

Yuma School District-1
September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane Brown, President	Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
John Deering, Vice President	Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager
Thomas Holtorf, Director	Dani Crossland, Executive Secretary
Lindsey Galles, Director	
Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Duane Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- None

Motion by Deering, seconded by Galles to approve agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave the financial report for the month of August. The books have been closed for the 2021-2022 financials; there weren't any significant changes from what was reported at the last Board of Education meeting.
 - Expenditures \$539,360; Revenue \$899,406; Payroll and Benefits \$660,200.
 - Larger Bills
 - Heartland School Solutions – \$2,755 for renewal for food service support and rollover
 - Air Comfort – \$39,480 for progress application #1 on HVAC, paid from Esser II funds
 - Black Bear Orchard – \$3,600 for FCCLA fundraiser
 - Great Minds - \$19,206 for Math Curriculum paid from Esser III, learning loss
 - McGraw Hill - \$10,634 for Math and Reading Curriculum paid from Esser III, learning loss
 - Auditors worked remotely on September 1st and were unable to complete the Audit at that time. Scheduled for October 4th and 7th to get the Audit completed, will give an update at the October meeting.
 - Donations are listed on the Agenda.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 August 15, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of August 31, 2022

4.2.2 August 2022 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Zoetis - \$1,000 for FFA
- ❖ Yuma County Fair Parade - \$150 for FFA for award for Youth 2nd Place
- ❖ Cory Gardner (ACT West, LLC) - \$300 for YHS Ag to repair picnic tables at football concession area
- ❖ Yuma County Sheriff's Office - \$150 of school supplies to split between all schools
- ❖ Central Plains, LLC - \$300 for athletic program
- ❖ Hoch Real Estate, LLC - \$50 for Yuma FFA
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$9,120 for each sport and band on a per student dollar amount based on previous year numbers
- ❖ Ken Savolt - stationary bike for YHS Physical Education (approximate value \$60)
- ❖ Central Plains, LLC - \$200 for boys and girls athletics
- ❖ Pleasant Valley Ladies Aid - \$100 for MES supplies

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Kim McCombs - YHS Spec. Ed. Para
- ❖ Kent Chrisman - YMS Math
- ❖ Ryan Noble - YHS Assistant Boys Golf Coach
- ❖ Alexandra Ebersole - MES Secretary/Translator
- ❖ Kandy Galles - Junior Class Sponsor
- ❖ Kari Beauprez - Junior Class Sponsor
- ❖ Heidi Trute - Junior Class Sponsor
- ❖ Jamie Robinson - Junior Class Sponsor
- ❖ Nicole Ackerson Varela - YHS Head Cheer Coach
- ❖ Bailie Loxtercamp - MES Spec. Ed. Para

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Stefanie Imhof - YHS Head Cheer Coach
- ❖ Amy West - YHS Spec. Ed. Para
- ❖ Ben Inouye - YMS 8th Grade English Teacher

4.3.3 School Opening Plan

4.4 Policy Parameters and Special Policy Updates

4.4.1 Approval of Exhibit GCBA-E-2 Extra Duty Compensation and Reimbursement Schedule

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Cooper, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Mr. Inouye expressed his thanks to the Board and Yuma School District for being a wonderful place over the past 13 years, his family will never forget Yuma and the family that they had at the School District. Also shared that with some of the topics of discussion that it's hard to be different and that people who are alone need a lot of support and help from their friends.
- Ronella Noble expressed her concerns with the substitute teacher shortage and mentioned the great hours/schedule that subbing offers as well as some suggestions to help recruit new substitutes.
- Krissy King shared that parents and community members would like to have the option to participate in the YSD Board Meetings virtually.
- Pastor Dave Martelle from the Nazarene Church, and the President of the Yuma Ministerial Association, spoke to the Board about the Gender and Sexuality Alliance Support Group and that he disagrees with it as it doesn't align with his theology.
- MaryLu Smith-Dischner shared a letter in support of combining school and ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) therapy and having a Registered Behavior Technician in the classroom.
- Jerrie Weinrich handed out a packet to the Board Members with letters and signatures in support of having ABA Therapy in the schools and the new Behavioral Center in town and how beneficial it would be if the therapists were allowed to participate in the classroom.
- Ryan Noble expressed his concern as a parent that he feels the school isn't a place to talk about sexuality.
- Jacqueline Lungwitz spoke about being disappointed in the decision to start a Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club at YHS. This is not the direction our school district should be headed as it has nothing to do with education.
- Josh Lyle shared that he feels that sexuality should be discussed in schools because it's a part of education and that there needs to be a place of inclusivity for everyone.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 City Council Ballot Question Presentation

- No one present from City of Yuma for Presentation

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from the Holtorf family for plant and condolences. Nine letters and emails in support of the School Resource Officer, DJ Hass has been with the School District since school started on August 16th in a pilot program that goes through October 1st. Working on the details for a permanent arrangement.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 School Resource Officer Discussion and Intent to Continue

- Superintendent Chrisman has been working with DJ Hass and Chief Thompson to organize the final agreement. Had some delays with our attorneys, after receiving the recommendations from our attorney, the City is reviewing it with their attorney. Their attorney is out until October 1st, so it will be delayed a little bit.
- Cost to the School District is \$40,000. This will work as a purchased service agreement, the School Resource Officer will remain an employee of the city and the police department and we would pay for those services.
- Met with staff at each of the buildings today and every group had positive feedback and would like to continue with the School Resource Officer.
- We've had conversations in the past about if the School Resource Officer would wear his full uniform or go with a soft look. All the feedback that I heard today was that the students and the staff prefer the full uniform.
- Looking good to continue with the School Resource Officer, hoped to have the final agreement done for approval, but it will be the October Board meeting now.
- President Brown asked since the pilot period is almost over if there would be a break in this service until we get the final agreement done? Chrisman said the plan is to continue as we have been until the final agreement is complete pending attorney review.

8.2 Policy Parameters and Special Policy Updates

8.2.1 Temporary Approval and 1st Reading

- AC-E-1 - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
 - Required to have a policy in place to show who the harassment coordinator is for the School District. Our harassment coordinator has retired, so we need to update the policy to reflect Ana Baucke as the harassment coordinator.
 - By policy, every policy change requires 2 readings, but this policy has a legal component that we are required to have someone in place for this policy. Policy BG- School Board Policy Process allows for simultaneous temporary approval and 1st reading.

Motion by Deering, seconded by Cooper, for temporary approval and first reading of Policy AC-E-1 as allowable by policy BG-School Board Policy Process.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

8.3 2022-23 Board Liaison Roles

- Superintendent Chrisman spoke about the roles of the Board and the liaisons that we have in place with various groups to help with communication. We aren't required to have someone for all of the groups, but we do need to have

someone for the BOCES Board of Director position. Some of BOCES meetings fall on the same night as our School Board Meetings, so that gets a little complicated.

- Director Galles and Secretary/Treasurer Cooper will split the role of BOCES Board Representative.
- DAC (District Advisory Committee) meetings are starting with the first meeting this week, Secretary/Treasurer Cooper will continue being on the DAC Committee.
- President Brown will continue to be the Delegate for the CASB Fall Conference.
- President Brown would like to see what groups have previously had and haven't had a board liaison before deciding where we need to have representatives.

I want to clarify on the record that the Board of Education has issues to discuss in Executive Session as follows: To discuss real estate, specifically the sale of the District Offices located at 418 S. Main St. pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a). Persons included in the Executive Session are all Board of Education members and Superintendent Chrisman.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles, to move into Executive Session to discuss real estate, specifically the sale of the District Offices located at 418 S. Main St. pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a).

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

- Executive Session called at 7:50 p.m. by President Brown to discuss real estate, specifically the sale of the District Offices located at 418 S. Main St. pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a). Those present for the Executive Session are Dianna Chrisman, Duane Brown, Terri Cooper, John Deering, Lindsay Galles, and Thomas Holtorf.
- Executive Session adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by President Brown.
- The Board took a small break then reconvened with regular Session at 8:08 p.m. by President Brown with all board members present.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The Audit has been rescheduled to be finalized next week, will work with Business Manager Dennis-Murphy on a budget update for the October meeting. Might need to revisit some conversations on the Capital Outlay. A concern came up today that the bleachers at YMS are becoming more problematic and dangerous with the process of opening and closing the bleachers.
- The first DAC (District Advisory Committee) meeting is scheduled for this Thursday. Working on Agenda that is within the requirements for the group to review the District and School performance frameworks.
- BOCES was able to get some grants on behalf of the School District last year through Colorado Local Accountability Grant and the Safer Schools grant. This will provide the District with emergency radios. They will do a walk through of our buildings and do an analysis on how many radios we need.
- Met with staff at all of the buildings today, used to have these meetings after school, but with me driving a bus after school, that doesn't work at this time.

- Everyone was very supportive of the School Resource Officer.
- Had conversations in all buildings about the 4 day week, received mostly positive feedback as far as staff and students. High school and middle school are adjusting to the 7 period day, middle school is working through some scheduling/timing issues.
- Some questions were brought up about HVAC and other items that are being finished up. Had some ongoing conversations about lunches.
- Not sure when the next feedback meetings will be, want to be respectful of work time and inservice time on Mondays; but will work on getting something scheduled.
- Something we wanted to do with the 4 day schedule was to provide meals on the non school days for students that need them. This hasn't been attended well; 1st day had 8, numbers went between 4-8 on those Mondays, the Friday we didn't have school we had 16, but the following Monday we had 0, today we had 4. Not sure if this format is the best way to support this. Looking at other options, we could offer something to take home on Friday at the end of school; but this wouldn't get reimbursement from the State for Free/Reduced meals with this option. If we want to try to reach this need, we need to look at something different.
- Memorabilia silent auction set for Friday during Homecoming Week. Mr. Nighswonger and Mr. McClellan have been working to get this organized. The auction goes through the 3rd quarter of the game.
- CASB Annual Convention is scheduled for November 30-December 3, everyone is pre registered with rooms. Coming up to the deadline for cancellations, Dani will reach out to all Board members as we get closer to confirm who is able to attend.
- President Brown asked if we had a preliminary idea for how the October 1 count is going since the state had projected that we would be losing around 70 students. Superintendent Chrisman said our numbers are looking okay, but will have everything finalized soon.
- President Brown asked YHS Principal Nighswonger about the reactions to the 7 period day and if it changed operational things, like not having extended lunch and motivational techniques. Advisement has been moved to the end of the day and students that qualify have been getting early release on some Fridays. Have seen benefits with students being more involved with the 50 minute class period with less distractions, have noticed some behavioral issues are better, seen more activity inside the 7 period day. Still trying to revamp what Advisement will look like and programs that would help with ICAP. Haven't seen a real big negative impact regarding the change.
- Superintendent Chrisman said that feedback from YMS today was that there has been some scheduling conflicts with sharing staff that has made some classes difficult, so they are providing coverage for that. YMS Principal Rodwell reported similar things as YHS with behavior issues, they are quite a bit lower than this time last year. Science and Social Studies teachers see their students everyday, when we had the block schedule they were split, so the consistency has been better for those teachers and students.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Director Galles-it's been good to see the sports and clubs doing different activities. I attended 6th grade camp and Ms. Yost does a phenomenal job with this program and getting things lined up for the kids. Has had a lot of good feedback about the School Resource Officer. On a personal note; I will always be a safe place for any kids that are struggling with anything.

Having had family members that have dealt with certain things that are currently being discussed and until you've had someone try to commit suicide because of the way they are treated, it's really hard to sit here and think that it's okay, we should be that safe place for our kids. If eating lunch with your friends is your safe place, then you should be able to eat lunch with that group of kids.

- Secretary/Treasurer Cooper shared that with GSA situation, with the laws the school can not have that group. Since students no longer have an extended lunch they are no longer able to go to lunch at the Baptist Church. With the help of different parents we started looking into restarting the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) so they have a place they can go. It will be a student led organization and we are looking for a coach. Superintendent Chrisman clarified that it's really important that policy is followed; student led is critical, and the policy is very specific to religious groups that the staff member that provides the location can't be an active member. Policy is very specific and YHS has done a really good job making sure that policy is followed in these situations. Policy is also specific that these groups happen during non instructional time and that no outside adults are permitted and that staff members are not directed or forced into providing that space. Building has an obligation to provide that space as long as policies are followed. Everyone should have access to a safe place, but there are very specific policies and the high school is very familiar with those.
- President Brown talked about the upcoming CASB Fall Delegate Conference that he will be attending soon.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M. by President Duane Brown.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

Sincerely,



Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
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Duane Brown, President
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