

Yuma School District-1
September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President
Duane Brown, Vice President
Lindsey Galles, Director
Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager
Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Assistant

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

- Thomas Holtorf, 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 6:58 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that it has been requested that 4.4, Activity Trip Requests, be moved into discussion in order to acknowledge the various activities currently happening. Propose to move to 8.2.

President Ross made the motion to accept this change to the agenda. Seconded by Director Langley.

Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Langley, Ross. Absent: Holtorf. Motion carried.

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Dennis-Murphy gave the financial report for the month of August 2019.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$509,870
 - ❖ Revenue \$782,999
 - ❖ Payroll and Benefits \$573,856
 - ❖ Larger bills paid: Synscapes Colorado for playground grant \$21,683; Explore Learn for license \$3,295; Hoch Lumber for Insurance hail damage \$8,068.23 – Dennis Murphy reports she is working on getting this finalized for reimbursement, and the Crow's Nest was \$1,916.50; Lexa Learning Renewal for Read Act \$9,000; Strictly Technology for Chrome Books for the Read Act Match \$14,560.80; Bluff's for maintenance bulk supplies \$29,366; ball for

aquaponics system for the ag shop which was a grant for \$4,575.21.

- ❖ Dennis-Murphy reported that she has the Activity Fund 23 up and running with expenditures and revenues. There are a few bugs but so far so good.
- ❖ Reports with year-end information has been sent to Scott but those reports did not get put in the board packets. Those will be in October's reports.
- ❖ Dennis-Murphy called for questions. Vice-President Brown asked if she was happy with Fund 23. She responded yes with still needing to work out a few bugs with reports, etc. He also asked about the process of making payments out of the activity fund. She stated that there have been several bills paid out of there at this point. He pointed out that this adds a level of complexity for her to process the checks. She agreed. The process seems to be working well. Dennis-Murphy also explained the deposit process.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

- 4.1.1 August 19, 2019– Regular Board Meeting
- 4.1.2 August 28, 2019 – Special Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

- 4.2.1 Financial Reports as of August 31, 2019
- 4.2.2 August 2019 Check Register

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Recommendations

- Brendy Allen – YMS Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Michael Baucke – YHS Volunteer Football Coach
- Maria Del Jesus Varela – MES Para
- Till Volz – YHS ESL Teacher
- Angie Weathers – YMS Lunch Room Cashier
- Josh Rahe – YMS Tech Overload
- Joe Oss – YMS Tech Overload
- Christie Gallaway – YHS Para
- Davin Doyle – YHS Volunteer Football Coach
- LeAnn Eyring – YHS Para

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- Nickolas Bacon - Custodian

Motion by Vice President Brown to accept the consent agenda. Second by Langley.
Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Langley, Ross. Absent: Holtorf. Motion carried.

4.4 Assessment Calendar 2019-2020

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 YHS – Brady Nighswonger

- ❖ Principal Nighswonger gave the following report: Nighswonger thanked Superintendent Chrisman for the invitation to report to the Board. He referred to agenda item 4.4 that was moved to 8.2 reporting on each YHS activity trip listed. Nighswonger reported on Mr. Dischner's behalf the participation numbers at YHS: 8 girls out for cheer; 10 boy golfers; 19 softball players; 13 cross country runners; 28 volleyball players; 45 football players; - these equal 123 students out of 250 students at the high school who are actively involved in athletics. He reports this is one of the strengths YHS has in having so many students so actively involved. He went on to report that at the Jr. High level there are 30 football players; 30 volleyball players; equalling 60 students involved there. He reports our leaders are doing a great job getting students involved.
- ❖ Nighswonger also reported that Mr. Dischner always establishes a goal at the beginning of the school year. This year the goal is for his coaches to focus on character development. This goal is for all the groups to be really successful and for the students to be really good people as well.
- ❖ Principal Nighswonger reported on a couple of new groups getting started at YHS that the board may not be aware of: Sources of Strength – started last year. The focus is to get students that might not be leaders or involved in other groups and activities involved here, giving them a place to fit in. More information will follow as time goes along. The other group is the Game-Day Operations Crew that Mr. Dischner started last year as well. This is also for the purpose of getting students involved who are not involved in other things. The crew helps set up for sporting events, move officials back and forth, etc. Vice President Brown asked if there was a rough estimate of how many students are participating in each of these groups. Nighswonger responded that the Game Day Crew, depending on student availability, is about 6 students. He is not real sure of numbers in Sources of Strength as it is a Middle School program as well. He would estimate 20 at YHS and 20 at YMS, grades 6-8. Brown asked for clarification on what the Sources of Strength group does. Nighswonger reported that it is a program to reach out to students who are not involved in athletics or other groups to help them find a place where they have things in common with other students. It is about being positive and linking students together. It gives social and emotional support. Brown

asked if it was the same concept at YMS. Principal Kloberdanz responded yes and that it is about being up river instead of downstream for suicide prevention. To connect people from all walks of life, especially the adults in the student's lives. There are adult sponsors at YMS and YHS in this program. Nighswonger reports that Laurie Kjosness has taken the bulk of responsibility for this program.

- ❖ Nighswonger reported on the academic side as follows: Some good things have been implemented that he feels are going to be good for YHS moving forward. Some of this was started last school year. For two advisement times a month, each department along with Mr. Dischner and Ms. Reed meet to sit down and go through their individual programs. They look at positive things going on and also areas where improvement may be needed. This has been a good conversation builder to focus on things they are working on. He reports that also this year, committees were started in order to focus on professional development. This is an effort to make the professional development days more productive for the staff. Five different committees have been created strategically placing the teachers on the committee where they would have the greatest strength. The committees are: School Improvement Committee that will focus on maximizing the schedule and maximizing time students are in class; RTI Committee which is Response to Intervention to focus on kids that are struggling in any area – whether academics or emotional; Data Analysis Committee with sole responsibility to look at all of test scores to find correlation about what is good or what is missing and get that information to all the staff to find areas to improve upon; School Culture Committee to focus on maintaining a positive school culture between staff and students; CTE Work Study for teachers who are in that field. There is extra work for that staff to do to maintain their programs. They will be able to focus on the Work Study students that they need to check in with, etc.
- ❖ Nighswonger reported the Counseling Department has a College Fair coming in next week. They are not sure the number of colleges that will be attending at this point. Ms. Reed is working on ICAP plans to make sure all students are meeting the necessary needs there. Vice President Brown asked what ICAP stands for. Mr. Nighswonger reported it is a college readiness program on pathways, a college pathway or a workforce pathway. The state sets benchmarks the students need to meet starting in the 8th grade. This is a computer program where the student finds out what they should do after high school. Superintendent Chrisman stated that ICAP stands for Individual Career and Academic Plan. Every student has an academic and career plan. General discussion followed.
- ❖ Principal Nighswonger reported that there are building tours coming up. Mr. Dischner and he want to set up a specific mapped area that are included in the tour. These will be the next three Wednesdays.

- ❖ Nighswonger ended his report by stating that he really enjoys Yuma High School and the students there. He believes there are a lot of good things happening in Yuma with really good kids.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter – Kari Beauprez

- ❖ Director Langley summarized the letter – Kari Beauprez wrote that she was very pleased that YHS offers advanced courses and grateful that her daughter was able to take advantage of these classes. This has put her steps ahead in college helping financially and academically. The Beauprez's are very grateful for this program and the head start it provides for students.

8.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8.1 BEST Update

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported on the BEST process. The district did complete RFQ, Request for Qualifications, for the firms interested in being the district's Design Builder Group, which includes architects and actual construction work. There was a mandatory walk through and building tour with approximately 24 people participating, which represented about 8 or 9 different firms. The district had 4 firms that submitted proposals. The committee of Dan Ross, Duane Brown, Dianna Chrisman, and Dan Seedorf are currently looking at those proposals and scoring them to reduce the group down to 3 that will be invited for interviews. Chad Rayl, Project One, assisted with this process. At that point the district will ask for Request for Proposal that will be more specific as to what the firm brings to the table for the actual project. Interviews will be October 2nd with the intent of bringing a recommendation to the board at the October board meeting.
- ❖ Chrisman reports the district is also up-to-date with BEST requirements. Phase I environmental surveys were completed with most of results back. Preliminary reports show no hidden issues. There are some asbestos reviews happening. The district is in line with all timelines for BEST reporting.
- ❖ The district has a deadline the end of this week for the TABOR requirement for the bond. The bond question should be finalized with the TABOR component on Friday, 9/20/19.
- ❖ Vice President Brown asked if once the Design Build Team is selected in October, will the district actually have them start any official activity until after the Bond Election? Chrisman responded that part of that will come up in the firm's proposal. For example, the firm could say based on what they understand of the district's project that they would recommend

something be done in advance and it would be part of the contract negotiations as to whether the district was interested in that or not.

- ❖ Director Galles stated that she really hopes people will take advantage of the upcoming building tours in order to really see what the issues are that the district is facing. General discussion followed.

8.2 Activity Trip Requests

8.2.1 YHS Knowledge Bowl Competition @ Stargate in Thornton, CO 9/21/19

8.2.2 YMS Choir to Arvada Center of the Performing Arts 10/24/19

8.2.3 YHS Art to Denver Art Museum 11/06/19

8.2.4 YHS STEM Robotics in Denver, CO 12/06/19-12/08/19

8.2.5 YHS FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Denver, CO 04/08/20-04/10/20

8.2.6 YMS Knowledge Bowl competition in Eads, CO 10/05/19

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported it is nice to see the various activities taking place. She stated that the activities listed are not all of the activities but only those that require board approval based on policy. Chrisman asked Principal Nighswonger if he could get numbers of students in FCCLA, FBLA and FFA, and all the other activities to see number of students involved in all activities outside of athletics.
- ❖ Vice President Brown asked Principal Kloberdanz about the YMS Choir trip to Arvada, wondering which students this included. Kloberdanz responded that this is for the 7th and 8th grade choirs, which is 50 students.
- ❖ Brown also asked how many students participate in YMS and YHS Knowledge Bowl. Kloberdanz responded that there are six or seven 7th graders. Sponsors are Ronella Noble and Kristi Rutledge. Regarding YHS Principal Nighswonger responded that they met Thursday to finalize numbers and he wasn't sure what their final numbers were but last school year they had 6 students involved. Mr. Rivera is the sponsor. General discussion followed.

President Ross moved to accept 8.1 and 8.2, seconded by Brown.

Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Langley, Ross. Absent: Holtorf. Motion carried

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that she is getting a lot of questions regarding what the district's enrollment is. Tentatively, it is looking like funding-wise the district is up about 30 students from where CDE had anticipated. The physical number is up a little higher than that. There could be some additional funding that could allow the district on review and update could make some budget changes.
- ❖ Chrisman reported there are a couple of things the board needs to watch for. One is the Perkins V that is coming out. The district has been operating under Perkins IV and now it is Perkins V. This is going to a year of assessment and review as that new programming is put into place. She and Mr. Nighswonger are scheduled to go to a training on October 9th to go through the review process.
- ❖ Chrisman reminded the board that the BOCES All Board meeting is in Haxtun, Monday, 9/23, with the All Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Updates scheduled to be discussed are Proposition CC and some other potential legislative updates. These meetings are usually beneficial.
- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that the CASB Delegate Assembly Resolution Book was just received. President Ross is scheduled to attend as the delegate representative on Oct. 19th in Breckinridge. The last time the board went through the resolutions as a group but the assembly happens prior to the October board meeting. She asked the board if they want to do a work session to go through the resolutions or if they'd like to form a sub-committee to review them. It was decided to have a sub-committee review them. President Ross, Vice President Brown and Dianna Chrisman will review these.
- ❖ Chrisman gave a quick review again on enrollment numbers. The district currently has about 77 juniors. Principal Nighswonger reports the high school at 250 students as of this meeting. President Ross asked how many 5th graders the district has. Klobberdanz reports about 57. Chrisman reports 70 7th graders. Director Galles asked how many are in the middle school. Chrisman reports as follows: 57 5th graders, 67 6th graders, 70 7th graders, and 69 8th graders. She will have official numbers for the board at the October meeting.

10.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

- ❖ Director Galles expressed to the building administrators present what a great job they are doing and thanked them.


11.0 ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Ross, seconded by Langley to adjourn the meeting.

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

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7.51 p.m. by Dan Ross.

Sincerely,


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


Dan Ross, President
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