

Yuma School District-1
November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President

Duane Brown, Vice President

Thomas Holtorf, Director

Lindsey Galles, Director

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent

Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

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, November 16, 2020, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman directed the board members attention to a revised agenda in front of them with the addition of two resignations not listed on previous agenda. Those resignations were from Adrian Brower and Anne Ptacnik. She also stated that Scott Szabo is listed on the agenda under 6.0 but will not arrive until later in the meeting therefore she recommended moving him from 6.0 on the agenda to 8.4.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Holtorf, to approve agenda as amended.

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- ❖ Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave the following financial report:
 - Expenditures for October \$733,123;
 - Revenue \$634,253;
 - Payroll and Benefits \$619,769.
- ❖ Larger Bills
 - Bluffs - \$13,573 for backpack sprayers – ESSER Funds
 - Cooks Correctional - \$4,121 for food trays – CARES Act
 - Rasmussen - \$10,185 for MES repairs and install of controls
 - Neenan - \$32,458 for hallway carpet – Capital funds purchase
- ❖ Several small purchases
- ❖ District Audit will be presented later in the meeting
- ❖ Data Pipeline to the state has been completed
- ❖ President Ross asked for clarification on the Rasmussen work.

Superintendent Chrisman gave explanation for this.

- ❖ Vice President Brown asked for clarification on the data pipeline to the state. Business Manager Dennis-Murphy gave an explanation of this.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 October 19, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of October 31, 2020

4.2.2 October 2020 Check Register

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Ronella Noble – YMS Volunteer Knowledge Bowl Coach
- ❖ Kristy Rutledge – YMS Volunteer Knowledge Bowl Coach
- ❖ Asuzena Ailamirano – Custodian
- ❖ Norah Sanchez – MES Secretary

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Natividad Echavarria – Custodian
- ❖ Marisela Estrada – Counselor Assistant/Registrar
- ❖ Adrian Brower – Maintenance
- ❖ Anne Ptacnik – MES Secretary

- Vice President Brown stated he would like to pull 4.1 Approval of Minutes from consent agenda as Page 2 and Page 4 were missing from the board book. After discussion it was decided to pass the minutes around for members to read prior to approval.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Galles, to move 4.1 Approval of Minutes to item 8.5 to correct deficiency of pages.

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

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Brown to approve the revised consent agenda as presented.

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Project One Project Update

- Superintendent Chrisman gave a brief update on the building project stating the gym portion of the project is on track to be completed in January.

- Footings have been poured on the CTE wing.
- A more detailed report will be given at the December 2020 board meeting.
- Chrisman invited the board members to set up a time to tour the gym.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- None

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 COVID Update

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated that even though we have not seen a lot of changes there is still a lot of work being done behind the scenes. She reported an update on current numbers. The district is still in Green zone protocol. By doing the masks and seating charts the numbers of students with each quarantine has been much reduced. There is a lot of general illness at YHS right now.
- ❖ Chrisman reported that there was a meeting last week with an epidemiologist from the Governor's office. She reported on data specific to schools.
- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported on the most recent public health order. In the most recent order schools are now considered essential. Therefore, if the state shuts down, the district has local control based on what is seen within the school population to determine if in-person learning is still best, healthy and safe. Chrisman provided more details on this.
- ❖ Chrisman reported on YMS open gyms that are beginning in order to give students more activities and get them in a gym. She outlined the requirements for open gym.
- ❖ Chrisman reported on a new testing strategy/option. She gave an explanation of this test and how it might possibly be something the district can use. Testing would not be mandated. More information will be coming.
- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman gave an update on how communication is happening when the district has positive cases.
- ❖ Chrisman also reports that CHSAA is supposed to be getting information out December 1st on what season B is going to look like. Currently CHSAA is saying for athletes of indoor sports to prepare to wear masks during participation. Chrisman gave a brief overview of what CHSAA is working on and what the district might expect.
- ❖ Vice President Brown asked for some clarification on the above mentioned test that will be available through the Health Department. Chrisman responded to his questions and gave further explanation.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Brown, to move 8.4 Scott Szabo, Lauer, Szabo

& Associate to 8.2 and move Transportation down to 8.3.

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

8.2 Scott Szabo – Lauer, Szabo & Associates

- ❖ Scott Szabo presented the district audit report. Szabo explained the handouts given to each board member. Szabo went through the bound copy of the audit report that was provided to each member. Szabo reported that the audit went very well again this year. Szabo complimented the district staff on the work they do that makes the audit go very smoothly every year. General questions were asked throughout the report.

8.3 Transportation Update

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that the transportation department has been working very hard. Changes made to in-town routes helped for a short time. However, other issues have come up with families having their students dropped off at various non-licensed daycares taking the numbers back to where they were. This will be rectified by having only licensed daycare providers as official stops. All other students will be based on their residence as originally stated. General discussion.
- ❖ President Ross asked if there had been any interest in driver positions. Director Holtorf asked what the district is doing to look for drivers. Superintendent Chrisman responded that there is advertising, word of mouth, and adding the additional mini bus has helped. Discussion followed regarding how to get interest in the bus driver positions. Further updates and recommendations will be brought back to next board meeting.

8.4 Budget Update

8.4.1 Legislative Impact Review

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman gave a report on budget overview stating the budget was done very carefully not knowing what would happen with several legislative pieces. Gallagher was repealed which will have a positive benefit to school budgets, more long term than short term. The other positive is Proposition EE, tobacco and vaping tax. This money should start coming in fairly soon. Potential hit to the budget is the state income tax reduction that will have a negative impact but positives from the Gallagher appeal should offset that. The other of interest is 117, the family medical paid leave. This will not have an impact on school district budgets. Overall the budget picture is much better than it could be. The governor presented his proposed budget last week to the Joint Budget Committee. This was highly in favor of putting money into K-12 schools. Chrisman states

that overall the district budget is looking very healthy. Chrisman gave more general information on the budget and talked about budget work that will need to be completed at the December board meeting. General discussion followed.

8.4.2 Approval of Holiday Bonuses

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated this is the meeting where employee Christmas bonuses are approved. The same amount as last year is what was budgeted. Director Galles shared that she feels the bonus needs to be more this year given the fact that staff has had to do so much more with the COVID situation. Galles states that with the money available there needs to be a onetime bigger bonus to show the district's appreciation for all the staff has done. The other board members agreed. General discussion followed.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Brown, to approve \$200 Christmas bonus.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that the board meeting for December will be on December 9th. There will be a work session starting around 6:00 PM with the regular meeting starting at 7:00 PM.
- Chrisman also directed the board members' attention to CASB packets placed at their desks for their review. The CASB conference will be virtual this year. The packets include the schedule of speakers. Chrisman asks the board to let the district office know if they wish to attend any of the virtual sessions.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

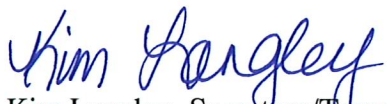
- None

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm by Dan Ross.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Aye: Brown, Galles, Langley, Ross. Absent: Langley 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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