

Yuma School District-1
January 18, 2021 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
Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager
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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

Dianna Chrisman stated that 6.1 Standard Audience with The Board was missed on the agenda. This needs to be added with Project One/Best Project update.

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the month of December.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$723,805; Revenue \$497,882; Payroll and Benefits \$607,010.
 - ❖ Larger Bills
 - District 3 FBLA for registration of \$1,300.
 - Greeley Lock and Key for annual data plan of \$2,158.
 - FCCLA Little Caesar's Fundraiser for \$2,305.
 - Edwards Food Market for FFA Fundraiser for \$1,854.
 - Strictly Tech for computers and laptops from CARES Act for \$9,387.
 - Cash for employee recognition for \$27,400.
 - ❖ One donation this month from Tall Grass MLP Operations to YHS Science for \$600.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of December 31, 2020

4.2.2 December 2020 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Tall Grass MLP Operations to YHS Science for \$600

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Authorization

- ❖ Karli Corey – YMS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach

4.3.2 Resignations and Separations

- ❖ Elena Melendez - Cook
- ❖ Lori Neill – YMS Art Teacher
- ❖ Miguel Ortiz Zunigo – YMS/MES Maintenance

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Project One/Neenan BEST Project Update

- ❖ Chad Rayl, Project One, gave a budget and schedule update.
 - \$126,000 was put back into owner's contingency from reviewing drawings and scope.
 - There will be bigger expenses coming up in the summer which will be YMS bus loop and south parking lot at gym area.
 - There were some structural issues that came up in the band and art area at YHS when doing demolition. Rayl gave a brief explanation of this. This has caused a slight delay but should be able to catch back up.
 - Rayl reports still having approximately \$3.2 million in owner's contingency. Budget is looking very good.
 - Abatement has started in the band and art area of YHS which will take approximately one week.
 - In the gym area there are minor punch list items left. The gym was finished about a week early.
 - Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued January 11, 2021, which allowed the school to go ahead and move in and start to occupy that space.

- Regarding CTE edition, the underground plumbing and electrical is all done. One more pour to finish all the slabs and steel will arrive this week and will start going vertical this month.
- Director Galles asked when the band and art room area is to be completed. Rayl responded this is scheduled to be completed around May 24, 2021.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that the whole project should be completed within 12 months from now.
- Chrisman also explained that from here on there will be shuffling of classrooms, creation of temporary classrooms, etc, to facilitate the project.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ President Ross shared 19 Thank You cards from staff for Employee Recognition and PERA increase.
- ❖ Ross stated there was a concern presented from a citizen regarding school being or not being in session on Columbus Day and/or Martin Luther King Day. Ross stated for the record that neither holiday was recognized by the school district this year as far as a day off for students. Therefore, this is not a matter of race issue but rather a calendar issue. Ross gave his apology that this citizen felt offended.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 2021-22 Preliminary School Calendar

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman gave an update as to what the calendar for 2021-22 year is starting to look like. Previously it was approved that the start of the 2021-22 school year would not be until after Labor Day to give as much time as possible to the construction project in the summer. This will require an abbreviated calendar again to avoid school going into June 2022. Chrisman gave further explanation and explained some challenges that will be faced during the completion of the construction project. Thanksgiving Holiday, Christmas/Winter Break, Spring Break week, half days at Easter and before Christmas Break are all maintained at this point.

8.2 ESSER -2 Funds

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that with the second round of Federal stimulus YSD-1 was notified that the district would be

receiving additional Federal funds in the amount of the 4 times the amount of the first round of ESSER. This means the district will be receiving an additional \$550,000 to support the district through the COVID response. These are restricted funds with only specific items that they can be spent on. Chrisman stated that one of the explicit uses for these funds is updating HVAC and ventilation. With the BEST project the high school has been updated except for the Pit. With the last couple of BEST projects including the current one all of the HVAC has been updated at the elementary and middle schools except for air conditioning in the elementary gym. Estimates are being gathered currently for what the HVAC update at the Pit would cost. Chrisman anticipates it would be about the same amount as the funds the district will be receiving. Superintendent Chrisman recommends using this money for a very large project knowing that the district has managed the rest of the COVID funds and will keep the district from having to go into reserves for this. Further information will be provided at the February Board of Education meeting. General discussion followed.

8.3 Final Review Change Budget

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that even though this says final that there can still be changes. The updates presented were the changes made in December with the salary changes from the 1.25 PERA increases, athletic adjustments and other various adjustments. Chrisman stated that the budget is looking very healthy with no anticipated changes between now and June other than the ESSER funds.
- ❖ Chrisman stated that there is also the possibility that Proposition EE monies should be coming as well. The district was notified that the expected amount should be \$280,000. The district is not sure if this is going to come in on this year's budget or next year's. General discussion followed.

8.4 Approval of Appropriation

Motion by Ross, seconded by Langley, to approve the Appropriation Resolution as presented.

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

8.5 COVID Update

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated that the district has settled into processes and protocols of COVID. The biggest change recently has been the quarantine rules as we are under the 10-day guide unless a person chooses to go through the testing protocols which

would reduce it down to 7 days. This is really the biggest general COVID change. Educators are on the 1B, under the dotted line, list of vaccinations for anyone who chooses. The district has coordinated with the staff and both hospitals.

- ❖ Chrisman reports the latest big update as well is that the state is providing the BinaxNOW At-Home testing, free of charge for the first month. This is all voluntary. This is an opportunity for all who want to test once per week. Chrisman states she attended a Webinar on this and has been in contact with CDPHE and opted the district in. Chrisman gave further explanation of this program.
- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that the district has been approved for Season B sports. This has been a huge undertaking. The district is still sorting through the various rules. The biggest piece currently is spectators. For indoor seated activities the maximum is 50. The district has worked with the local health department on broadening the list of essential workers. Athletic Director has been working hard to be able to broadcast all levels of games. Chrisman states that Dischner has worked very hard keeping up with all of the CHSAA mandates, etc. On behalf of Dischner, Chrisman reported that 50 fans are allowed and for Jr. Hi. Games, as a league, there are no visiting fans for home games. Wrestling will be very difficult this year as there are no tournaments. All will be triangulars or quads for the most part. Chrisman explained further what this will look like.
- ❖ Director Langley asked how many active cases are currently in the district. Chrisman reported that she believed there are currently 2 active cases.
- ❖ President Ross asked what getting the vaccination does for you as a person and does it excuse you from ever being tested again? Chrisman responded that it does not excuse you from ever being tested again and that it reduces your chances of getting COVID. General discussion followed.

8.6 Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving Superintendent evaluation pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f).

- ❖ Executive Session called at 7:45 pm by President Ross for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter involving Superintendent Contract pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f).
- ❖ Brought into Executive Session at 7:49 pm by President Ross to discuss Superintendent contract. Those present at the Executive Session were Dan Ross, Kim Langley, Thomas Holtorf, Lindsey Galles, Duane Brown via video conference, Superintendent Chrisman, and Rhonda Metcalfe for the purpose of the Superintendent's Contract.

- ❖ Executive Session adjourned at 8:28 pm by President Ross, continued to regular session.
- ❖ Regular Session called at 8:32 pm by President Ross with all board members present.

Motion by Langley, seconded by Galles, to approve the Superintendent's Contract with the extension of the date to June 2024.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

9.1 Local Accountability Groups

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that pre-COVID the district had applied for a grant with Peetz and Revere to look at a different accountability system. There is a group of northeast school districts with Merino, Holyoke and perhaps Haxtun called the SCAP. What they have done the last couple of years is look at an alternative assessment so that they are not reliant on CMAS. The district started that process by using NWEA. A three-year grant was awarded. When COVID happened the money was rescinded. The grant is in place for the first year. Chrisman then explained when and how this will launch.

9.2 CHSAA Season B Update

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that Season B is going to be complicated. Chrisman is asking for grace to the staff that is working hard and doing the best they can with the understanding that all needs and expectations cannot be met. Chrisman stated she will get participation numbers in the near future.

9.3 Transportation

- ❖ Chrisman reported that the district has a new driver that just passed his test. The last changes made to in town routes has put the district in a comfortable number with capacity. At this point no additional changes need to be made. Chrisman will be meeting with Transportation Director, Jeanne Yenter, and Athletic Director, Michael Dischner, to go through activity schedule to map out the transportation needs.

⚡ Superintendent Chrisman added to her report that the clock system at Morris Elementary and Middle School is shot. At the beginning of the year it was believed that the system would last a little longer but there are transmitters that are not working. This has caused the bell system to not correspond with the actual time. Chrisman reported that she has approved to get this system fixed as it is critical to every day operations.

⚡ Chrisman gave a legislative update stating that it had been a very short and abbreviated session mostly to swear in new members. She reported on status of this year's state testing. The district is currently scheduled for testing in March. Chrisman stated she has advocated statewide that there should not be testing this year.

⚡ Chrisman stated that Policy BEDA is a policy regarding notification of school board meetings. It is not stated in policy where the district posts notices of school board meetings

but just that the notice will be posted in public locations. Typically, the notices are at the district office, city hall and the post office. At this time the post office is no longer allowing anything to be posted in their facilities. At this time the district will make it known that the public will need to check the district website or go to city hall to see the posted notice and agenda for upcoming meetings. It was suggested by various board members to post the agenda on the board at Shop-All. Rhonda Metcalfe will contact Shop-All and post the notice and agenda there as well.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- President Ross pointed out a mistake on the agenda with the numbering. Error is noted.
- Director Galles asked if the various clubs would be having their state conventions virtually. Chrisman states that she believes this is what will happen although there has been nothing official yet. Galles stated her hope that the students involved in the clubs would have these activities to look forward to and be able to be involved in that way.
- Vice President Brown stated that he is very pleased that the auxiliary gym and weight room are completed and being used. Brown stated that in reflecting back to just a year ago the district was drawing up the plans for that. He is happy the way the building project is going and wants to recognize the great progress that has been made thanks to Neenan, Project One, Dianna Chrisman, the board and all of the teachers and administrators.

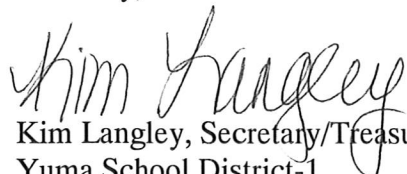
11.0 ADJOURNMENT


The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. by President Dan Ross.

Motion by Langley, 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

