year but that should not be a concern. Many times you have groups that raise money one year but don't use it until the next year.

Scott noted that there were additional pages in the audit report this year because we had over \$500,000 in Federal awards. The overall audit went very well and was given a clean opinion on everything that was reviewed.

6.2 Shirley Haruf

Shirley addressed the Board to discuss mental health with our children and the school's role. Her four main issues were as follows:

- Consistent counseling department at Yuma High School: She would like to see better crisis intervention and communication.
- Shirley would like to see better networking of outside agencies in order to help our students.
- Different approaches to class offerings: Shirley would like to see more vocational classes offered in order to better prepare students for entry level jobs.
- Better Tracking: Shirley believes testing is overdone and would like to see school districts have more say about the classes offered.

She ended her presentation with much praise for Mr. Stannard and his efforts that are in motion to address her concerns.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Personnel

ENCLOSURE

Recommendations:

Jamie Dunn, K-8 Secretary
Joyce Zwirn, MES Special Education Aide
Mona Mills, K-8 Special Education Aide
Morgan Spencer, Volunteer YHS Girls Basketball Coach
Faren Stroh, Volunteer YHS Wrestling Coach
Mike Sandstrom, YHS Boys C Team Basketball Coach
Joanna Perez, Elementary Bilingual Aide

Resignations:

Erika Haas, YMS Special Education Aide
Elizabeth Lebsock, MES Special Education Aide
Zach Diaz, YHS Assistant Wrestling Coach
Jocelyn Favela, MES Food Service Cashier

8.2 Staff Christmas Bonus

Mr. Stannard discussed giving a monetary gift to the staff as has been done in the past. This bonus will be given out the last day of school before Christmas break.

8.3 Kindergarten Start Date

Mr. Stannard spoke to the fact that we have the latest Kindergarten start date of any of our neighboring districts. Our current start date is August 1st. In order to be more consistent with those schools, we would like to discuss moving this start date back to July 1st and eventually June 1st. We will discuss this issue at January and February Board meetings with the final vote in February.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Personnel

Recommendations:

Jamie Dunn, K-8 Secretary
Joyce Zwirn, MES Special Education Aide
Mona Mills, K-8 Special Education Aide
Morgan Spencer, Volunteer YHS Girls Basketball Coach
Faren Stroh, Volunteer YHS Wrestling Coach
Mike Sandstrom, YHS Boys C Team Basketball Coach
Joanna Perez, Elementary Bilingual Aide

Resignations:

Erika Haas, YMS Special Education Aide
Elizabeth Lebsock, MES Special Education Aide
Zach Diaz, YHS Assistant Wrestling Coach
Jocelyn Favela, MES Food Service Cashier

Moved by Baucke, seconded by Haruf to approve the personnel recommendations and resignations as presented.

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

9.2 Staff Christmas Bonus

Moved by Langley, seconded by Baucke to approve the staff Christmas bonus.

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

9.3 2012-2013 Financial Audit Report

Moved by Haruf, seconded by Langley to approve the 2012-2013 Financial Audit Report Results as presented..

Voting Aye: Langley, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highlights of the Last 4 Weeks

- Basketball season underway
- CASB Convention
 - Rob and all 4 Board members attended
 - Very busy yet very informative
- Rural Agility Project
 - This is a project that we will be researching heavily. Although it is an intensive process, applying for an Innovative Schools designation may be a successful way to give smaller districts a larger voice and more options as to what we can do and offer.
- Month II on Dual Internet providers
 - Drawing steady bandwidth from both CenturyTel and Eagle Net.
- Electrical done in Bus Barn, bathrooms done in AG Building (new HVAC pending)
- End of Year complete
- No snow closings to date!
- December count complete

Budgeting, Planning and Scheduling

- Factors for Budget & Staffing for 2014-2015
 - Declining enrollment/Present demographic trends will continue
 - Sequester may further lower Federal Dollars
 - State Ed Apparatus is still recovering after Amendment 66 defeat
 - School Security
 - Architect going through buildings to make recommendations
 - Change in emphasis (staff "mix") to meet student needs
 - Not so much a change in amount of staff for next year but a change in the mix of staff we have. We will have 2 ½ Counselors next year. We are moving from a Discipline model to a Counseling model.

Planning Arc: Jan., Feb., & March

- Budget for 2014-2015
- Schedules and Rosters for 2014-2015
- Construction/Improvement (Lantz-Boggio)
- Existing Non-Funded Mandates (& if they hold)
- Offers to Returning Teachers in March

School Board Meeting

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January

- Report from Lantz-Boggio Architects
- Report on Yuma's Unified Improvement Plan
- Budget, Scheduling and Senate Bill 191 activities.

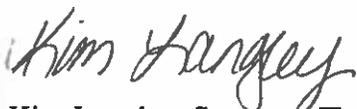
BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

No reports/comments

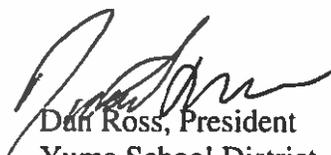
11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Sincerely,



Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer
Yuma School District-1
Board of Education



Dan Ross, President
Yuma School District-1
Board of Education