

Yuma School District-1
February 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President

Duane Brown, Vice President

Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Secretary

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent

Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Holtorf, Director – Arrived 7:12 pm

Lindsey Galles, Director – Arrived 8:48 pm

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 7:05 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2020, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

Superintendent Chrisman reported an addition to discussion items, which will be 8.5 Resolution declaring support of the Yuma Museum grant funding application to the History Colorado State Historical Fund Grant Committee. Also, requesting to move January 20, 2020 minutes from consent agenda to 8.6 for edits prior to approval.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Brown to approve agenda addition and change.

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy was unable to attend meeting. Superintendent Chrisman gave report from Dennis-Murphy as included in the board packet.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$708,083; Revenue \$629,977.93; Payroll and Benefits \$587,543.
 - ❖ Highlighted expenditures
 - Paid remaining balance of appropriated monies to Capital Reserve \$520,752.51.
 - From Activity Account
 - Pro Sports – Wrestling Mats – Donation \$10,321
 - Pro Sports – Girls Basketball Uniforms - \$2,000 donated - total \$6,304. Clarification will be made with Dennis-Murphy as to if this was a total donated amount or if \$4,304 was building level expenses.
 - The Graphic Edge – Wrestling Shorts/Joggers/T-shirt \$2,630
 - General Fund – many smaller bills over the past month
 - ❖ Donations read as listed on the agenda.
 - There was clarification on the donation listed for Communities That Care. This is for a motivational speaker, Bobby Jones, former NFL player that ruined his career with alcohol and drugs and now speaks to students on avoiding those mistakes.

President Ross noted arrival time for Thomas Holtorf at 7:12 pm

Ross asked why the amount was so high on Payroll and Benefits. Chrisman did not have an answer for this but stated she will follow up with Dennis-Murphy upon her return and get that information.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes – Moved to 8.6 for corrections/edits

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of January 31, 2020

4.2.2 January 2020 Check Register

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Authorizations

○ Elizabeth Bosham – Para

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

○ Angel Houtz - Cook

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Project One/Neenan BEST Project Update

- David Kurtz with Neenan presented the schematic designs. He showed drawings of how the campus will look at completion as well as interior floor plans. He stated that the floor plan and basic imagery basically is set and that it was preferable not to have any major changes at this point as this would require a lot of re-working things.
- He reported on YMS. Drawings were brought of the schematic design that will be kept at the District Office. He described the basic scope on the site plan to modify the work on the drop off area and the addition of a bus loop area behind the school. Most of the work at YMS is happening on the inside with a few of the classrooms getting a facelift and upgrade. The science room is getting redone with new science equipment. The warming kitchen will be getting a remodel with new kitchen equipment. The site work, classroom refinish and warming kitchen is the main work being done at YMS. Vice President Brown asked for verification that there will be new HVAC work as needed in the 7th/8th Grade wing so that there will be air conditioning in those rooms. David verified that this is correct.
- Kurtz reported that Neenan is on schedule to turn in the permit requests for the YMS portion of the project before the end of February.

- Dianna Chrisman reported that there will be a link on the district's website and a Facebook page where people can stay informed of the project.
- Kurtz reported that at this time they do a full project estimate to make sure they are on track with what was in the BEST application and also look at the schedule.
- Andrew Garside with Neenan gave a report on the latest cost estimate of the project. Construction costs for the BEST Grant, which is covering half of the project, was set at \$26.74 million. The current estimate on costs is \$25.3 million, making it \$1.4 million under budget. General discussion followed on this amount that is left and what that means moving forward.
- Chad Rayl, Project One, gave a schematic design pricing update. He stated the lead and abatement testing is about one month ahead of schedule. The soil testing is done and all of this is coming in under budget.
- David Kurtz went over the project schedule. In the upcoming months there will be a lot of permit requests done. YMS work will be done over the summer with the hope of being completed before the start of next school year. Work on the auxiliary gym and weight room will begin this summer with the hope of completion being sometime next school year. Renovation of the middle area of YHS will be in the summer of 2021 with the final renovation of the classroom wing taking place during the fall semester of 2021-22 school year.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- President Ross shared a thank you card from a staff member regarding the staff Christmas bonus. He stated appreciation for staff thank you notes.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of schematic design

- Superintendent Chrisman states the need to approve the direction of the project.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Langley to approve and conclude the schematic design phase as presented by Neenan Archistructure.

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

8.2 Approval of bus purchase

- Chrisman reported the funds for the bus purchase will be through the small rural funds. Regarding the Thomas bid – Kelly Applehans stated to Jeanne Yenter, Transportation Supervisor, that parts for the Thomas buses are difficult to get. She stated that \$150,000 had been budgeted for the two buses. The Collins bid came in at \$120,000 for the two buses and this includes cruise control, air conditioning, and cameras. Recommendation from Superintendent Chrisman is to change from the Thomas bid to the Collins bid with a total cost of \$60,000 each utilizing the small rural funds.
- Discussion was held on situation with drivers and what may need to

happen next school year to ensure enough drivers for the needed bus routes.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf, to approve the purchase of the Collins bus bid for two mini buses at a cost of \$60,000 each utilizing 2019-2020 small rural funding.

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

8.3 Calendar

- o Superintendent Chrisman reported that included in the board packet was a calendar option 1 and a calendar option 2. She stated she had worked most on calendar option 1 as through feedback it was the preferred calendar. It is complicated this year with trying to condense it due to the building project. Two versions have been completed – one for administrative purposes and one for the public. After receiving recommendations from each building the recommendation is for calendar option 1.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Langley, to approve the 2020-2021 Calendar Option 1 as presented.

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

8.4 Resolution for CHPS Participation

- o Superintendent Chrisman reported on CHPS (Collaboration for High Performance Schools) program. Part of the BEST Grant requires the district to either go through the CHPS program or go through LEAD. The LEAD requirements have caused some other districts to have to do more engineering to meet the thresholds. CHPS is for high level energy efficiency. There is a point system and part of that is to adopt this resolution and to submit membership, which has been completed. There are points for certain types of design, certain types of windows, certain types of HVAC systems, etc. Chrisman stated that the key pieces to the resolution are that the district will be looking at student performance and staff health through measures such as daylighting, the use of non toxic-emitting materials, and sound insulation or isolation to minimize noise and enhance classroom acoustical quality, to keep operating cost minimized through resource efficiency, to minimize the impact of district operations on the environment, and to take advantage of financial incentive programs.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Brown, to approve the resolution to participate in the CHPS program as presented.

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

8.5 Approval of Resolution in support of Yuma Museum Grant

- Superintendent Chrisman reported she feels it is important to show support to community endeavors, especially when it can provide direct educational benefit.
- Brown shared that the museum is working to upgrade their current building. They have a \$100,000+ budget that they are working on. The City of Yuma is going to contribute \$25,000 plus approximately \$3,000 for architectural fees. The Colorado History Department has a grant program. The Museum is applying for a \$75,000 absolute grant from the state to upgrade the building. Brown was approached by a museum board member asking for a letter from him as there is a section in the application for letters of support. Brown and Chrisman discussed this and felt it would be appropriate for the board to approve a resolution of support from the district for this project.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Langley, to approve the resolution in support of the Yuma Museum grant application as presented.

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

8.6 Approval of January 20, 2020 Minutes

- Chrisman reported that Vice President Brown had found an error that needs correction and also clarification that needs to be made. Brown stated that the minutes relating to the Neenan presentation omitted that the YMS work is going to be in the 7th and 8th grade wing and that there will be upgraded HVAC equipment to include air conditioning. The second correction that needs made is in 8.6 of the January minutes relating to Executive Session. Duane Brown was present in that session, however was not listed as present.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Brown, to approve the amendment to the minutes for the January 20, 2020 meeting as read by Brown.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Chrisman reported that the bulk of her time has been spent on the building project. She stated that even though it has only been 3 months since passing the bond and the collaborative design process did not start until December there has been a tremendous amount of time and work put into this project. She is very pleased with the work that Neenan Archistructure is doing, as well as the work Project One is doing. She reports all are working very well together.
- Chrisman also reports that the Legislative session has begun. She has been attending video meetings. There are several educational bills being brought forward but nothing that is having a real strong impact.

- Chrisman reminded the board that the district is at the 3 month mark until the end of school. Updates on activities from YHS include FBLA has 60 state qualifiers after the district competition, FCCLA has 2 Northeast Plains district officers elected, FCCLA had FCCLA week providing snacks and treats for the staff as well as things for the students, FFA week is this week with their Food for America event on 2/19/2020. Girls wrestling had 4 girls qualify for state – 2 of them placed. Boys wrestling has 8 going to state. Boys basketball secured the league championship. Girls are currently 2nd in league. YHS is doing some things with academic achievement – restructuring some pieces of that. Principal Nighswonger will do a full presentation on this in the near future.
- Superintendent Chrisman reported that she had been asked by Vice President Brown about the accountability systems in place in the district. Chrisman states she has reached out to the building principals to get meeting minutes and notes from their parent meetings with the types of things being discussed, as well as with the FFA Advisory Group. She will keep the board updated on these accountability groups in each building.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Vice President Brown reports that he would like to go back to the groups that were approached prior to the bond issue to update them on the project, starting with the Yuma City Council on Feb. 19, 2020.


President Ross notes for the record the arrival time for Lindsey Galles at 8:48 pm.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm by Dan Ross.

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

Voting Aye: Brown, 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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