

Yuma School District-1  
January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting  
District Board Room

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Ross, President

Marc Baucke, Vice President

Kim Langley, Sec./Tres.

Marc Haruf, Director

Thomas Holtorf, Director

Rob Stannard, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Tina Stroh, Executive Assistant

**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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014 in the District Board Room.

**2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL**

Superintendent Stannard reported that there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**3.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

President Ross introduced Thomas Holtorf as our newly appointed Board Member. He will serve a 2 year term.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 December 16, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Haruf, seconded by Baucke, to approve the December 16, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented. Voting Aye: Langley, Holtorf, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

**5.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

5.1 Financial Report as of December 31, 2013

ENCLOSURE

Secretary Langley asked for more clarification regarding the Hewlett Packard expense. Sherry Dennis-Murphy explained the expenses are part of the Yuma Foundation Grant and went to promethean boards, rolling computer labs, etc.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Baucke, to approve the financial report as of December 31, 2013 as presented. Voting Aye: Langley, Holtorf, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

5.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Langley, seconded by Baucke to approve the check register as presented.  
Voting Aye: Langley, Holtorf, Ross, Haruf, Baucke. Motion Carried

**6.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST**

No visitors comment or request during the board meeting.

**7.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD**

**8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9.1 Personnel

ENCLOSURE

Recommendations:

Faren Stroh, YHS Assistant Wrestling Coach  
Jacqui Monk, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Head BBall Coach  
Diane Anderson, YMS Head Track Coach

Resignation:

Zach Diaz, YHS Assistant Wrestling Coach

9.2 Policies – 3 Revised, 1<sup>st</sup> Discussion

Existing policies KFA, JLF-R, and ADD will be presented again in February for a 1<sup>st</sup> vote and then in March for a 2<sup>nd</sup> and final vote.

9.3 Policy JEB (Kindergarten Start Date) – 1<sup>st</sup> Approval

After discussion last month, a first vote will be taken tonight to move the Kindergarten start date up to July 1<sup>st</sup> from July 15<sup>th</sup> as stated in the current policy.

9.4 2013/2014 Final Approval of Budget

Superintendent Stannard noted to Board that when the final budget is developed, various factors are not yet determined – October count etc. Therefore, we do not know how much funding we are actually getting until 6 months after the budget is set.

**10.0 ACTION ITEMS**

10.1 Personnel

Recommendations:

Faren Stroh, YHS Assistant Wrestling Coach  
Jacqui Monk, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach

Diane Anderson, YMS Head Track Coach

Resignation:

Zach Diaz, YHS Assistant Wrestling Coach

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

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

### 10.2 Policies

Moved by Haruf, seconded by Langley to approve the 3 policy revisions – 1<sup>st</sup> discussion as presented.

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

### 10.3 Kindergarten Start Date

Sheri Morton mentioned that she believed it was agreed that we would move the Kindergarten start date up to June 1<sup>st</sup>. However, Mr. Stannard discussed that he is going to go forward in two week increments – two weeks next year and then two weeks after that. We will eventually have a Kindergarten start date of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Baucke to approve the Kindergarten start date to be July 1<sup>st</sup> as presented.

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

### 10.4 2013/2014 Final Approval of Budget

Moved by Baucke, seconded by Haruf to approve the 2013/2014 Final Approval of Budget.

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

## 11.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### The Common Core – Crisis in Yuma

Mr. Stannard has been getting numerous calls regarding a widely distributed business publication titled; "Common Core Teaches Children Obama is the Messiah". It is an article referring to a book by Nikki Grimes called *Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope* that has made its way into the Common Core 3<sup>rd</sup> grade curriculum in various districts across the country. Mr. Stannard feels the Common Core is putting less emphasis on fiction in classical literature and more emphasis on nonfiction works such as the book mentioned above – an opinion observed nationwide. In light of this crisis- Mr. Stannard addressed the Board to specifically provide information surrounding the Common Core and Yuma School District's current position.

What is the Common Core?

- The Common Core standards are a national set of expectations for what students are supposed to know in math and language arts in order to graduate prepared for college and work. The standards apply only to math and English, emphasizing evidence-based argument and deeper understanding of fewer topics in math.
- Prodded by federal incentives, 45 states and the District of Columbia have adopted these more rigorous standards since they were published in 2010. Proponents say that the standards raise the bar for students and allow for common expectations and testing across states.
- Along with the standards comes a new set of tests, developed by a coalition of states known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). These tests are being piloted this year. Instead of seeing the TCAP testing, we will begin to see PARCC.

- According to Chalkbeat.org,  
*"If schools adopt the standards as they are intended, then parents should expect to see big changes in what their children are taught and how they're tested. Students will be taking more and harder online tests each year. Test scores are likely to drop the first year under the new standards, as they have in other states (like New York) that have adopted the Common Core state standards, exposing wide gaps between the work students can currently do and what the standards imagine."* -

Details

- Adopted (before release) in 2010
- Untested/Untried
- CCSS is not a high standard(s).
- Serious, Bipartisan Debate as to Value
- Curriculum/Not-Curriculum (\$\$\$)
- "Literature Shift", Fiction to Non-Fiction
- Lots of anecdotes both Math and ELA
- Online is an Independent Challenge
- Major Uptick in Data-Collection

Our (YSD-1) Current Position

- Despite any debate, CCSS is the Law.
- We are repeated assured that Local Control is retained and that CCSS is NOT Curriculum.
- Continue Emphasis on fundamentals.
- Walking (Not running) toward implementation.
- Taking a "Wait and See" Attitude.
- We will keep Yuma informed...

**12.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS**

None

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Sincerely,



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



Dan Ross, President  
Yuma School District-1  
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