

Yuma School District-1  
June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting  
Board of Education

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Ross, President (Arrived at 7:27 PM)  
Duane Brown, Vice President  
Thomas Holtorf, Director  
Lindsey Galles, Director  
Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Vice President Duane Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2020, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by Langley, to accept the agenda as presented.  
Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley. Absent: Ross. Motion carried.

**3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the month of May.
  - ❖ Expenditures \$681,658; Revenue \$2,843,876; Payroll and Benefits \$595,265.
  - ❖ Dennis-Murphy reports the district is in the process of closing out the year. The audit has been moved up into the third week of September. Payroll accrual will be done again this year.
  - ❖ Larger Bills
    - Bluffs for gym floor finish and deodorizers for \$10,583
    - Asmus Equipment for tractor mower and snow blower that was approved last month for \$17,320.
    - Jay's Storage for containers for \$10,000.
- Dennis-Murphy reports the 2020-21 budget will be presented and also will be doing a supplemental resolution for the CARES Act money that was received.
- Donations are listed on the agenda.
- Superintendent Chrisman clarified the purchase of the storage containers by saying this purchase was slated to be paid for out of the project but due to the fact that they

are permanent they could not be counted as expenditures in the project. By not renting them there was a savings of approximately \$15,000 by purchasing them. The district will sell these when the project is completed. Therefore, the purchase came out of the general fund and money will be put back into general once they are sold.

- Director Langley questioned why the Heritage Scholarship is run through payables. Dennis-Murphy responded that it is through the FFA Activity Account for a scholarship given in the spring.

#### **4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

##### 4.1 Approval of Minutes

##### 4.2 Routine Business

###### 4.2.1 Financial Reports as of May 31, 2020

###### 4.2.2 May 2020 Check Register

###### 4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Highline Electric - \$200 to YHS FFA
- ❖ Lanny & Louise Hendrickson - \$200 for Coach & Marilyn Smith Wrestling Scholarship

##### 4.3 Personnel

###### 4.3.1 Authorization

- ❖ Kathleen Brown – LIP Assistant Teacher
- ❖ Ryeley Ortega – Temp IT Summer Help
- ❖ Kennedy Kjosness – Temp IT Summer Help
- ❖ Sharon Farrens – Cook
- ❖ Jeanne Yenter – Director of Transportation
- ❖ 20-21 Returning District Employee and Non-Employee Coaches

###### 4.3.2 Resignations and Separations

- ❖ Marilyn Lynch – YMS Intervention Teacher
- ❖ JoAnn Runge – Transportation Co-Director
- ❖ Karen Schneider – Bus Driver/Cook

Motion by Langley, seconded by Galles, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.  
Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Holtorf, Langley. Absent: Ross. 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 joined the meeting via telephone. Kurtz gave a presentation and project update to the board. He gave a brief

summary of the project schedule and progress of the three projects. The gym will be under construction throughout this summer. The middle school construction will be happening through August to turn over the classroom for school to begin the end of August. Part of the kitchen construction will linger after the start of school. Move in date for the kitchen area is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Other summer activity will be on the CTE addition and remodel at YHS. Finishing drawings and getting permits back needs to happen before construction begins on the CTE addition and remodel at YHS. Also leading up to that is getting the final GMP contract. Neenan will get the info to Project-1 and YSD-1 in order to get the GMP contract signed by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- ❖ Chad Rayl, Project-1, gave an update of what is currently happening at the YHS and YMS sites. Brief discussion followed.
- ❖ David Kurtz gave more information about current work at the YMS Junior High wing.
- ❖ Kurtz also mentioned that regarding the signing of the GMP and review of documents, Neenan is requesting a special board meeting to be held on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> to do a final review of the GMP and remainder of project.
- ❖ Kurtz showed images and walked through what the inside of the YHS renovation project will look like.
- ❖ Abby with Neenan will be here Wednesday, June 24, 2020, with more info to meet with staff about their classrooms. Superintendent Chrisman reports that the teachers collectively will be able to choose the casework in their classrooms. The teachers will meet in small groups of 10 with Neenan. They will have choices of paint color in classrooms with standard casework colors and countertop colors. The hope is to have things narrowed down even further and this information will be brought back to the board at the July meeting.
- ❖ General questions and discussion followed with David Kurtz.
- ❖ Chad Rayl, Project-1, reported that budget-wise things are tracking fine. With last month's budget update they did find close to \$91,000 that was taken out of line items and put back into the contingency. He reports several other areas that could be pulled back out and put back into savings but working to get critical milestones done before more funds are put into contingency funds. President Ross asked if this was from COVID issues or just project changes. Rayl responded it was from permits and working with Neenan on different things.
- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman gave information on the HVAC options for the auditorium that will be in discussion/action items later in the meeting. The auditorium was not part of the scope of the project. In going through the district's wish list, this was one of the top priorities. Neenan has been going through options keeping in mind

if there is budget available that this is a place to put it. This needs addressed now as the multiple options given come down to two basic concepts: 1) if there is going to be a complete and total replacement of the HVAC unit, or 2) if everything will be replaced on the inside but keeping the housing the same. If the choice is to move forward with a completely new unit there will be structural work that needs done. There is approximately \$150,000 that has already been shifted into that but these would be more. Option 1, completely new unit, would require structural engineering and reinforcement and would be an additional \$172,000. The next option, which is recommended by Superintendent Chrisman, Chad Rayl and Trevor Neb, rebuilds the existing system with no structural work that would have to be done saving about \$50,000. This option does not need commitment right now. If the choice is a new unit then the commitment has to be made now to allocate budget for it. Chad Rayl gave further explanation. General discussion followed.

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Jim Powell

## 8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 8.1 Auditorium HVAC Options

Motion by Brown, seconded by Galles, to approve including YHS Auditorium HVAC option 3 to include in the building project if budget allows.

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

### 8.2 Approval of Supplemental Appropriation of CARES Funding

- ❖ Dennis-Murphy states that per statute and requirement of CDE the district needs to do the appropriation for the money received. Basically it is not necessarily that it will be spent in 19-20 budget but will be spent by December of 2020. The board approved the supplemental appropriation for COVID relief funds of \$698,225.73 as presented. The stipulation is that these funds are restricted for COVID response.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Galles, to approve the the 19-20 Budget Supplemental Appropriation for CARES funding as presented.

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

### 8.3 Approval of Appropriation Resolution 2020-21 Budget

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that the state passed the fiscal

note and school finance so the district knows what money it will be getting. The next thing the district is waiting on is the variable of the October 1 count. Passing this budget will be with the anticipated revenue from the state based on their estimate of the per pupil, which can always shift up and down.

- ❖ Dennis-Murphy explained changes in the budget from the last budget conversation. She shared information she had from Scott Szabo regarding amount of money the district puts in reserves. With updates from the expenditures and revenues it is anticipated to put approximately \$116,000 into reserves for 20-21 budget. She reminded the board to keep in mind the anticipation of possibly putting \$600,000 from this year's budget into reserves bringing the reserves to almost \$900,000. Superintendent Chrisman added that much will be highly dependent upon the election with some of the referred measures that are being put on right now with Gallagher Repeal, as well as tobacco tax. Assuming these do not go through the district is in a good place to brace the storm of what happens with property taxes and the loss of revenue to the state if Gallagher is not repealed. Once September gets here the district will know more about what can go in reserves from 2019-20. General discussion.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Langley, to approve the Appropriation Resolution for the 2020-2021 budget as presented.

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

#### 8.4 Capital Expenditure YMS Hallway Carpet

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that in the 19-20 budget an allocation of \$125,000 was approved to put towards carpet and paint to update the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade hallway and update the tech hallway leading to the offices to help blend with some of the new work that will be happening. She states that the \$125,000 was a huge over estimate of what the cost of this will be. Neenan was asked to price the carpet and it came to approximately \$37,000. She is asking for \$38,000 in case that number shifts a little bit. This includes installation with Neenan coordinating the install. For timing she recommends moving forward with this amount at this time. This will be completed during the summer months.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Brown, to approve the 20-21 capital expenditure of \$38,000 to replace YMS carpet in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade hall and tech/office hallway.

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

## 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Chrisman reports she has been working with Levi Kramer and a group primarily out of Wray on a COVID Task Force and school reopening. There was an initial meeting the previous week. The Task Force will have standing Monday meetings to start updating policies to look at needs for school opening under the county variance. The Task Force will be putting together something similar to the state with a 3-tiered response. As long as the variance is in place and not seeing increases in Yuma County then the intent is that school will be as close to normal as it can be. They are working with the local hospitals, physicians and health department to identify the numbers of when Level 2 would be required which would be things like moving lunches from the cafeteria to students eating in the classroom, etc. Things that would limit intermingling. Chrisman reiterated that this is early in the process and these are just speculation at this point. Then, of course, if needed there is the option of going back to remote instruction. There are many components that have to be looked at. Also discussed is when it is appropriate to screen students. Transportation is also very interesting as they sort through some of those issues with the state. The Task Force is using CDE's toolkit and taking other guidelines of health organizations in trying to decide what is best for the county. Chrisman stated her gratitude to Jen Kramer who works at the Wray Hospital as she has been extremely helpful thus far in the process. Chrisman will keep the board informed of this process. Anything the district does will have to go to the state for approval. The health department can always come in and say that the numbers are too high or too low depending on what is being looked at. Chrisman states the intent is to start school as close to normal as possible unless there is community outbreak.
- Legislative update: One thing of importance to keep an eye on is in the fiscal note of the School Finance Act. They did imbed some of the state mill levy equalization language. In the fiscal note there is a provision stating that the mill levy equalization will essentially be 27 mills per community. The district currently is at approximately 18 mills. There is no impact for the upcoming school year as a credit will be given for the difference between the 27 to the 18. She reports that the legislators cannot impose a tax increase without a vote, prohibited by TABOR. However, they can revoke tax credits without that vote. This will be watched very closely to make sure that those credits don't go away. This could have a serious impact on our community. There are two referred ballot measures for November. The first is the Gallagher Repeal. The hazards if Gallagher is not repealed is there will be a significant reduction in local property tax which will have an impact on the budget. The other referred measure is the Tobacco Tax. This would put a tax on not only chewing tobacco and regular tobacco but also on vape pieces that have not been taxed at this point. The tax on nicotine products would provide funding for school districts and preschool programs over the next few years. The impact on this looks to be similar to what the district has received from Small Rural Funds. This is just for rural school districts. If this does pass in November the district will receive money in the 2020-21 school year. Chrisman also reported on Ballot Initiative 271 – The Fair Tax Colorado Act. This is the revised version of Amendment 71 from the last election. This takes out the confusion with trying to address property tax and income tax and this one focuses solely on income

tax.

Information was given to the board members regarding a new system in place for petitions if they are inclined to petition for this initiative.

- Chrisman reported the district is still planning for the tentative second graduation for July 19<sup>th</sup>. Time to be determined. This will still have to be modified to comply with current guidelines. General discussion.

## 10.0 BOARD REPORT

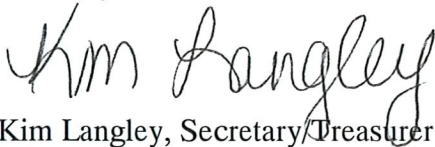
None

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by Vice President Brown.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles, 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  
Board of Education