

Yuma School District-1
April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

Motion by Brown, seconded by Langley to approve agenda as presented.

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report via phone for the month of March.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$813,899; Revenue \$1,311,500; Payroll and Benefits \$628,208.
 - ❖ Larger Bills
 - Asmus Equipment for service of lawn mowers for \$1,304
 - Bluffs Sanitation for cleaning supplies for \$2,068
 - Colorado FBLA for state dues and conference registration for \$16,395 from Activity Account. This will be refunded.
 - Rasmussen for repairs and part on YHS exchanger for \$4,273
 - Strictly Tech for business lab printer for \$4,166
 - Four view boards for \$14,987 from the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Grant for Kindergarten
 - Laptops for LIP activity for \$1,719
 - Yandas Music for hardware and labor for football stadium of \$1795.91
- Dennis-Murphy reports there are just a few more outstanding invoices she is waiting on and then depending on the district's status with the COVID-19 Response there will just be the monthly recurring bills that will be paid.
- The preliminary budget will be presented at next month's Board of Education

meeting.

- One donation in March as noted on agenda.
- Superintendent Chrisman noted that the large kindergarten purchase was from one-time funds through the BEST program that had to be specific to kindergarten. Any other of those types of expenditures right now are being held off on with uncertainties of next year.
- Vice President Brown asked if Dennis-Murphy is seeing any one particular area where the district would have budgeted funds to be spent this time of year that are not going out now. For example, fuel costs and things like that. Superintendent Chrisman responded that the district is starting to go through those in planning for next year's budget and anticipating a much reduced state revenue forecast; looking at potential reductions and looking to see what is not being spent this year that will be moving into reserves for next year. There will be some savings in some areas. The biggest area is in capital expenditures. The district spent around \$15,000 on fuel last March through June. Approximately \$1400 was spent since the start of this March and will have little spending for the rest of this fiscal year. There has not been much savings in utilities as staff has still been working in the buildings. In capital expenditures there is approximately \$600,000 not being done with about \$450,000 that will be rolled into reserves for the next fiscal year. Chrisman reports that even with expected reduced revenue for next year she is confident that the district will be okay.
- Brown also asked if the district had furloughed any employees or laid anyone off during this time. Superintendent Chrisman responded no. She stated that all employees are currently working with the exception of bus drivers and paras. The district is looking for ways to bring them in and have them involved in different work projects.
- Director Langley asked about the federal aid for breakfast and lunch programs. Chrisman responded that the district is still receiving this funding and this is what is funding the Grab and Go meals that the district is currently providing. She reports that the district should receive reimbursement for almost all of the Grab and Go meals being provided.
- Chrisman also reported that typically this meeting is when contracts are presented for staff. This is being delayed until the May board meeting until the district has a better idea of what budgets will be.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of March 31, 2020

4.2.2 March 2020 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

❖ Noble Ranch LLC - \$400 to FFA for AI Class for students

4.3 Policy Parameter and Special Policy Updates

1st Reading Legal Reference and Policy Revisions

- ❖ JKD/JKE Suspension/Expulsion of Students (And Other Disciplinary Interventions)
- ❖ JKD/JKE-R Suspension/Expulsion of Students (Hearing Procedures)
- ❖ JICDA Code of Conduct
- ❖ JICDE* Bullying Prevention and Education
- ❖ JICDE*-E-1 Bullying Report Form
- ❖ JICDE*-E-2 Bullying Investigation Form
- ❖ EF School Nutrition Program
- ❖ EFC Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- ❖ GCQC/GCQD Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff
- ❖ GCQF Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff (And Contract Nonrenewal)
- ❖ GDQB Resignation of Support Staff
- ❖ GDQD Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff
- ❖ GBEB Staff Conduct (And Responsibilities)
- ❖ GCE/GCF Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GCE/GCF-R Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GDE/GDF Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GDE/GDF-R Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ KDB Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information
- ❖ JLCE First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
- ❖ KDE Crisis Management (Safety, Readiness and Incident Management Planning)
- ❖ ILBC Early Literacy and Reading Comprehension (Colorado READ Act)
- ❖ ILBC-R Early Literacy and Reading Comprehension (Procedures to Implement the Colorado READ Act)
- ❖ JLCDB* Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students
- ❖ IHBIB Primary/Preprimary Education
- ❖ JLDAC Screening/Testing of Students (And Treatment of Mental Disorders)
- ❖ KFA Public Conduct on District Property
- ❖ IHBK* Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Tony Rayl commented on behalf of a teacher who had contacted him. It was suggested that for teacher appreciation this year that the district possibly purchase blue light filter glasses as teachers are currently having to look at their computer screens so much more.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Project One/Neenan BEST Project Update

- ❖ David Kurtz, Neenan Archistructure, joined the meeting via telephone. He started with presentation on design updates. Permits have been a big focus and getting those turned in. Focused efforts have also been on the gym at YHS. Also, the floor plan of the

remainder of the YHS building has been an area of focus. He reported that the main entry feature was an area that needed discussion and a decision made as to which design the district would choose. He reported the areas of the most work since the last update have been the science and CTE wing along with the admin area at the main entry.

- ❖ Kurtz reported on the two options for the main entry design showing rough sketches of the basics of the two designs. One is a hip roof tower over the entry and the other a tower with an arch or barrel roof over the entry. He stated that in simple ways the hip roof idea relates to the historic high school that used to be in this area. The other is the barrel roof that relates to what is there now with The Pit roof. Kurtz gave further information on each of these options and other things to consider with the designs. General discussion followed. VP Brown then stated that he had a strong preference for the historical tie with the hip roof and would be a really nice way to replace what used to be the view down Main Street and he thought that anyone who graduated from that high school or are probably 55 years or older who are Yuma Natives remember what that view was like. He likes how it ties in with the angle of the ag shop roof and integrates better than the curved roof with what you will see from Main Street. President Ross stated his preference for the hip roof as well stating he feels it has more character. Galles stated her preference for the barrel roof as she feels it ties in nicely with The Pit. Langley stated liking both of them with more preference toward the barrel roof. Holtorf liked them both however felt the barrel roof tied in nicely with The Pit and the hip roof looked a little too much like a pagoda. Discussion followed.
- ❖ Kurtz then reported on and explained the gym plan. He talked specifically about the color scheme, building materials, and windows and lighting.
- ❖ Kurtz showed a slide of the interior of the high school and explained the organization and functions of the individual spaces.
- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman gave a quick overview of the Guaranteed Maximum Price process.
- ❖ Chad Rayl, Project One, reported they are in the process of bringing in the abatement and demo crew. Abatement and demo should be going by the middle of May. Chrisman reported the district will be purchasing some storage containers, which is much cheaper than the rental process, for storing classroom items, etc., during the construction project. Discussion followed.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from staff member regarding the response the district has taken to the COVID-19 pandemic.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 20-21 Staff Health Insurance Renewal

- Superintendent Chrisman directed the board to handouts on the staff health insurance renewal. Chrisman reported that the insurance committee was unable to meet face-to-face to review this information, however, information was sent to them to ensure that no one had issues as there is a 7% increase. All were comfortable moving forward keeping the same policies in place and asking the board to absorb those costs. Dental and vision are 100% paid by the employee. Those increases are absorbed by the employee and the district does not contribute. Regarding the health insurance piece, there is renewal option B, which is Chrisman's recommendation. The difference between the current and next year is \$73,579.85. The overall total premium increase is 7%. Option A is 7% across the board as employee would be sharing in part of that.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Langley, to renew with scenario A with employees sharing the 7% increase.

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

8.2 BEST Project Exterior Design Concept Approval

Motion by Brown, second by Ross, to approve Option 1, square tower entrance.

Voting Aye: Brown, Ross. Voting Nay: Galles, Holtorf, Langley Motion denied.

Motion by Galles, second by Holtorf, to approve Option 2 general high school exterior design of option 2 barrel roof entrance.

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

8.3 2nd Reading BEAA Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings

- Superintendent Chrisman reported no changes were made after comments from last meeting.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Galles, to approve the 2nd reading of Policy BEAA Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings.

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

8.4 COVID-19 Response and Planning

- Superintendent Chrisman reported that the district had to submit to the state what the written plans are for COVID-19 Response and Planning. Chrisman shared the email that had been submitted to the state with what has been done with pages listing what is happening in each of the district's

building. Chrisman also shared the response received back from the state. All components of the good faith effort in order to be able to receive the wavers to instructional time and other components is good.

- Chrisman reported on the most current address from Governor Polis. The Stay-At-Home order is set to expire April 27. However, the state is now moving into a new phase called Safer-At-Home stating specifically that during this phase schools will remain closed to direct instruction. There will be a follow-up phone call with the Governor and all state superintendents on Tuesday, April 21st, at which time she will be making some decisions related to what instruction will look like for the rest of the year.
- Chrisman reported on two conversation points. The instructional and educational piece and benefits, as well as the social piece. Chrisman reports she is very proud of the response and undertaking of the district in this situation. She reports that Food Service has been incredible, including 3 paras that have been helping. The count for today, 4-20-2020, Grab and Go meals was 425. The Grab and Go includes six meals per student that is going out. Chrisman reports that likewise, the teachers have really taken the necessary steps to meet the state's "good faith effort" to make sure the students have the skills and completed the year in a way that they are ready for next year. The district has streamlined what standards and learning expectations need to be completed between when this started and the end of the year, and trying to make sure to do this in a way that is not overwhelming to students or to parents. Chrisman stated she is anxious to get feedback on how the lessons are working. She believes the district has gone beyond the "good faith effort". She also reported that 60 hot spots have all gone out. Chrisman acknowledged that IT Director Brandi Clarkson has done an amazing job in this process. She recognized having a great team of administrators. In asking for feedback, Ross indicated hearing that there have been some issues in downloading some of the material. These issues are being worked on with the teachers and with Brandi Clarkson and are all being addressed. Discussion followed.
- Superintendent Chrisman reported that the high school staff is working with the senior class students to look at options for graduation. They are making telephone calls and asking for their preference as to doing something virtual in May or to wait until the end of July to possibly do something in-person. 8th Grade Promotion will not take place. The district is looking at what could be done at the beginning of next year for these students. The staff is looking for ways to find the social connection and celebrations intact.
- Langley asked if there had been discussions with the staff regarding expectations of getting back into school versus not getting back into school. Chrisman responded that she has been waiting on Governor Polis before having those conversations and making final decisions.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No report other than what was already covered previously in the meeting.

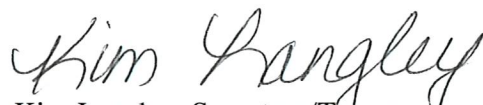
10.0 BOARD REPORT

Galles acknowledged how the staff has risen to the occasion in the COVID-19 Response and has great appreciation for the Grab and Go Meals that are being provided.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm by Dan Ross.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Holtorf, 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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