

Yuma School District-1
August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President

Duane Brown, Vice President

Thomas Holtorf, Director

Lindsey Galles, Director

Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

Superintendent Chrisman stated the addition of personnel under consent agenda – Brittany Ross as 5/6 Science & Social Studies Teacher. The other 5/6 position is filled, however, it is a long term sub situation and will be on the next board agenda.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Langley, to accept the agenda as amended.

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the months of June and July.
 - ❖ June: Expenditures \$745,464; Revenue \$1,041,740; Payroll and Benefits \$637,396.
 - ❖ Financials have been closed for the 2020-2021 year.
 - ❖ Audit is scheduled for the 3rd week of September.
 - ❖ July: Expenditures \$768,097; Revenue \$620,602; Payroll and Benefits \$609,058.
 - ❖ Some of bills paid:
 - Yearly renewals – CDSIP Insurance \$309,286; NWEA student assessment \$10,862; Powerschool \$10,576; Specialized Data Finance System \$9,620.
 - Strictly Technology \$28,856 for Chromebooks, laptops, wireless access points.
 - Yuma Turf \$50,308 for lawn applications.
 - Gertge Technology for \$39,610.
 - ❖ Donations are listed on the agenda.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.2 Routine Business

- 4.2.1 Financial Reports as of June 30, 2021
- 4.2.2 Financial Reports as of July 31, 2021
- 4.2.3 June 2021 Check Register
- 4.2.4 July 2021 Check Register
- 4.2.5 Donations
 - ❖ Yuma Football Club - \$6,067.93 to YHS Football for Headsets and Camera
 - ❖ BECAUSE - \$200 to FFA

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Authorizations

- ❖ Sarah McCutcheon – MES 4th Grade
- ❖ Jada Young – IT Summer Help
- ❖ Brendy Allen – YMS Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach
- ❖ Anthony Brooks Alvarez – YMS Assistant Wrestling Coach
- ❖ Alexis Wells – MES Special Education
- ❖ Kinsley Wells – YMS Para
- ❖ Luke Goelein – YHS Assistant Boys Golf Coach
- ❖ Zach Chapman – YHS Volunteer Boys Golf Coach
- ❖ Jazmine Diaz – YHS ESL Para
- ❖ Dana Harris – MES Para
- ❖ Kim Bowers – MES Para
- ❖ Amanda Cook – MES Para

4.3.2 Resignations and Separations

- ❖ Asuzena Altamirano - Custodian
- ❖ Kristianna Rutledge – 5th/6th Grade Science/Social Studies
- ❖ Valerie Walters – Custodian
- ❖ Sharon Farrens – Cook

4.3.3 Returning Coaches & Club Sponsors

4.3.4 Extra Duty/Club Stipends (no change in pay)

4.4 Policy Parameters and Special Policy Updates

4.4.1 1st Reading

- ❖ GBGL – Staff Victim Leave
- ❖ GBGG – Staff Sick Leave
- ❖ IKF – Graduation Requirements
- ❖ IKF-2 – Graduation Requirements
- ❖ IC/ICA – School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time

4.4.2 2nd & Final Reading

- ❖ ADC – Tobacco-Free Schools
- ❖ BC-R – School Board Member Financial Disclosure
- ❖ BEC – Executive Sessions
- ❖ BEDA – Notification of School Board Meetings
- ❖ DJB – Federal Procurement
- ❖ DJE – Bidding Procedures
- ❖ EBBA – Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission
- ❖ EBBA-R – Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission
- ❖ EBCE – School Closings and Cancellations
- ❖ EHC* - Safeguarding Personal Identifying Information
- ❖ FB – Facilities Planning
- ❖ FB-R – Facilities Planning
- ❖ GBA – Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity
- ❖ GBEB – Staff Conduct
- ❖ GBGA – Staff Health
- ❖ GBI* - Criminal History Record Information
- ❖ GCE/GCF – Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GCE/GCF-R – Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GCHC* - Professional Staff Induction Program
- ❖ GCQC/GCQD-R – Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff
- ❖ GCQF-R – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff
- ❖ GDE/GDF – Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GDE/GDF-R – Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ IKA – Grading/Assessment Systems
- ❖ JB – Equal Educational Opportunities
- ❖ JEB – Entrance Age Requirements
- ❖ JF – Admission and Denial of Admission
- ❖ JFBB – Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment
- ❖ JH – Student Absences and Excuses
- ❖ JICDD* - Violent and Aggressive Behavior
- ❖ JICDE* - Bullying Prevention and Education
- ❖ JICEA – School-Related Student Publications
- ❖ JICEC* - Student Distribution of Noncurricular Materials
- ❖ JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases
- ❖ KB – Parent and Family Engagement in Education
- ❖ KI – Visitors to Schools

Motion by Langley, seconded by Brown, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.
Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion Carried.

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- **Visitors comments were missed at the appropriate time in the meeting. Visitors comments were then received during Board Comment.**

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Yuma Unified Making Advances – Kerri Horton

- ❖ Kerri Horton, Coordinator for Yuma Unified Making Advances gave a presentation on this community lead non-profit organization working towards increasing health equity in the community and addressing the issues of youth recreation and housing. Horton gave a brief overview of workshops and activities that will be offered for the next year.

6.2 Project-1 Update – Chad Rayl

- ❖ Chad Rayl, Project-1, gave a schedule and budget update.
 - YMS update on the bus loop which will be complete by 1st day of school.
 - Update on exterior:
 - transportation building and upcoming demolition.
 - YHS practice field which has been turned over to the district.
 - new parking lot on south side of high school.
 - area in front of art/band area.
 - Working on getting inspections signed off by Monday, 8/23, to start moving teacher's furniture into the new spaces. Chrisman explained process of furniture set up.
 - Update on final walk through and punch list before building is turned over.
 - Update on commons area. Commons will not be open until mid to late October. YHS is working on plans for lunch space since the commons will not be available.
 - Chrisman addressed utilization of space and temporary plans for class locations until the building is completely ready.
 - Update on Pit – ADA items and rails installed.
 - Update on Mod 3 and Mod 4 – interior work.
 - Superintendent Chrisman reported that the district is slated for teachers to move into their locations September 1st. The business room may not be available until September 3rd.
 - General discussion.
 - Budget Update – Doing really well and tracking right on schedule. Budget looks healthy. General information given. Updated information on contingency funds given.
- ❖ Rayl reported that Project-1 has an amendment to their contract and consulting agreement with the district due to changes in schedule through the process due to various circumstances and unforeseen situations. Chrisman gave some background helping to explain

why this amendment is needed. Chrisman stated that the value in amending this contract is warranted and absolute. There is no issue with change in scope with services provided. Chrisman recommends approval of the contract. General questions and discussion.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Project-1 Contract Amendment

Motion by Galles, second by Langley, to approve the Project-1 Contract Amendment as presented.

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

8.2 Approval of MES Student Handbook & Code of Conduct

Motion by Holtorf, second by Brown, to approve the MES Handbook

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

8.3 Approval of YMS Parent/Student Handbook

Motion by Langley, second by Holtorf, to approve the YMS Handbook.

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

8.4 Approval of YHS Handbook

- ❖ Principal Nighswonger stated two things in the handbook – one was language issue with privacy issues by students having phones in the offices. Phones will now be removed from students while engaged in conversations in the office. He states they are also waiting for information on concurrent enrollment that is not yet in the handbooks.
- ❖ Vice President Brown asked for clarification on language in the handbook regarding use of phones and electrical devices. He feels there are inconsistent sections in the handbook on the electronic devices and cell phones. Chrisman gave some explanation of discussion that has gone into this. General discussion. Brown states that he feels something needs to be ironed out in the two sections that are inconsistent with each other. Chrisman suggests handbook

can be posted and clearly marked as a draft copy until final revisions can be made.

Motion by Ross, second by Langley, to table approval of YHS handbook until clarification is made and presented at next board meeting.

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

8.5 Transportation Update

- ❖ Transportation Director, Jeanne Yenter, gave an update on transportation for the 2021-22 school year. She states she has been working on the routes to try and make things flow better. Yenter gave an overview of the routes and numbers of students riding the buses. Yenter explained many of the challenges facing the district in providing transportation for the students and for activities.
- ❖ Due to circumstances beyond the district's and Yenter's control, Yenter is recommending that the district eliminate in-town busing for all students with the exception of those that attend the three licensed day-care providers that are outside the walk area. Chrisman added her thoughts on the difficulty of this situation and how hard the district and Yenter have worked over the past few years to keep in-town routes going. Chrisman states that after this discussion she is asking for approval of the purchase of two mini buses. This will aid in flexibility in covering additional activities as the district is short on drivers. Vice President Brown asked for some clarification on the transportation provided for the students going to licensed daycare facilities and also had a question on the future of all district provided transportation. General discussion

Motion by Brown, second by Galles, to approve the recommendation to eliminate in-town busing for the 2021-22 school year as presented.

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

8.6 Approval of Bus Purchase

- ❖ There was discussion between Superintendent Chrisman and the board that a bus purchase was approved at a prior meeting, however, the two buses that were approved to be purchased were sold before the district could get those purchases made. Therefore, for the purpose of transparency the approval is coming before the board again in purchasing two different buses.
- ❖ Yenter explained the difference from last approval and what is available for purchase at this time. Price difference from last approval is minimal.

Motion by Holtorf, second by Langley, to re-approve the bus purchases.

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

8.7 Approval of Fuel Bid

- ❖ Yenter states that only one fuel bid was received. The bid was from CRVS. Yenter stated that CRVS is very convenient to use and works very well for her department.

Motion by Holtorf, second by Brown, to accept the fuel bid.

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

8.8 Approval of Calendar Amendment

- ❖ Chrisman states there is just a minor change to the calendar. The days changed are the January 31st and February 1st days that were listed as remote learning days for the high school and leaving those off for now as dates of being able to move into the building are not locked down.

Motion by Holtorf, second by Langley, to approve the calendar amendment.

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

8.9 Approval of Policy GCBA-E-2, Extra Duty Compensation

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman explained that this is an exhibit, meaning it can be taken care of in one reading and does not require a second reading. There have been some changes come in the last year with extra duties requiring some changes. She explained these changes.

Motion by Langley, second by Galles, to approve Policy GCBA-E-2, Extra Duty Compensation Schedule as presented.

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

8.10 Approval of Extra Duty Stipend List

Motion by Brown, second by Holtorf, to approve the Extra Duty Stipend List as presented.

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

8.11 Approval of COVID Reopening & Response Plan

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated that much time has been spent over the summer working with the county, other school districts in the county and in Northeast Colorado. All are under the same belief that pending mandates the group is thankful that as this point the Governor is stating this will be a local control matter. At this time there are zero mandates. Chrisman went on to explain in

detail the reopening and response plan. Once approved the plan will be posted on the district website. Chrisman's recommendation is to not mandate vaccinations or testing. There will be no contact tracing by the district.

- ❖ General Discussion
- ❖ Chrisman reported that there will be ongoing and proactive conversation with the Yuma County COVID group and Health Department.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Langley, to approve the COVID Reopening & Response Plan as presented.

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

8.12 Approval of Resolution Addressing Remote Learning during 2021-2022 School Year

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reminded the board that a resolution like this was added last year in lieu of changing policy. This is similar to the resolution done last year. CDE is allowing for funding purposes remote instruction and other alternative instruction methods where the district can still count students in full funding if these components are in place. Further explanation was given on specifics of the resolution.
- ❖ Vice President Brown stated he had a proposed amendment.

Motion by Brown, second by Holtorf, to amend the resolution in the 4th resolving clause to strike the words "two-thirds" so that the resolution could be amended or rescinded by a majority vote.

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

Motion by Brown, second by Holtorf, to approve the Resolution Addressing Remote Learning during the 2021-2022 School Year as amended.

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

8.13 Mascot Plan

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman gave background on the senate bill that passed prohibiting the use of Indian Mascots that was signed by the Governor after a long process. Unfortunately, the district has had to work on some timelines to help work on the process of the mascot change. Chrisman gave information on the cost that will be involved in changing our mascot. The district is approaching a cost estimate of \$350,000 and Chrisman believes it will be closer to \$400,000 when all is done. This could go higher. Chrisman went over a timeline that has been established for going through this process in order to avoid penalties.

- ❖ Chrisman also reported on the community engagement piece. The district is trying to have ways to solicit suggestions for a new mascot. Provided in the mascot change packet to the board is a submission form. Proposed is between August 17th and September 15th that submission forms be filled out and returned. This form will be posted on the district's website. Submissions will be reviewed at the September 20th BOE meeting. After that board meeting narrowed down solutions will be taken back to the community for more feedback. How to get that feedback was discussed. New mascot needs to be selected by November 15th BOE meeting.
- ❖ Chrisman states that her intent is that the district remains as the Indians until June 2022. 2022 graduating class will graduate as Yuma Indians. The district will try to not change too much until it has to.
- ❖ Chrisman covered more of the financial stand point and some potential for financial help from the state.
- ❖ Athletic Director, Michael Dischner, spoke on his feelings over the mascot change issue. Dischner stated that it has been difficult for him to accept this decision however realizes the need to accept it and moved forward. Dischner stated it will be very important to pick a mascot that best represents the community. He hopes the community will be behind the decision 100%.
- ❖ General discussion followed on community involvement in creating the mascot and logo.

Motion by Brown, second by Langley, to approve the timeline in addressing the mascot change as required by Senate Bill 21-116.

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

8.14 Approval of Additional Bank Account

- ❖ Business Manager Dennis-Murphy stated that part of the new student system is that fees can be collected through that online platform. The district hopes to be able to eventually have that available and are in the process of setting that up. In order to get this set up a new bank account needs to be opened in order to not have the main account attached to this process. Dennis-Murphy explained the need of the account further.

Motion by Langley, second by Brown, to approve an additional bank account as presented.

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

8.15 Adoption of Resolution for Appointment of Designated Election Official

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated that Rhonda Desmond serves in this position and the adoption of the resolution needs to take place in

order to assign her to this position.

Motion by Holtorf, second by Langley, to approve adoption of resolution for appointment of Designated Election Official.

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

8.16 Oath for Appointment of Designated Election Official

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman explained the procedure of the oath.
- ❖ Rhonda Desmond read and took the oath for appointment of Designated Election Official.

8.17 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated this is required to qualify to participate in the election

Motion by Ross, second by Langley, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman noted that as the district has begun going through the registration process. She states many are asking questions in regards to Alma. She explained that Alma is the new student information system. This will replace PowerSchool. She explained the process that brought the district to this change. Chrisman stated her appreciation to Beth Dischner and Brandi Clarkson for their work on this transition.
- ❖ Chrisman reports that activities have started. Final preparations are being made for school to start.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- ❖ Director Galles stated her gratitude to staff, and in particular Jeanne Yenter and Michael Dischner for the work they have put in on challenging issues.

***At this point visitor comments were taken.

- Jamie Unger stated his position against mask usage for students and teachers.
- Ronella Noble stated agreement against mask usage.
- Jeremiah Lungwitz stated his disapproval with the board and their approach to the COVID reopening and response plan.
- Julia Mekelburg stated her concern over quarantine procedures and the use of Zoom for instructional purposes.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M. by President Dan Ross.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Langley, 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
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