

Yuma School District-1
March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President
Kim Langley, Sec/Treas.
Thomas Holtorf, Director
Lindsey Galles, Director

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Marc Baucke, Vice President

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ross called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March, 21, 2017 in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman added Discussion Item 8.1 – Control Panel Project and Action Item 9.1 – Control Panel Project, suggesting shifting order of Discussion and Action Items down by one.

Moved by Holtorf, seconded by Langley to approve Agenda - Additions as presented.

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

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 February 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to approve the February 13, 2017 Board Meeting as presented.

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

4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Financial Report as of February 28, 2017

ENCLOSURE

- Secretary/Treasurer Langley asked who received the additional Chromebooks. Sherry Dennis-Murphy stated they went to the middle school and high school.
- Langley asked for clarification on E.L. Grant expenses. Dennis-Murphy responded that expenses under the E.L. Grant for the elementary school are not paid for out of the general fund. The funds from the Grant were initially reserved for a literacy coach, CDE authorized Mrs. Chapman to use the funds for such items as supplies.
- Langley asked for an update on transportation. Chrisman stated that bus #13 is still not taken care of, but she is not aware of any additional issues at this time.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Galles, to approve the Financial Report as of February 28, 2017 as presented.

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

4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

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

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

4.3 Donations

4.3.1 Community Cupboard donation for archery program

4.3.2 Girls basketball team sweatshirts from Roth Farms

4.3.3 Booster Club donation to wrestling team for state wrestling and girls basketball team for regional basketball

- President Ross thanked the donors for their contributions and commended Michael Dischner for helping load trucks at Community Cupboard.
- Langley stated the donations are much appreciated, Chrisman agreed.

Moved by Langley, seconded by Holtorf, to approve acceptance of the donations as presented.

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST

None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Rasmussen Mechanical

- Brian Sobnosky with Rasmussen Mechanical presented to the Board; control panel proposal for the elementary and middle school buildings in the amount of \$239,733.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that it may be valuable to schedule a work session, possibly the same night as next Board meeting, prior to the meeting.
- Yuma School District-1 is in the running for a BEST Grant. If approved, the district could receive \$110,000 to use towards offsetting the \$239,733 cost of replacing control system. Will hear results around July.
- Sobnosky stated that the current system is obsolete, cannot be repaired if controls break.
- New system is Honeywell –
 - Does not require frequent or multiple software upgrades
 - Open-system that can be repaired by any Honeywell certified vendor
- Langley asked about warranty. Sobnosky stated it is a 1-year warranty.
- Director Holtorf asked about wiring. It is all low-voltage, 110-volt control wire and all rewiring would be necessary.
- Rasmussen will check for any necessary permits.
- Mr. Sobnosky presented two project units of importance in addition to control panel proposal – elementary gymnasium cooling system and cooling/heating system in middle school 5/6 grade hallway.
- No cheap option for MES gymnasium cooling system
 - All duct work needs redone
 - Existing unit is a custom Trane unit – not enough space to add chilled water coil

- No duct work in wall to add ground unit
- Best recommendation is to replace existing Trane unit with unit that provides both heating and cooling – involves removing unit from roof with crane, installing curb adaptor, craning new unit to roof, installing to duct work.
- Unofficial estimate in excess of \$200,000.
- Additionally, recommendation to hire structural engineer to verify load tolerance of gymnasium roof.
- Chrisman added that consultants hired for bond offered to consult on projects at a cost
- Langley asked if grants could cover some of project cost. Chrisman stated that for BEST Grant, timing delays are an issue, but good candidate.
- Cool/heat system in middle school 5/6 grade hallway
 - Replace current steam-heat systems in classroom and boiler with an energy-efficient, four-pipe system with condensing hot water boiler and a chiller for cooling.
 - Includes replacement of current steam boiler, addition of new steam boiler, new fan coil units in classrooms, hallway and cafeteria, as well as new piping and removing old unit ventilator from classrooms.
 - Chrisman clarified potential of doubling cost if boilers are not replaced, but have issues in the future.
 - Sobnosky stated 2015 quote at \$500,000
 - Chrisman stated that total cost for three projects near one million, clarified that projects do not include middle school gymnasium.
 - Lisa Sinclair asked if these projects exclude 7/8 grade hallway as well.
 - Chrisman stated that the middle school gym and 7/8 grade hallway are pieces that will be looked at. Suggested a work session would be a good idea to discuss project priority.
 - President Ross asked if projects could be completed over summer. Sobnosky stated that completion could be difficult over summer due to condensed area of workspace.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Control Panel

- Chrisman restated that systems are obsolete. Her recommendation is to approve control panel project in order to schedule Rasmussen to complete this summer.
- Director Galles commented that if the additional projects cannot be completed over the summer, trying for a BEST Grant would be beneficial.

- Chrisman stated a long-range plan is necessary to plan completion of projects.

8.2 1st Reading – Policy ECAF – Use of Safety and Security Technologies ENCLOSURE

- Chrisman stated that this is a new policy. There is a current policy in place for technology safety on buses, but not within school buildings.
- It is a standard CASB policy that allows the district to use security camera video as a safety piece.
- Ross clarified that the policy gives the district the ability to record.
- Chrisman stated that the cameras are now in place, but have not been recording and will not be used to monitor until the policy is in place.
- Ross asked if the door camera systems are in place at the high school. Chrisman replied that there is a missing piece that maintenance is waiting on to complete installation, which should be by the end of March or April.
- Installation will be complete prior to the beginning of next school year.
- Trevor Neb stated that he is expecting the installation person to return with missing piece on Wednesday, March 22nd to complete installation.
- Chrisman stated that word will go out to ensure that expectations are met for procedures on how to enter the building once the security system at the door is in place.
- Two cameras/systems have been installed. One at front entrance, the other at the back entrance leading to the Ag shop.
- Neb stated that teachers/staff key holders will be able to use their regular door keys to unlock the doors for access.
- Ross stated that it has been brought to his attention that it may be easier with the security doors for student chiefs to be allowed to park in the back gravel parking, rather than in student parking when returning to the high school from the elementary and middle schools. He asked Principal Boerner to consider giving the Chiefs permission.

8.3 1st Reading – Regulation ECA-R – Use of Safety and Security Technologies ENCLOSURE

- Accompanies Policy ECAF.
- Regulation states how the recordings are used, length of time video is kept, the process used for requests to view video for purpose of student record.
- Regulation is standard CASB policy.
- Reviewed by school district attorney, Coulter Bump. She did not find any issues.

- Chrisman added these are first readings. Second readings will be at next meeting of the Board, at which time, the policies can be approved and video recordings may begin.

8.4 Ratify the Closing of School on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 for Purpose of Funeral

- Director Galles stated that closing school was the right thing to do.

8.5 Ratify changing of No School/PD Day on Friday, April 28, 2017 to a Student Contact Makeup Day due to Closing of School on Tuesday, March 21, 2017

8.6 2017-2018 School Calendar

ENCLOSURE

- Chrisman directed the Board to the packet of compiled comments from of the completed surveys, which also provided an overview of the responses on each question in actual number, percentages and pie chart.
- 231 respondents to online survey –
 - 82 high school students that was used as a classroom learning experience
 - 44 parents of an elementary student
 - 35 middle school parents
 - 28 high school parents
 - 42 current teachers
 - 33 staff members
 - 19 other community members not connected by student or employment to the district.
 - Additionally, five English and one Spanish hard-copy surveys were received and nine online Spanish surveys.
 - Some respondents fall in to more than one category.
- Overwhelming response (74%) of all respondents prefer not to have early release days.
- 86% of all respondents prefer a more consistent calendar with days off.
- Several responses indicated that daycare costs would not affect them, but there were concerns for others affected by increased daycare implications.
- Chrisman noted that regardless of calendar, she and Corey Sabo will be working together to develop a food program that provides lunches for students on no school days. Exploring a new wellness grant through BOCES to see if it can be utilized to help fund costs of program.
- Positive trends for calendar option #1 –
 - Later start date in August
 - Few early release days.
- Negative trends for option #1 –
 - Little consistency
- Roughly, 40% of all respondents would support option #1.

- Positive trends for calendar option #2 –
 - Little early release days
 - More snow days
 - Same start day for K-12
 - More consistent than option #1, but still not particularly consistent,
 - Ten minute increase in school day is not bad
 - Two PD days per month are a good number for teachers.
- Negative trends for option #2 –
 - Overwhelming dislike for earlier start date in August
 - Teachers dislike inconsistency for planning purposes
 - Parents indicate calendar is confusing.
- In response to comments in regard to teachers using weekends and summer break to complete PD days, Chrisman stated that it is important to note that adding those hours would cost the district approximately \$30,000 per day.
- Current contracts and salary schedules are based on 180 days. Goal is to keep hours the same by rearranging for instructional needs.
- Important to promote how PD days are utilized, not always just training, also includes R.T.I (response to team intervention), collaboration to support kids, planning and others. Chrisman also noted that teachers need time to plan to better address student needs, quality of work is better than quantity.
- Roughly 40% of all respondents support option #2, similar to option #1.
- Positive trends for option #3 –
 - Consistency
 - Time for family and appointments
 - No early release days
- Negative trends –
 - Kids need to be in school
 - Too closely resembles four-day week
 - Early start in August
- Roughly 75% of all respondents support option #3.
- Chrisman stated that she was hoping to receive at least fifty additional completed surveys, but noted that a good number was completed. She also noted that she greatly appreciated the thought and effort put in to the surveys. The responses were well thought out and constructive, giving the Board good insight to make a decision.
- President Ross asked to see parent percentages of support on each option.
- Director Galles noted that the largest dislike for option #2 is the early start in August. Asking what the parent approval would be for option #2, should the school start date be moved to later in August, as in option #1.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that she has spoken with Rachel Garcia and two school administrators in review of calendar options #2 and #3 to move the school start date later in August, tweaking the calendar, rearranging some of the days to make it work for the later start date. Calendar option #3 has little room for adjustment, due to limited days. Some flexibility in December and April gives back three days, allowing for later start in August with 158 days rather than 160. An additional ten minute school day will give four and half

snow days, fifteen minutes will make six and a half. In theory, adding twelve minutes to school day would allow for five snow days which is the goal.

- Chrisman noted that the calendar will continuously be analyzed. Should it not be found to work well, or be utilized efficiently, it will be revisited in following school years.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that Vice President Baucke informed her via telephone call that he supports options #2 or #3.
- Rachel Garcia added that on behalf of the teachers, they will make it work regardless. The extra day in option #3 provides for better planning, interventions and working with other teachers in order to be more beneficial to student needs. Galles commented that option #2 will allow this as well. Garcia agreed.
- Secretary/Treasurer Langley commented that she supports option #2 with the later start, but she is not comfortable with 158 days.
- Community member Duane Brown asked to see student response on option #3.
- Chrisman stated that she would ask for approval for a calendar with the exact hours to be determined. Schedules need to be further looked at.
- Discussion at this point is to reverse bus schedule so elementary will not have as much level of day expending as high school.
- Chrisman noted that the additional minutes cannot be at lunch, it must be instructional minutes.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Control Panel

Moved by Galles, seconded by Langley to approve control panel project with Rasmussen as presented.

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

9.2 1st Reading – Policy ECAF – Use of Safety and Security Technologies

Moved by Langley, seconded by Galles to approve 1st reading of Policy ECAF – Use of Safety and Security Technologies as presented.

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

9.3 1st Reading – Regulation ECA-R – Use of Safety and Security Technologies

Moved by Holtorf, seconded by Langley to approve 1st Reading – Regulation ECA-R – Use of Safety and Security Technologies as presented.

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

9.4 Ratify the Closing of School on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 for Purpose of Funeral

Moved by Galles, seconded by Langley to approve ratify closing of school on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 for purpose of funeral.

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

9.5 Ratify Changing of No School/PD Day on Friday, April 28, 2017 to a Student Contact Makeup Day due to Closing of School on Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Moved by Langley, seconded by Holtorf to approve ratify changing of No School/PD Day on Friday, April 28, 2017 to a student contact makeup day due to closing of school on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

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

9.6 Approval 2017-2018 School Calendar

Moved by Galles, seconded by Holtorf to approve 2017-2018 School Calendar Option #2 with revised late August start, hours to be determined, and a minimum of five snow days.

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

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Condolences to the Turvey family
- Celebrations –
 - Congratulations to Yuma Ladies Basketball Team for 3rd place finish in state tournament.
 - Morris Elementary awarded Governor's Award for Growth. Reception planned for April 3rd at 1:00 pm.
- Watching budget closely with Sherry Dennis-Murphy. Not receiving much forecast information from state legislature.
- Budgeting needs for HVAC and other capital needs; lighting, floors, sprinklers, general maintenance
- Insurance Committee met on March 20th. Preliminary increase came in at 24%, roughly \$200,000. Will meet again before making recommendation at April Board meeting for insurance next year.
- Will work with Janna before next meeting to complete classified notice of assignments and certified staff contracts based on new calendar.
- Policy overhaul is 95% complete. Some financial policies need to be revisited. Will take three to four months to be compiled by CASB. On track for summer approval of new policy manual.
- Jodene Boerner added to celebrations –
 - Denae Bauprez, Paul Brophy and Cody Robinson made it to State Science Fair!
 - Cody Robinson selected to attend ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair) in Los Angeles with Amy Melby in March!
 - Amy Melby selected as Regional Science Fair Teacher of the Year!
- Math and Science Fair will be held April 6th at NJC. Yuma Middle School and Yuma High School will be participating.

11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

- President Ross thanked the staff for handling the tragedy with excellence. It is encouraging to know the kids are well taken care of at school.
- Director Holtorf agreed that the district and teachers have done an excellent job with helping the kids cope.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.
Moved by Langley, seconded by Holtorf to adjourn the meeting.
Voting Aye: 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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