

Yuma School District-1  
August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting  
Yuma School District-1

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Ross, President	Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
Marc Baucke, Vice President	Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager
Kim Langely, Secretary/Treasurer	Angela Weathers, Executive Secretary
Thomas Holtorf, Director	
Lindsey Galles, Director	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**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, August 21, 2017 in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

- Superintendent Chrisman noted additions made to revised agenda; 4.3.1 Donations to 4.0 Routine Business and 8.0 Discussion Item; 8.1 Recommendations – Kent Chrisman, Yuma Middle School Dean of Students.

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

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

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 July 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Motion by Langley, seconded by Baucke to approve the July 17, 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 July 31, 2017

ENCLOSURE

- Secretary/Treasurer Langley asked what the large payment made to Rasmussen covered. Sherry Dennis-Murphy replied that is covered Phase 1.
- Superintendent Chrisman asked if there has been any reimbursement yet from the BEST grant. Dennis-Murphy stated that nothing has been received so far.
- Langley asked if the insurance expenses are for half of the district's yearly premium. Dennis-Murphy replied that it is for the entire year, but there will likely be more added throughout the year.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Baucke, to approve the Financial Report as of July 31, 2017 as presented.

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

#### 4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

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

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

#### 4.3 Donations

##### 4.3.1 Yuma Ag Service

- President Dan Ross read aloud a donation statement made by Jerry McPherson of Yuma Ag Service for the 2017-18 school year, adding that Mr. McPherson's generosity is greatly appreciated.
- Superintendent Chrisman added that there will be discussion during the next administration meeting in regard to disbursing the funds from the donation among district schools.

#### 5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST

None

#### 6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- President Ross noted that questions from the community audience are welcome during the scheduled presenters.

##### 6.1 Rasmussen – HVAC System Planning

- Bruce Rasmussen of Rasmussen Mechanical Services presented to the Board an update on the work that is being completed at the Yuma Middle School.
- Phase 1 of the project; installing controls is complete; there was one issue, but it was being taken care of.
- Proposed quote for Phase 2; replacing existing steam boiler in YMS with energy efficient boiler with chiller option.
- Quote includes costs for a 2-pipe or 4-pipe system. Rasmussen recommends 4-pipe system to allow for simultaneous heating and cooling.
- Superintendent Chrisman asked if the timeframe for Phase 2 would fall within the summer months of 2018 and would allow for possibility of another BEST Grant.
  - Rasmussen noted that he recommends purchasing sooner, rather than later in order to lock-in price and ensure that the unit and materials are available for work to begin.
- Chrisman wanted to know if unit is replaced, will replacement parts and materials needing repair be available ten years from now, or will the unit likely become obsolete?
  - Rasmussen noted that the unit should not become obsolete.

- Kim Langley wanted to know what length of warranty is on the work and unit.
  - Brian Sobnosky stated that the work is guaranteed for one year from the time of completion; equipment has manufacturer's warranties.
- Chrisman asked if it is possible to get prices for a few other manufacturer's units in order to make a price comparison.
  - Rasmussen stated that their company prefers working with Lochinvar, but will be able to acquire pricing on others.
- Rasmussen recommends completing a long-term capital improvement plan that will include reviewing and replacing boiler unit and adding cooling to middle school areas near the commons area and gymnasium, as well as the elementary school gymnasium that will include needing an evaluation by a structural engineer.

#### 6.2 CSDSIP – Insurance Claim Work

- Thad Edwards of Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP) presented to answer community concerns arising from recent insurance claim repair work completed to district buildings by non-local contractors.
  - Superintendent Chrisman noted that insurance claims stemmed from weather damage sustained to district buildings, repair work began in May.
- Shawn Cox of Blue Sky additionally answered community concerns. Stating that CSDSIP contracts with Blue Sky who then subcontracts to complete claim work.
  - Work will be completed over next two weeks, with the exception of replacement of the district office awning that was removed due to safety concerns of structural integrity.
- Dan Ross stated that the community's concerns are in regards to work not being completed locally, asking Mr. Edwards to explain how CSDSIP handles the claims and contracting.
  - Thad Edwards explained that CSDSIP is not an insurance company; rather an insurance pool derived of school districts that partners with contractors to complete repairs to school districts belonging to the pool in the fastest, most cost-effective way, working in the best interest of the school district.
- Rick Whitehead, of Pro Disposal spoke of concerns as a member of the community and as a business owner. He asked if other such concerns have occurred with other districts who are members of the insurance pool and how such issues were handled. Additionally, he stated that he is familiar with the contracting companies and the problem with rates that he and other local business owners cannot compete with.

- Lindsey Galles stated that the school district rallies on the generosity of the community and local businesses with their support of the students and the school district. She wanted to know how the district is to maintain their relationship with the local business owners when issues such as this arise that are seemingly not in the control of the district or the Board when claims are handled.
- Thad Edwards stated that the district may choose to go with a local vendor, however, if another lesser quote is received that can complete the work whether it is a local vendor, or not, CSDSIP will only cover the lesser amount, the school district will have to pay the difference.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that the district has published in the Yuma Pioneer for local contractors/vendors to contact the district office in order to provide their information to CSDSIP, however, there has been no response. Adding that the vendors may contact the district office or give their information directly to CSDSIP.
- Ross added that the second claim for damage sustained to the transportation building when the roof collapsed is a claim for Blue Sky, not the school district. Therefore, the district has no control over who Blue Sky's insurance chooses to repair the damage.

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 8.1 Personnel

#### 8.1.1 Recommendations

- Joseph Oss – YMS Math
- Rebecca Anne Ptacnik – MES Secretary
- Anthony Castillo – MES SPED Para
- Jovonna Martinez – MES SPED Para
- Cassie Baucke – YMS Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
- Kent Chrisman – Volunteer YHS Boys Golf Coach
- Kent Chrisman – YMS Dean of Students
- Sydney Clarkson – YHS Head Track Coach
- Mollie Haruf – YMS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- Jill Mekelburg – YMS Head 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
- Garrett Pickens – Volunteer YHS Football Coach
- Marylu Dischner – YMS Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
- Morgan Spencer – YHS Assistant Softball Coach
- Kali Trejo – YHS Head 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
- Vice President Marc Baucke stated concerns for hiring Kent Chrisman as YMS Dean of Students.
  - May cause issues though K. Chrisman may be best qualified

- Superintendent Chrisman noted that Dean of Students position is extra-duty.
- Kim Langley stated her understanding of position is T.O.S.A.
- Brenda Kloberdanz, Yuma Middle School Principal stated that the position is an interim position that will be re-evaluated in April.
- Tony Rayl, from the Yuma Pioneer asked if Principal Kloberdanz did the hiring.
  - Chrisman stated that Mrs. Kloberdanz interviewed qualified candidates.
  - Kloberdanz noted that the selection committee consisted of several teachers and administration.
  - Superintendent Chrisman was not involved in selection and will not have involvement in any supervisory or decision-making processes.

#### 8.1.2 Resignations

- Sharon Pounds – MES Secretary
- Isis Garcia – MES ESL Para
- Mindy Garcia – MES SPED Para

#### 8.1.3 2017-18 Extra Duty Assignments

#### 8.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for November 7, 2017 Election

- Chrisman stated that this is the general agreement for the election.
- Angie Weathers (Designated Election Official) added that the agreement delegates the responsibilities of the district and the county clerk's office for the election.

#### 8.3 Ratify E-Waste Recycling

##### 8.3.1 Pick-up date June 29, 2017

##### 8.3.2 Pick-up date July 5, 2017

- President Ross asked if there were costs associated with the removal.
  - Sherry Dennis-Murphy stated there were not costs.
  - Superintendent Chrisman added that Brandi Clarkson moved on the opportunity to utilize the free recycling and that the electronics had no value.

#### 8.4 Out of District Transportation Request

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that the district received a letter from Haxtun schools asking permission to have a Haxtun school bus travel in to the Yuma School District to provide transportation to five families that attend Haxtun Schools.
- Marc Baucke asked if the same permissions are given to other area districts, such as Lonestar.
  - Chrisman answered that they are not.

- Dan Ross and Lindsey Galles stated that the district cannot allow permissions for one district and not another.

#### 8.5 LEA Plan

- Beth Dischner stated that the school districts are required to post how federal funds are used within the district in order to request federal funds on the consolidated application.
- Presenting to the public at the board meeting is the third posting; the LEA Plan also published in the Yuma Pioneer for four weeks and on the school website.
- Classes provided by Kris Van Deraa last year through the use funds received as part of the consolidated application was very well attended by parents.

#### 8.6 State Assessment and Data Report

- Presented by Superintendent Chrisman
  - Report is based on participation; not enough students to list Geometry, IPS's are difficult to analyze.
  - Good growth, would like to see proficiency. See improvements, kid for kid.
  - Not where district wants to be, heading in right direction.
  - Hitting 50% growth goals of state growth data.
  - Language Arts seeing greater improvement than math, overall
  - Grade 4, in to grade 5 not showing improvement, investigating why, not teacher-related. Possible difficulty of transition too great.
  - PSAT and SAT information coming in, will present by next meeting.

### 9.0 ACTION ITEMS

#### 9.1 Approval of Personnel

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to approve Personnel as presented.

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

#### 9.2 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for November 7, 2017 Election

Motion by Baucke, seconded by Langley to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for November 7, 2017 Election as presented.

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

#### 9.3 Approval of Ratifying E-Waste Recycling

Motion by Langley, seconded by Baucke to approve 9.3.1 Ratifying E-Waste Recycling Pick-up Date June 29, 2017 as presented.

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

Motion by Baucke, seconded by Holtorf to approve 9.3.2 Ratifying E-Waste Recycling Pick-up Date July 5, 2017 as presented.

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

#### 9.4 Approval of Out of District Transportation Request

Motion by Galles, seconded by Langley to NOT approve Out of District Transportation Request.

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

## 10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Little Indians Preschool enrollment is at 26 CPP slots, 12 self-pay, 16 IEPs. Anticipate full enrollment by end of the week.
- Beginning monthly 15-minutes reports on KNEC on the Mondays following the board meetings.
  - Will occasionally have Brady Nighswonger on for Yuma athletics, and building administrators.
  - Will possibly try to put link on school website to recording of interview
- Surplus auction brought in approximately \$4300; did not have to pay anything for haul away.
- Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> is first day of school for K-12; Little Indians Preschool begin August 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Calendar change noted – first year K-12 begin on same day, teachers and admin will assess change.
- Policy Overhaul –
  - Hope to have policies ready for first reading at September meeting
  - May need to readdress some of the policies that may have changed since beginning of overhaul.
- Athletics – Practice has officially started for all fall sports
  - Middle School Volleyball – 35 players; 23 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 12 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Middle School Football – 25 players
  - High School Volleyball – 27 players; 14 freshmen
  - High School Football – 37 players
  - High School Golf – 11 players; one is from Otis
  - High School Softball – 13 players
  - High School Cross Country – 14 runners
- Requesting that October board meeting be moved to the 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Selected for national conference in Florida; 90% expenses paid
  - Kim Langley noted that Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> does not work for her
  - Chrisman stated that possibly another date can be selected, board meeting likely will have 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policies; important to have full board attendance.
- Director Lindsey Galles asked what the policy is for the number of coaches per sport
  - Chrisman stated that policy reads: There will be no assistant coach for any sport that has 15 or less students on a regular basis. If a sport's participation drops below 15 students, the administration will make a decision about assistant coaching positions based on the needs of the activity involved.
  - Galles, added that, from experience, a coach should not be in a position where there are too many athletes. But, on the other hand, it doesn't seem necessary to have four coaches for twenty athletes.

- Chrisman noted that she does not agree with minimums, for safety and supervisory purposes; coach/athlete ratio should meet certain specifications.
- Extra-duty Coaches policy will be revisited
- JoAnn Runge, Transportation Co-Supervisor asked what the policy is on transporting out of district athletes.
  - Chrisman stated that there are a certain number of spots for out of district athletes and athletic fee is 150% of in-district fee; this includes fuel use charges.
- Dan Ross asked how does this work when two districts combine to form a team with each district having a coach  
Chrisman stated this is a co-op and there are different criteria.

#### 11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

- Director Thomas Holtorf thanked Jerry McPherson for his donation.
  - Dan Ross added that the community provides for the district well and it is greatly appreciated.

#### 13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Holtorf seconded by Langley 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  
Board of Education