

Yuma School District-1
March 31, 2025 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Deering, President
Terri Cooper, Vice President
Tyson Brown, Director
Heath Roundtree, Director

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager/Treasurer
Dani Crossland, Executive Secretary/Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Lindsey Galles, Director

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, John Deering called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Agenda was amended to add agenda item 6.1.2 approval of minutes from Special Board Meeting on March 25, 2025 to show corrections that were made to the numbering and a misspelled word. Also added agenda item 10.3 approval of 2025-26 superintendent contract.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cooper to approve the amended agenda.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Roundtree. Absent: Galles. Motion carried.

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave the financial report for the month of February.
 - Expenditures \$1,073,370; Revenue \$941,942; Payroll and Benefits \$707,538
 - Larger Bills
 - Four Seasons Fencing - \$18,280 for replacement batter's eye (materials and half of the labor), covered by insurance
 - BSN - \$11,880 for wrestling mat replacement, covered by insurance
 - Liminex - \$20,910 for Go Guardian renewal
 - Ritchey's Redi Mix - \$56,877 for concrete sidewalk and repairs at YMS, partially covered by insurance
 - Uptown Flooring - \$11,500 for the rescreening and painting of the Pit floor
 - Donations are listed on the agenda

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Working on the transition with Mr. Fraley, keeping him updated on budget components
- Working on a request for proposal for outside vendors for food services program
- Continuing to work on budget with many unknowns

5.0 PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Brady Nighswonger, Principal at Yuma High School
 - Portrait of a Graduate-last month's characteristic was responsibility.
 - Sources of Strength worked with an artist that helped create a mural at Yuma High School. Represents Yuma High School very well, incorporating all of the clubs as well as our logo.
 - Nighswonger shared a new process for when students are absent to try to help with the disconnect from being absent and to help students get the assignments that they missed.
 - The word of the month for April is communication.
 - Incoming juniors and seniors are getting ready for Accuplacer testing which allows them to take concurrent enrollment classes.
 - Working on schedules and class selection for next year, as well as scholarships with seniors.
 - Provided updates on the coming weeks' schedules for Yuma High School.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of Minutes

6.1.1 February 24, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

6.1.2 March 25, 2025 - Special Board Meeting

6.2 Routine Business

6.2.1 Financial Reports as of February 28, 2025

6.2.2 February 2025 Check Register

6.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Cash donations - \$533 from FFA community breakfast
- ❖ Yuma Wrestling Club - \$288 for girls state wrestling additional coaches rooms
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$110 for meals for regional boys basketball
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$798 for meals for regional girls basketball

6.3 Personnel

6.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Kayla Jones - YHS Special Education Teacher

6.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Diane Geist - 2nd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Kent Chrisman - YMS Dean of Students
- ❖ Ashley Jackson - YMS/YHS Choir Teacher
- ❖ Maria Thacker - YMS 7th/8th English
- ❖ Cinnamon Cook - YHS Special Education Para
- ❖ Tonya Rodwell - YMS Principal

6.4 Activity Trip Requests

6.4.1 Ratify YHS Girls Basketball to Cedaredge, CO for Regional Basketball
3/6/25-3/8/25

- 6.4.2 YHS Science to State Science Fair in Fort Collins, CO 4/3/25-4/5/25
- 6.4.3 YHS Science to International Science Fair in Columbus, OH 5/10/25-5/16/25
- 6.4.4 Ratify YHS Boys Basketball to Denver, CO for State Basketball
3/13/25-3/14/25

6.5 Ratify School Closure

- 6.5.1 Ratify School Closure - Due to Weather 3/4/25

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Brown, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Roundtree. Absent: Galles. Motion carried.

7.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

8.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

8.1 Update on facility repairs

8.1.1 CMR Consulting, Chad Rayl

- ❖ Chad gave updates on the projects that have been completed and work still needing done in the district.
- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman shared that she was in a meeting today with Victory, CSDSIP, and Chad to verify processes and where we are in the timeline.
- ❖ Aux & YMS gym floors will be worked on this summer.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- None

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Budget Planning/Discussion

10.1.1 2025-26 Staff Compensation Planning

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman discussed funding estimates and the budget uncertainty with the Board of Education.
- ❖ Reviewed projected funded pupil count for next year.
- ❖ Health insurance has increased, not sure yet on property insurance, work comp, or utilities. Hoping to have more information by the April Board of Education meeting.
- ❖ Been talking with Mr. Fraley about staffing shortage. We currently have openings in each building for next year.

10.2 Approval of 2025-26 Insurance Plan

- Insurance plan was approved for renewal at last month's board meeting with an increase in premiums. Superintendent Chrisman discussed with the Board of Education that employees have contributed a small amount for their health insurance in prior years. Recommend small employee contribution of \$25 per

month for staff contribution to their insurance plan for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Brown, to approve the 2025-26 insurance plan to include the \$25 per month employee cost.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Roundtree. Absent: Galles. Motion carried.

10.3 Superintendent Contract

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Roundtree, to approve the 2025-26 superintendent contract with Mr. Fraley.

Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Roundtree. Absent: Galles. Motion carried.

11.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

- Director Brown
 - Feels that the Superintendent search process went well, appreciates all of the work that staff put in to help with the process.
 - Doesn't like increasing insurance costs for staff members, the Board of Education will continue to work on the budget to do the best we can for our staff.
- Vice President Cooper
 - Agrees with Director Brown's comments.
- President Deering
 - Thanked everyone from the community that came to the meet and greet. It was a good process, and we're excited. Thanked Superintendent Chrisman for helping with the tours for the finalists.
- Director Roundtree
 - Agrees with Director Brown and President Deering's comments.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M. by President Deering.

Sincerely,



John Deering, President
Yuma School District-1
Board of Education



Dani Crossland, Secretary to the Board of Education
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