

Yuma School District-1  
November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting  
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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Ross, President  
Marc Baucke, Vice President  
Kim Langley, Sec/Treas.  
Thomas Holtorf, Director

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent  
Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager  
Angela Weathers, Executive Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lindsey Galles, Director

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Ross called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016 in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

NONE

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 October 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Holtorf, seconded by Langley to approve the October 10, 2016 Board Meeting as presented.

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

**4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

4.1 Financial Report as of October 31, 2016

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Langley, seconded by Baucke, to approve the Financial Report as of October 31, 2016 as presented.

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

4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

- Sec/Treas. Langley asked if Rasmussen Mechanical Service is done fixing the boiler heater.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated they are not quite done.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Holtorf, to approve the Check Register as presented.

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

4.3 Donations

ENCLOSURE

- Sherry Dennis-Murphy stated that several donations have been received since the beginning of the school year. The high school has received one from the Booster Club for \$9,910. It is per athlete and is broken up in to the different sports to be used for whatever the coaches see fit. The Pagel Family donated \$1000 for the wrestling team. Also, the FFA received a check from Y-W Electric for \$250, it is a yearly donation. And also, the middle school science labs received a refrigerator from Home Depot valued around \$200.

- President Ross noted that a correction be made on the agenda item 4.3 Donations, changing the numbering of listed items 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.4 to 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3., 4.3.4.
- Director Holtorf commented that it is great to have the community support. He mentioned speaking with someone at State basketball and they recognized the amazing community support we have in Yuma.

#### 4.4 Bank Account Award

- Sherry Dennis-Murphy stated that bid letters were sent out to local banks asking for their best rates and what types of programs they have. She further stated that all the bids had very nice offers, and it is recommended that the District continue with North Star Bank. They seem to have the best rates across the board.
- Superintendent Chrisman added that letters will be sent out to everyone who submitted a bid, informing them of the decision.

#### 5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST

- Ashley Lynch addressed the board with a reading of an email she wrote to Superintendent Chrisman and High School Principal Jodene Boerner regarding her disappointment that Ballot Issue 3D did not pass and her concern for remarks made on social media in regard to why some voters were against the ballot measure. Ms. Lynch suggested utilizing the next two years to build a strong campaign that helps find alternative funds for some of the measure and further educates the community on the importance and need for the passing of the tax. She also spoke of getting the Chief of Police and Yuma County Sheriff involved to assist in potentially addressing some of the security issues now.

#### 6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

##### 6.1 MES Presentation

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that throughout the school year, the Principal of the elementary, middle and high school will present to the Board a state of building address. Morris Elementary School Principal, Keri Chapman is the first presentation. The other two Principals will present at the next Board meeting.
- Keri Chapman presented to the board, a slide show highlighting changes that the elementary school is applying in 2016-2017, as well as use of the Early Literacy Grant, student performance and goals, Chromebook implementation and professional development. Principal Chapman also commented on the success of the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program and changes made for the program's second year. And the student's participation in the 7 Habits, MES' version of the Leader in Me program.
- President Ross commented that he is excited for the great work Principal Chapman is doing at the elementary school.
- Superintendent Chrisman also commented that she is very impressed by the work Mrs. Chapman is doing with her staff. At the S.I.O.P. training, the level of willingness the elementary school staff had to share their thought processes really does stand out.

## 6.2 Technology Update

- Superintendent Chrisman asked Brandi Clarkson, the new technology person to share with the Board an update on all the levels of technology that have been addressed. Chrisman commented that she's heard from multiple buildings and things seem to be working better and that the district has had to spend some money for the improvements, but in today's educational environment, technology is important.
- Brandi Clarkson stated that she has been trying to focus on getting the high school up and running since the virtual environment was a failure. There are three strong labs that are working well, the Business Lab, TIRC Lab and Library Lab. She is now working on teacher's computers and the Ag computers. Brandi stated that the Ag computers are full of dirt, but they are working to get them refreshed. She also stated that the middle school and elementary school are in good shape.
- Superintendent Chrisman commented that Brandi has taken some initiative to address other systems that she has seen are not working well. Chrisman asked Ms. Clarkson to share about the middle school security cameras, since security is a topic piece.
- Ms. Clarkson stated that the seventeen previously installed security cameras are now functional, however they are obsolete and she has been unable to find the software to record and provide playback for the cameras. She further stated that since the cameras are unable to record and if something cannot be found to work with it, they may need replaced.
- Superintendent Chrisman commented that the cost to replace would be less than the original cost would be and although some money was spent recently on the camera system, if a new system is needed to be more efficient, it is not as expensive as it was a few years ago.
- Ms. Clarkson agreed and stated that the cost to redo the security cameras at all three buildings would cost close to what it cost to install the current camera system at the middle school.
- Chrisman asked Ms. Clarkson to explain where she sees the district heading for the rest of the school year and what the focus needs to be.
- Ms. Clarkson stated that a rotation cycle for new equipment needs to be established in order to avoid bombarding the budget. Also, a new server needs to be addressed. The current server is outdated and has no storage space. Because of the server issue, the library system, library inventory and student data will be moved to a hosting environment and maintained by Companion (Alexandria). Her concern is that student data will be lost if stored on the current server because without the storage space, she is unable to perform backups. It is a priority to look in to getting new equipment as far as a server.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that the need for a new server will be brought before the board in the spring when planning for the next school year.
- President Ross asked what the cost is for a server.
- Ms. Clarkson stated that her estimate for a server with just the backup software would be between \$7000 and \$9000; a server with storage and backup would be a little more.

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

## 8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 8.1 Personnel

#### 8.1.1 Recommendations:

- Ashley Smith, SPED Para

#### 8.1.2 Resignations/Separations:

- Johnathan Garcia, Custodian

### 8.2 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading – Policy KI – Visitors to Schools

- Superintendent Chrisman noted that there are no additional changes recommended to the policy.

### 8.3 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading – Policy KFA – Public Conduct on School Property

- Superintendent Chrisman noted that there are no additional changes recommended to the policy. However, there will be a need for a minor adjustment should the district choose to implement a policy in regard to medical marijuana when the final revamping of the school policies are complete.
- Chrisman further explained that the way that the CASB policies are set up, they are all integrated. So, some are needing to be changed prior to the whole book. If some are changed, they will have a spiral effect. At this time, this policy meets the need. Upon final review of the whole overhaul, the minor adjustments will be made.

### 8.4 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading – Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings

- Superintendent Chrisman noted that there are no additional changes recommended to the policy.

### 8.5 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading – GCBA-E2 – Extra Duty Compensation and Reimbursement Schedule

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that a final change to the policy pertains to an increase in substitute teacher's pay. She explained that there are two levels of pay that determine rate; \$100 per full day for licensed or substitutes with a five-year authorizations and \$80 per full day for substitutes with one or three year authorizations or who do not have a license. Pay will be prorated for partial days. Superintendent Chrisman also noted that both levels are an increase from the previous rate of \$75 per day.

### 8.6 Staff Holiday Bonus

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that it is the time of year to approve if the district will continue with the staff bonus program. It has been budgeted in the preliminary budget. It costs approximately \$8,000. Employees employed by October 1 are eligible, anyone hired after that date are ineligible. The board is asked for their approval.

#### 8.7 Contract to Purchase Property

- Superintendent Chrisman informed the Board that there has been interest in reacquiring the property connected to the high school. The homeowner has been approached and a contract has been put together for the Board's approval. There is an earnest money deadline, the purchase price will be \$150,000 and the closing costs will be incurred by the seller. Those are the main points of the contract. She also stated that the closing time would be April, so the homeowners have time to find a different property.

#### 8.8 Bond Election

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that the bond did not pass and thanked Ashley Lynch for her comments. She further stated that she too has heard the comments echoed by the community. And that the reality is, the needs for the Ag building, security systems, the Pit, and the time schedules with only having one gym does not change just because the bond did not pass.
- Chrisman noted that the election was very close, 78 votes was the difference.
- She acknowledged Duane Brown and thanked him for the work he did leading the committee. She also thanked local business and people who contributed to the campaign and noted that all the signs, mailings and flyers were handled by the Building Generation Through Education Group.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that she checked on some of the other bonds that had passed and one she was interested in was with the Montrose School District. They have a middle school that is falling apart, we are at a good place in that our school can be refreshed; their school needs to be completely torn down and rebuilt. Chrisman also noted that because of different needs, high schools are typically more expensive. The Montrose bond is for a \$38 million project. She believes being proactive will save taxpayers money in the long run, but perhaps that message was not received.
- Chrisman opened the discussion to the Board for any thoughts or comments related to the bond and the needs. She stated that she is working with Brandi Clarkson to price camera systems for the buildings. Chrisman stated that it is important to note that security is not just putting in cameras and locking the front doors, it is an entire system. And whatever we do at this point is a bandage
- anytime we can do something that is universal, it saves money in the long run. She added that anything we do is going to doubly cost, but there are pieces that need addressed sooner rather than later.
- President Ross stated that he thinks the bond should continue to be looked at for the possibility of the future. It is good to have something to look at that can be shown to the community. He further stated that there were 1,086 voters who voted no, we need to find out why; was it the financial burden, was it misinformation, what was the reasoning? He continued to state that we need make sure that we were not conceived wrong in the community.

- Ross also stated that this gives the opportunity to look at other avenues of funding, possibly restructure the grant or look in to other grants available so when it goes before voters again, it will be for a lower amount.
- President Ross also added that possibly, as Ashley Lynch stated, the district can work with the Policy Department and Sheriff's Office to help improve or decrease costs with the bond, should the district choose to proceed
- Sec/Treas. Langley asked what is to be done with the signs and if they are recyclable?
- President Ross replied that anyone wanting to dispose of their election signs, they can take them to his office.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that Feedback indicated that people liked the designs She thought it would be beneficial to meet with the consultants to get a better idea of how the budget will be impacted and have that information available for an upcoming meeting.
- President Ross commented that he did hear that people wanted to see more of a blue print and he tried to explain to them that there is a huge expense with that. He suggested that possibly the group could consider looking in to that as a possibility should the bond be further pursued in order to better inform the community.
- Director Holtorf stated that the issue was not misinformation, rather than the community was uninformed, meaning that the information in the flyers sent out to the community were not read.
- Langley added that the information was available.
- Chrisman commented that she can find out what the costs might be for the consultants to develop a blueprint. She stated that the project cost to have the consultants review the buildings, do their assessments and do the community assessments was around \$20,000.
- Langley suggested it may be a better option to schedule public information sessions during already scheduled community or school events because the community meetings were not well-attended.

## **9.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Personnel**

Moved by Holtorf, seconded by Langley to approve the personnel as presented.

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

### **9.2 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading - Policy KI – Visitors to Schools**

Moved by Langley, seconded by Holtorf to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy KI as presented.

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

### **9.3 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading - Policy KFA – Public Conduct on School Property**

Moved by Langley, seconded by Holtorf to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy KFA as presented.

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

9.4 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading - Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings

Moved by Holtorf, seconded by Langley to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy BEDH as presented.

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

9.5 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading - GCBA-E2 – Extra Duty Comp. and Reimbursement Schedule

Moved by Baucke, seconded by Langley to approve 2<sup>ns</sup> Reading of GCBA-E2 as presented.

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

9.6 Staff Holiday Bonus

Moved by Langley, seconded by Baucke to approve Staff Holiday Bonus as presented.

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

9.7 Contract to Purchase Property

Moved by Holtorf, seconded by Baucke to approve Contract to Purchase Property as presented.

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

## 10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Chrisman congratulated the Lady Indians on being Class 2A State Volleyball Runner-Up. She added that it was an emotional, exhausting, but great weekend of volleyball. She wanted to publicly state that as strong as the girls were, she had a front row seat to watch how Coach Noble handled herself when one of the players was injured on the court. Chrisman added that Coach Noble never stopped believing in the girls, her demeanor was very supportive and was amazing to witness.
- Chrisman commended the Middle School on their Veteran's Day Presentation. It was a great program. She added that her favorite piece was the choir's montage of hymnals from each of the branches of the military. It was great to see members from each branch stand as their hymnal was performed.
- Chrisman recommended the December Board Meeting be moved to December 5<sup>th</sup> due to the CASB Conference.
- Chrisman stated that she did not receive an update on bus #13, but the 3 other busses that bids were received on have been sold, titles have been exchanged and the busses are no longer on school property.
- The BOCES Board Retreat on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in Ovid. The focus will be on Board support of instruction curriculum. Chrisman needs information on who will attend.
- The District Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 23 to have carpets cleaned.
- Superintendent Chrisman commented on the passing of Amendment 70; raising the minimum wage and how that will impact the district's budget. There will be a minor change to the 2016-17 budget, as there are not many currently under the \$9.13 per hour threshold which goes in to affect in 2017, it increases \$1 per hour each year after. This will mean minor change to the 16-17 budget, however, each year will see a bigger increase. If there are no changes with current employees, in 2018, the budget will increase by about \$2000, in 2019 and additional \$5600 will be added to the budget, and by 2020, when the full \$12 per hour rate is in effect, would be around \$17,000. That is significant. There will be budget pieces to look at.

**11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS**

- President Ross Commended the High School Volleyball team on a great job at State, they played well. He added that he heard from parents and grandparents that the fans that attended; the students from Yuma, showed great support and it is nice to hear positive feedback.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Holtorf to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Aye: Baucke, 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