# Yuma School District-1 December 9, 2020 Regular Meeting — CORRECTED MINUTES Board of Education

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Ross, President
Duane Brown, Vice President
Kim Langley, Secretary
Thomas Holtorf, Director
Lindsey Galles, Director

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Secretary

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Dan Ross called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

## 2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

• Superintendent Chrisman stated there is a deletion of 6.1 NJC Yuma Presentation under scheduled audience with the board. Also an addition of approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting that was missed at the previous meeting. The addition will be 8.5 Approval of October 19, 2020 minutes.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Lanley, to accept the agenda as revised. Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

#### 3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave the following financial report for November:
  - o Expenditures \$758,896;
  - o Revenue \$602,202;
  - o Payroll and Benefits \$599,873.
- Larger Bills
  - o Bluffs \$20,952 for cleaning supplies CARES Act
  - o CDLS \$12,000 for online fall courses district wide
  - o Midwest \$59,621 for Minibus
  - o Yuma Chamber of Commerce \$2,400 for activity Value Cards
  - o YHS Athletic supplemental for \$50,000
- Several small bills
- ❖ Vice President Brown asked if the CARES money and ESSER funds are being spent down on schedule. Dennis-Murphy responded the CARES

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money has to be spent by December 31<sup>st</sup> and that goal will be met. With the ESSER funds the district has until spring of 2021 and this money has been spent as well.

#### 4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes
  - 4.1.1 November 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- 4.2 Routine Business
  - 4.2.1 Financial Reports as of November 30, 2020
  - 4.2.2 November 2020 Check Register

#### 4.3 Personnel

- 4.3.1 Recommendations
  - Diego Covarrubias YMS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
  - Maria Ramirez YHS Registrar/Counselor Assistant
  - Shane Galles Sub Bus Driver/Activity Driver
  - ❖ Lucy Day MES SPED Para
  - Logan Hixon YMS Head Boys Basketball Coach
  - Rick Whitehead YMS Head Boys Basketball Coach
  - Miguel Ortiz Zuniga YMS/MES Maintenance

Motion by Langley, seconded by Holtorf to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

# 5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None

#### 6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- 6.1 Project One Project Update
  - Chad Rayl, Project One, gave an update on the building project. Schedule is on track. Gym is set to be completed as anticipated. CTE wing foundations are being poured. By mid-January walls will be going up. Next phase will be the art and band rooms. Abatement process will start December 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rayl reported the budget is still tracking well. He reported a good meeting with Neenan on budget update and contingency use. The district still has about \$3.1 million in contingency that is unused. He reports a very healthy budget.
  - Rayl continued with general information on the project.
  - Superintendent Chrisman reported a discussion with Neenan regarding protocols and thresholds with COVID that may limit the

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- number of workers on site, as well as limited number of visitors on site.
- Chrisman also recognized Chad Rayl for his help with maintenance issues within the district while the district is short on maintenance employees.

#### 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

• President Ross reported receiving a Christmas card from Governor Polis. Other board members stated they had received one as well.

#### 8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.1 Mill Levy Rate Approval
  - Superintendent Chrisman turned this portion over to Vice President Brown and Business Manager Dennis-Murphy. Dennis-Murphy gave an explanation of this year's Mill Levy. Brown gave a report on the bond redemption part.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Langley, to approve the Mill Levy Resolution as presented. Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

# 8.2 Budget Discussion

Motion by Ross, seconded by Holtorf to accept Option 2 on Transportation compensation schedule. Motion was amended to include this would have a start date of January 4, 2020 Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Langley to approve the district paying for the 1.25 PERA increase for the 2020-2021 contracts and notice of assignments. Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

# 8.3 COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Chrisman reported there is not a lot to report for a COVID update, however, she reflected on what the district has been through with COVID in the school setting. The first case was in September with 12 cases within the school community. In October there were 2 cases. In November there were 20 cases and as of December 8 the district is at 7 cases so far in December. The district has been in yellow zone twice. As of today the district is still at 10 active cases keeping the district in yellow until there are 2 consecutive weeks under 10. Chrisman spoke further of how things have changed in quarantining expectations. Students in quarantine have gone down drastically due to steps that have been put in place by the district. She gave an update on CDC and CDPHE most recent

quarantine recommendations.

- Chrisman also stated that CHSAA was unable to come up with a variance from CDPHE related to season B sports. It has been pushed to Feb 1<sup>st</sup> as a potential start. The state has said the county dials will determine if the district can have sports. She gave further general information on this. Chrisman reports there is much confusion regarding gyms/fitness versus groups, sports and other components. The district has implemented a 10<sup>th</sup> hour period in the class schedule that are PE modules giving some flexibility. The county and community hospitals were asked if they felt there was increased risk in offering this and they did not feel like there was. The district will move forward with this giving student athletes the opportunity to have activity after school. Currently this is just at YHS and after break the district will work on getting this for YMS as well. Strict protocols are still being followed with temperature checks, athletes will be masked, along with strict cleaning protocols.
- Chrisman reports that the goal remains to keep schools open with as many kids as possible in attendance for as long as possible.
- General discussion followed on the COVID response and numbers in the various grade levels.

## 8.4 Academic Schedule Change/Add PE Module

Superintendent Chrisman added to what she gave in the COVID update that the district has been working with Wray as they are implementing the same added PE module. Holtorf stated he believes other districts close by are offering the same thing. Chrisman states that this is good for students and needs to be done.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Galles, to approve the academic change with the addition of the PE module in a 10<sup>th</sup> period.

Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

8.5 Approval of October 19, 2020 Minutes

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Brown to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes. Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

#### 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

• Superintendent Chrisman reported that our community has recently suffered a hard loss, as well as loss in Northeast Colorado with a student loss and family member loss. Chrisman stated that whenever the district has any kind of a loss in the school setting the Crisis Response Team is activated. The district has staff trained in how to respond. The first priority is making sure that students and staff have the needed resources in case they are struggling with any events that have happened. Secondly, the district will reach out to the family to learn their wishes in how they would like the district to

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address the crisis. The district works hard to honor family wishes while maintaining what can be done to support staff and students. Chrisman assured the board that the district is very much in tune with the student and staff needs. Superintendent Chrisman reminded the board that this is a very tough time all over for many things and reminds everyone to check often on family and friends. General discussion followed.

#### 10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Vice President Brown reported that he had attended the CASB Conference online and that the CASB staff did a great job of organizing it. Brown states it was informative and useful. Brown informed the board that the conference is available for replay on the CASB website.
- > Transportation Director and Superintendent Chrisman gave an update on further discussion that has been going on regarding further changes that could happen to help with ongoing transportation challenges regarding town routes and activity trips.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Dan Ross.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Holtorf, to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Brown, Galles Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion carried.

Sincerely,

Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

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

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