

Yuma School District-1
May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting
Yuma School District-1

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President

Marc Baucke, Vice President

Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

Thomas Holtorf, Director

Lindsey Galles, Director

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Angela Weathers, Executive Secretary

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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017 in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman added Item 8.1.2 to Personnel Resignations; Samantha McCoy, YMS Sped Para and Discussion Item 8.7/Action Item 9.7; Disposition of Old School Property.

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

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

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 April 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Langley to approve the April 10, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Financial Report as of April 30, 2017

ENCLOSURE

- Sec/Treas. Langley asked about ELL Grant. Superintendent Chrisman explained that the CDE is allowing Principal Chapman to use funds originally designated for a literacy coach. The Grant money paid for six people, including Vicky Savolt and Keri Chapman to travel to New Orleans for a conference, additional iPads, Mineos and swivels.

- Langley wanted to know if mechanical repairs on the busses were done for the year. Chrisman replied that there are currently no new needs for repairs.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Galles, to approve the Financial Report as of April 30, 2017 as presented.

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

4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

Motion by Langley, seconded by Baucke, to approve the Check Register as presented.

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST

Becky Lubbers addressed the Board, asking that they consider veteran teachers when revising the current salary schedule. She added that the current salary cap at 20 years does not provide for any cost of living increases. She suggested some form of longevity or cost of living stipend for veteran teachers who have reached the salary cap. Additionally, Mrs. Lubbers spoke of the SOLE (Schools and Outdoor Learning) program. This is the second year in the three-year program in which the fourth grade is partnering with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to educate and encourage students and families to participate in the Colorado outdoors. One hundred twenty-eight third and fourth grade students, along with their families, participated in the Family Nature Night activity as part of the SOLE program. Mrs. Lubbers stated that the fourth grade hope to continue the SOLE program, along with the History Colorado program.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

None

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

President Ross recognized a thank you note sent by Kevin Mathias. Mr. Ross stated that he and the Board greatly appreciate the acknowledgment.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Personnel

8.1.1 Recommendations

- Heidi Chrissinger – Summer Credit Recovery Monitor
 - Kristiana Rutledge – 5/6 Science and Social Studies
 - Ian Blake – 9-12 English
- o President Ross asked if all teacher recommendations are licensed. Chrisman stated that one currently does not, but the contract includes stipulation in regard to licensure.

8.1.2 Resignations

- Corey Sabo – Food Service Director
- Kristen Bargeon – 3rd Grade
- Maria Rodriguez – YMS ESL Para
- Tasha Foster – YMS Sped Para

8.1.3 2017-2018 Little Indians Preschool and Para Notice of Assignments

- Chrisman stated the enclosure presented concludes the Notice of Assignments for Little Indians Preschool and the Para-professionals for the 2017-18 school year.

8.2 2016-2017 Supplemental Budget

- Sherry Dennis-Murphy stated that, if all billing goes as expected, the district will go in to reserves \$453,000. She is requesting an even \$500,000 in order to cover both sides for audit purposes, adding that changes before or after July 1 can affect the amount.

8.3 Salary Schedule

- Superintendent Chrisman presented the Board with a suggested revision to the current salary schedule that would address both ends of the schedule.
- Raise the base on the low end to be comparable with other districts in the area.
- Chrisman proposed raising base the \$33,000 and decreasing steps to \$500 from the current \$1123 per step.
- On the high end, for longevity, adding \$500 increments per year for employees who have met the twenty-year salary cap.
- Chrisman noted that longevity will be paid beginning in 2017-18 and will not be retro-active.
- Updated salary schedule will affect seventeen current employees; seven in years zero to three and ten who have met the cap. This would add \$13,648 to salary budget for 17-18.
- Director Holtorf asked how the district's benefits compare with nearby districts. Chrisman replied that PERA is consistent and healthcare is comparable.
- Kim Langley asked if the benefit amounts that the district pays for is listed for the employees. Dennis-Murphy stated that payroll stubs include the district's contributions for medical and life insurance as well as PERA.
- President Ross commented that he very much appreciates the longevity that the veteran teachers have committed to Yuma School District and the students. He added that when the salary schedule was addressed previously, the Board was aware that it would need additional "tweaking."
- Lindsey Galles commented that the salary schedule must be revised. Adding that she does not agree with a cap, the district needs incentive for experienced teachers to stay. Holtorf agreed that the experienced teachers must not be ignored.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that the proposed salary schedule revision covers both new and experienced teachers. Galles agreed that it gives incentive to stay with Yuma.

8.4 Resolution to Dissolve Head Start Program

- Chrisman met with Carla Campos, Head Start Director and superintendents from Wray to determine best way to serve student needs in area resulting in resolution to dissolve partnership.
- Head Start slots will be filled with sixteen CPP slots.
- Seven students from Head Start will be returning, they will receive priority placement in enrollment.
- Ana Arvizo will continue as Director of Little Indians, additional hours will be added to paras and there will be two teachers.
- Arvizo will work with Morris Elementary Principal, Keri Chapman to align curriculum. Yuma School District-1 will have PreK-12 vertical alignment.
- Head Start will make in-kind donation of playground equipment and several pieces of indoor equipment, if allowable, to Little Indians for exchange of use of the Little Indians Preschool building while operating in Yuma.
- Little Indians Preschool will need to purchase additional furniture.

8.5 Activity Trip Request

- Michael Dischner/Rory Lynch – Bolder Boulder Racer's Club annual trip to Bolder Boulder.

8.6 Ratify Activity Trip Request

- Jamie Nighswonger – 6th Grade Career Day/ICAP Career Exploration to Northwest Kansas Technical College.
 - Chrisman noted that the trip has already taken place. It was a last minute invitation that she approved. For policy compliance, trip must be ratified by Board.

8.7 School Property Disposition

- Trever Neb presented a list of district property that has been stored, needing disposed of.
- Chrisman added that in order to comply with policy, the disposition of old school property must be declared obsolete or surplus by the Board and sold at the highest bidder.
- Neb has an auctioneer lined up, auction date needs scheduled.
- Ross asked if the Ag Department has been contacted for use of any of the items listed, Neb replied they have, they do not have use for items.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approval of Personnel

Motion by Baucke, seconded by Galles to approve Personnel Recommendations as presented.

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

9.2 2016 - 2017 Supplemental Budget

Motion by Langley, seconded by Holtorf to approve 2016- 017 Supplemental Budget as presented.

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

9.3 Salary Schedule

Motion by Langley, seconded Galles by to approve Salary Schedule as presented.

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

9.4 Approval of Resolution to Dissolve Head Start Program

Motion by Baucke, seconded by Holtorf to approve Resolution to Dissolve Head Start Program as presented; read aloud by Secretary/Treasurer Kim Langley.

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

9.5 Approval of Activity Trip Request

Motion by Galles, seconded by Langley to approve Activity Trip Request as presented.

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

9.6 Approval of Ratify Activity Trip Request

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Baucke to approve Ratify Activity Trip Request

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

9.7 Approval of Disposition of Old School Property
Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Baucke to approve of Disposition of Old School Property
Voting Aye: Baucke, Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Motion Carried.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Sherry Dennis-Murphy composed a Statement of Loss from recent windstorm.
- Addressed community concerns pertaining to work performed on district office building by non-local contractors.
 - District prefers local, however CSD SIP (Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool) deemed awnings on building a safety hazard. Insurance hired contractors to tear down.
 - District will submit advertisement in Yuma Pioneer for contractors interested in working on projects at the schools to contact the district office.
- Lights in the Pit have been updated, floors will begin in June.
- Will attend BEST Grant review meeting on May 17th and make presentation with Brian from Rasmussen. Will hopefully know by the 18th if grant approved.
- Senate Bill 267 – Sustainability of Rural Colorado passed State Senate and is heading to House. District could possibly receive one-time payment of \$175,000 if bill passes House; would cover salary and health benefits for 2017-18 school year.
- Preliminary budget for 2017-18 will be ready for Board approval in June.
- Board members are invited to sit up front, along the stage for graduation. Director Thomas Holtorf is invited to present his son's diploma.
- Upcoming May dates for Yuma School District-1
 - 9th – YMS Band and Choir Concert @ 1:00pm
 - 10th – YHS Band and Choir Concert @ 7:00pm
 - 12th – District Baseball – Hosting
 - 13th – District Baseball - Hosting
 - 16th – YHS Sports Physicals
Graduation Practice
Senior Awards Night
 - 17th – FFA Kiddie Barn Yard
 - 18th – YMS Free Physicals
 - 21st – YHS Graduation @ 1:00pm
 - 23rd – 8th Grade Promotion @ 7:00pm followed by dance
 - 25th – Last Day of School
YHS Underclassman Awards
Fundraiser Benefit Dinner/Auction for Cheyanne Woodward @ 5:30pm

11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

- Dan Ross commented that he would like to again thank the staff for their hard work and dedication.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

School Board President Dan Ross called Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) with the members of the Board, the Executive Secretary and Superintendent present.

- On May 8, 2017 at 8:14pm, Board President Dan Ross began Executive Session. Present were Board members Marc Baucke, Kim Langley, Thomas Holtorf, Lindsey Galles and Dan Ross. Also present were Superintendent Dianna Chrisman, Executive Secretary Angela Weathers and District Legal Counsel Beth Friel via telephone.
- Attorney Beth Friel of Caplan & Ernest, legal counsel for Yuma School District-1 announced that discussion during Executive Session is attorney/client privileged communication, at which time recording ceased.
- Recording resumed at 8:29pm, Attorney Beth Friel restated that the information discussed during Executive Session was attorney/client privileged communication. Dan Ross moved to conclude Executive Session.

Motion by: Langley, seconded by Holtorf to conclude Executive Session.

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


13.0 ADJOURNMENT


The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Holtorf seconded by Galles to adjourn the meeting.

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

Sincerely,


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


Dan Ross, President
Yuma School District-1
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