

Yuma School District-1
March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President

Duane Brown, Vice President

Thomas Holtorf, Director

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

Lindsey Galles, Director

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Dan Ross called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:09 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman noted the following addition:
 - ❖ Additions
 - Employee Authorization of Benjamin Inouye as YHS Volunteer Track Coach.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf to approve agenda addition as presented.

Voting Aye: Brown, Holtorf, Ross. Motion Carried.

*President Ross made note for the record the absence of Lindsey Galles and Kim Langley.

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the month of February.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$713,222; Revenue \$975,386; Payroll and Benefits \$569,526
 - ❖ Noted expenses:
 - Several small bills ranging from \$1000 down to \$20 through the month
 - Largest bill paid in February was to Rasmussen for repairs throughout the district in the amount of \$10,485
 - ❖ Donations were noted
- Dennis-Murphy reported the Audit and Pipeline submission was completed. A letter from the State was made available reading that all inquiries were answered and the corrections have been made thus being finalized.
- Dennis-Murphy asked for any questions to which Vice President Brown responded by asking what the difference, for general fund purposes, is between the property tax line item and the mill levy override line item in the revenue report. Dennis-Murphy responded

that the auditor likes the district to split this. When the property tax comes in it is not specified how much money is for the mill levy override or if it is just property taxes. The auditor has the district take 8.75% of the total collected and put it into this fund, corrections are made throughout the audit, and then it is reported correctly to the State. The override has to be kept separate in order to report correctly to the State. Brown asked how often this is reported to which Dennis-Murphy responded that it is reported once a year, after the audit is complete. General discussion followed regarding this process.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf to approve the financial report as presented.
Voting Aye: Brown, Holtorf, Ross. Motion carried.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 February 18, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of February 28, 2019

4.2.2 February 2019 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ \$700 from Yuma Boosters to Boys Basketball for State
- ❖ \$700 from Yuma Boosters to Girls Basketball for State
- ❖ \$500 from Yuma Boosters to YHS Band for State BB
- ❖ \$630 from Bank of Colorado to Boys and Girls BB for meal/room at State Tournament
- ❖ \$418 from Mark Roth Farms for Girls Basketball jackets
- ❖ \$2500 from Bill Heberlein for Boys Volleyball uniforms
- ❖ \$675 from Knights of Columbus for Special Education

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Rich Noble – YHS Girls Golf Assistant Volunteer

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Kathy Van Arsdale – Float/Para

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Brown to approve Consent Agenda as presented.
Voting Aye: Brown, Holtorf, Ross. Motion Carried.

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- None

7.0 CORRESPONDANCE

- Audit Finance Data Pipeline

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 19-20 Calendar Approval

- Superintendent Chrisman reported that the calendar was completed with a simplified process this year with no specific committee as has been done in the past. The general consensus was that the calendar worked well making this a good option for next year. The admin council has had general discussions on the calendar. There are some significant changes in athletics schedule for next year with spring events, such as State Track and State Baseball, but everything else easily fell in line. Chrisman noted the difference between calendar option A and calendar option B is the January 13th, Martin Luther King Day. The recommendation from the Admin Team is to accept calendar option A because it maintains consistency and has alleviated confusion from years past in having some Mondays and some Fridays off. The only Mondays off in this calendar are in September for Labor Day and in February for President's Day. The rest of the days off are on Fridays, making this a consistent calendar. Chrisman also noted that the teacher and student contact days stayed the same, no significant changes.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf to accept calendar option A as presented.

Voting Aye: Brown, Holtorf, Ross. Motion carried.

8.2 Ratify School Closures – Early Release 3/13, Cancellation 3/14

- Superintendent Chrisman noted that the early release day worked very well in regards to timing of the poor weather conditions. All area roads remained closed on 3/14. President Ross noted that the wind on 3/14 would have been very dangerous for the buses.
- Chrisman shared that there is currently conversation with the transportation department regarding options for days where buses are unable to do country routes due to circumstances such as frozen brake lines, etc. Options are being discussed as to whether students living in town, as well as students living in the country who were able, could go ahead and attend school when it is not an inclement weather situation. Chrisman reiterated that no decisions have been made but this is only conversation at this point.
- Chrisman reports that with taking this last day and a half, we are now at three and a half days out. We do still have some room in case of another weather day. YMS

is the closest to being out of days as their schedule is slightly different changing their daily hours. MES and YHS look fine right now. Superintendent Chrisman will be working with YMS to make some adjustments to compensate for the possibility of another weather day.

Motion made by Brown, seconded by Holtorf to ratify the school closures – early release 3/13, cancellation 3/14.

Voting Aye: Brown, Holtorf, Ross. Motion carried.

8.3 BEST Application Discussion

- Superintendent Chrisman reported the district received the initial clarification questions from the CDE's office approximately 2 weeks ago. The district has been working with the Neenan Company to clarify those questions and most of them have been answered at this time. A question in concern is the amount of square footage that the district is asking for. The district is looking at some areas where there could be a reduction in class sizes. What we are asking in the BEST Grant Application and the building we are requesting for is based on that Master Plan. If the district were to reduce class sizes or some of the other areas that the Master Plan supports, then in essence, we would be going against the Master Plan. At this point, the district does not feel that there should be any square footage changes based on the belief that the Master Plan is the right plan and right building for our district.
- Vice President Brown added that Neenan provided a chart showing our application shows the district at roughly 500 square feet per student at YHS, whereas the guidelines would have the district at 200 square feet per student, putting the district significantly above the guidelines. Therefore, in making the presentation of answers, the district will tell BEST and CDE that the district has existing facilities, ie, the pit, auditorium, cafeteria/commons area at YHS that all get calculated into this 500 square feet per student. Even though these are functional and usable spaces the district would request the square footage of those be set aside taking the square footage down from 500 to 350 square footage per student. Basically, the district does have the program needs for the space being requested in a new addition to the high school and the district should not be penalized for building something bigger 44 years ago that doesn't meet current guidelines.
- General discussion followed regarding this information and the potential significance of historical site designation in the future. Chrisman concluded that the district has a compelling argument moving forward.

8.4 GASB Statement 84 Initial Discussion

- Superintendent Chrisman informed the board of some work that will be done with the buildings and the district office in the next couple of months. GASB stands for Governmental Accounting Standards Board and they provide rules, regulations, guidelines, and etc. To summarize, the GASB Statement 84 is saying that with Activity Accounts there is always the understanding that these accounts are still district dollars and the district is responsible in some way for those funds. Statement 84 provides that any of the line items in the activity funds will need to have a budget at the beginning of the year. This means every activity group will have to have a budget for what they plan to spend and what their revenues will look like. The other piece of this is exploring how the district monitors those monies and the district may need to make some changes and build it into the district's SDS system. The funds would still be separate but would enable streamlined tracking. This goes into effect July 1 obligating the district to have a plan in place at the end of this fiscal year.
- Business Manager Dennis-Murphy states this will change how we report to the State, as well, making it necessary to put it into the district's general system so when she completes the pipeline it will be run through as the State requires. Thus, the need to have it be part of the district's SDS system. Dennis-Murphy reports that the district auditor, Scott, will assist in helping get things in line and will visit each school to make sure everything is in line and accounted for. She will also be working with the SDS system to help figure out how to handle this. Dennis-Murphy states she already uses the SDS Activity Accounts program for the middle and elementary schools so the district would just need to incorporate the high school and Little Indians into that account. The hope is this will then roll into the general account for reporting.
- Chrisman stated that a meeting with the buildings administrations were planned for 3/14/19, which was when school was cancelled due to weather, to start discussions on this process. This will be rescheduled next week.
- Vice President Brown asked what GASB is really trying to accomplish, as the district may have quite a few of these activity accounts but yet they are fairly small. Chrisman and Dennis-Murphy both responded that GASB is looking for transparency and accountability.

8.5 Budget Discussion

- Superintendent Chrisman reported that impacting the 18-19 year there was essentially a rescission in the supplemental budget at the State level. There were some differences in total per pupil numbers across the State so what was projected to be in the State fund for education was more than

it was supposed to be when the final counts came in. For the district this means they are taking back, for the 18-19 year, \$9,468 between now and July 1st.

- Chrisman also reported on the potential for full-day kindergarten being delayed at this point. The district has not heard about the small rural funds that have been received in the past. The district is watching for those numbers. This year the small rural funds were \$280,000. These are one time funds that the district tends to use for district capital needs. This money has been extremely beneficial to the small rural groups.
- Chrisman stated that the district's Colorado School District Self-Insurance Pool that provides the district's facility and transportation insurance has come in with an 86% increase in premiums, which equates to approximately an additional \$100,000. The first round of health insurance premium renewals came in showing a 17% increase, which is about \$150,000 in new money. There are a couple of other groups willing to bid quotes for the district making it more competitive. The insurance coordinator feels the district may be able to negotiate the increase down to around 10%, which would still be roughly \$100,000.
- Chrisman will continue to listen for legislative updates.

9.0 Superintendent Report

❖ Superintendent Chrisman gave a report of happenings district wide.

- For the upcoming summer, Mrs. Chapman has applied for a summer meal program. If approved, the district will be able to provide to those in need two sack lunch type meals, as well as one sack of groceries, per week. Distributions would be Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00-1:00 in June, July and the first two weeks of August. This is a great benefit that Keri Chapman has gone out and done on her own and the district really appreciates her efforts.
- This year the district is finishing the three-year early literacy grant. The district has been invited to apply for a fourth year sustainability. The district wasn't sure what the funding would be used for but it has been opened up for technology, which the district does have a need for in additional chrome books, etc. Keri Chapman is planning to apply for these additional funds.
- Mr. Zahller has worked hard to bring the Colorado Symphony to Yuma. The MES students will go to YHS on April 22nd from 10:00 to 11:00 for a K-4 performance.
- At YHS there were 6 students who qualified for the State Science Fair in Ft. Collins and 2 of them have qualified for the ISEF National Competition. YHS also had 10 individuals that qualified for State Wrestling in both boys and girls wrestling. Blaze Brophy was the top finisher winning 5th place. FBLA has 70 students qualified for their state competition coming soon. YHS also has two back-to-back history making State Basketball titles with both boys and girls teams winning the state championship for the 2nd year in a row.

10.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

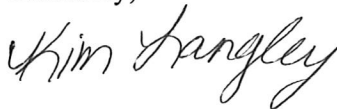
- President Ross reported on the CASB Special Delegate Assembly held in February. He stated there was a lot of discussion on the Mill Levy Equalization. Out of the delegates in attendance there were 6 no votes cast, of which he was one. The Governor was in attendance and spoke. The JBC was also there in support of the Mill Levy Equalization. President Ross stated that he feels this will not fix issues like Gallagher or Tabor, but instead will be more of a Band-Aid fix. Superintendent Chrisman added that one of the biggest concerns, even with the supporters, is there is no bill currently in place and therefore no guarantee that the increased funds will stay in education. President Ross stated he would not necessarily be opposed if there was some guarantee of where the money was going to go and if there was a means to fix Gallagher and Tabor. Chrisman reported that the outcome of the CASB Delegate Assembly is CASB does have a prepared position statement pending release of an official bill that has some components such as the money would stay in education, and that any school districts that could not generate that revenue would have provisions to hold harmless for a time frame. President Ross thanked the board for allowing him to attend.
- President Ross also stated his congratulations to the science fair students, the FBLA students, wrestlers and the basketball teams on their great years.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

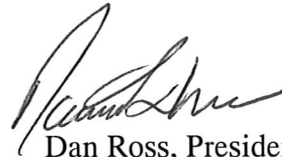
The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. by Dan Ross.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Holtorf to adjourn the meeting.
Voting Aye: Brown, Holtorf, 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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