

Yuma School District-1
May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President	Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
Thomas Holtorf, Director	Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager
Lindsey Galles, Director(Arrived at 7:09 PM)	Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Secretary
Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Duane Brown, Vice President

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 7:04 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman stated two additions to the agenda –
 - Authorization of Lysondra Yost for MES Summer School Teacher
 - Add to Discussion/Action Items – 8.5 YHS Commons Air Conditioning

Motion by Ross, seconded by Holtorf, to accept the agenda as amended.

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the month of April.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$745,138; Revenue \$676,806; Payroll and Benefits \$609,330.
 - ❖ Larger Bills
 - Akron High School – Transfer of the track planning system from student activity fund for \$4,311.00
 - Colorado Digital Learning – Spring courses K-12 for \$8,400.00
 - Nebraska Fire & Safety – Replace Primex Clock System for \$10,926.00
 - Rasmussen – Repair to boilers at MES for \$3,509.00
 - Strictly Tech – View Boards and Carts for \$15,948.00
- Dennis-Murphy stated that the 2021-2022 budget will be presented next month.
- Audit is scheduled for the 3rd week in September.
- A supplemental budget will be done next month for 2020-2021 budget.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 April 19, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of April 30, 2021

4.2.2 April 2021 Check Register

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Authorization

- ❖ 2021-2022 Classified Notice of Assignments
- ❖ Rich Noble – YHS Volunteer Girls Golf Coach
- ❖ Megan Armstrong – YMS Tech Teacher
- ❖ Amy Allen – MES Interventionist Grade Teacher
- ❖ Sara Olsen – YMS Art
- ❖ Richard McClellan - Maintenance
- ❖ Luz Sanchez – MES Summer School
- ❖ Cristi Powell – MES Summer School
- ❖ Heather Bledsoe – MES Summer School
- ❖ Calie Northrup – MES Summer School
- ❖ Crystal Schwartz – MES Summer School
- ❖ Brett Moser – YMS Induction Mentor
- ❖ Elizabeth Basham – Cook
- ❖ Lynsondra Yost – MES Summer School

4.3.2 Resignations and Separations

- ❖ Lidia Avina – YMS Para
- ❖ Janet Bacquera – Custodian
- ❖ Yesenia Garcia – YHS ESL Teacher
- ❖ Shontell Fassler – MES Para
- ❖ Brenda Kolberdanz – YMS Principal
- ❖ Max Fokken – YHS Science

4.4 Activity Trip Requests

4.4.1 6th Grade Camp to YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch – Sept 15, 2021 – Sept 17, 2021

4.4.2 7th Grade Camp to YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch – Aug 22, 2021 – Aug 24, 2021

Motion by Ross, seconded by Langley, to approve Consent Agenda as presented and amended.

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 Neenan/Project-1 Update – Chad Rayl

- Chad Rayl gave a project and schedule update.
 - ❖ Update of Art/Band area – completion set for the end of June:
 - ❖ Update of CTE Wing – exterior brick is currently being laid. Drywall beginning on the interior.
 - ❖ Update on YHS move and minor demo that will begin this week - Abatement begins on Monday. Building will be off limits to everyone. Major demo crew will then come in and start on walls.
 - ❖ General discussion.
 - ❖ Update on the YHS Commons area - Rayl stated that from a previous board meeting a threshold of \$400,000 had been set and the cost is now coming in at around \$330,000 to \$340,000. Conversation has started regarding the current HVAC unit in the commons which only supports heat. It has been discussed that it would be good to add air conditioning to the commons space. Discussion with Neenan included adding to the existing unit versus replacing with a new unit. The delta between the two is small. The recommendation is to replace with a new unit which would be roughly between \$70,000 - \$100,000, which would increase the commons budget to \$430,000; however, this would be separate and the budget can support this project. Discussion followed with general consensus that air conditioning is needed in this area and taking care of it during this current project makes sense. Superintendent Chrisman stated adding this to the project will delay occupancy of the commons – space by 2-3 weeks. Rayl reported that even with this addition to the project that the contingency fund is still very healthy.
 - ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that NJC is working with the district on a lease agreement. Chrisman has signed a temporary lease that will go from the first of September through the end of December to use 3 classrooms and 2 offices at their site. Total cost of the lease is \$4800 for 3 spaces for 3 months. The Math Department will be located in this space.
 - ❖ Chrisman also reported that the move out at the high school went very well with staff doing an incredible job to accomplish the task. Chrisman gave details of where things were moved and what would be happening with current classroom furnishings, etc.
 - ❖ Rayl stated that carts that were purchased for the move and the cost of the classroom lease with NJC are all part of the project expenses, pending approval.
 - ❖ Brief discussion on weather impacts to the project schedule.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- None

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Honorary Proclamation of Employee Appreciation

- President Ross read the Honorary Proclamation of Employee Appreciation
- Superintendent Chrisman reported that each employee was given \$20 Commerce Cash through the Chamber of Commerce as a token of appreciation on behalf of the school district.

8.2 Mascot Bill Update

- Superintendent Chrisman reported the hearing is on for Thursday, May 20th. There will be a meeting with the rural alliance advocacy group and lobbyist on Tuesday afternoon. It does not appear that they are having luck with any of the amendments hoped for to give flexibility. Teresa Roubideaux has been working on petitions around town, gathering statements and people to testify in person or via zoom. The district has had several inquiries from people wanting to get signed up for this. Organization will be finalized this week to prepare for Thursday.

8.3 Student Information System Change - Alma

- Superintendent Chrisman reported that since her 2nd year with the district there has been discussion and contemplation regarding changing the student information system. The district has not been happy with PowerSchool but also didn't find another system adequate to replace it. There was also concern with the amount of work it would take the staff to relearn another system. It was therefore decided that a change would not be made unless a really good system were to be presented. The district feels like that system is now available. Alma was designed by educators and is very user friendly. Chrisman explained some of the key differences between PowerSchool and Alma. Chrisman also explained the process of showing this system to administrators and staff in order to get their input on making this change. Chrisman stated that she received nothing but positive feedback from the administrators, teacher groups and secretaries on this system. Regarding the cost, Chrisman reported that PowerSchool was a cost of \$11,305 this last school year and Alma for the first year will be \$12,500. Chrisman explained other costs that would be involved with set up and additions to the system for specific reporting, etc. There will be an upfront fee this year of an

additional \$12,874 for Alma's set up and training fees. Superintendent Chrisman explained features with this new system that the staff really liked. Onboarding for this will start this week so that everything is in place and ready to go in August.

8.4 Budget Update

- Superintendent Chrisman directed the board members' attention to the budget update worksheet provided to them. Chrisman went through this in detail. Chrisman reports the district has a very healthy budget at this time.
- Chrisman reported on some upcoming expenses including painting of the 5th/6th grade wing at YMS, a new stage for graduation, and work on the YHS track. Chrisman stated that there shouldn't be any big projects with high cost coming up. Holtorf stated there may be the cost of the mascot change that needs to be considered. Auditorium updates were discussed. HVAC will be done this summer in the auditorium. Cosmetic work on the auditorium will hopefully fall under the ESSER III funds but if not may need to be completed with funds from reserves.

8.5 YHS Commons Air Conditioning

- President Ross states he is in favor of taking care of this at this time. Galles agrees it is a good time to get it done. General discussion.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Holtorf, to go ahead with the addition of the new air conditioning unit in the commons area.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Chrisman began her report by stating that in the ESSER-III funds there are some funds that are restricted. A certain percentage of the funds have to go to demonstrating remediation or catch up due to COVID loss. At the middle school level the district has offered a new course through CDLS which is literally a preparation for next year's class course. This is completely voluntary. The middle school staff compiled a list of students they felt might benefit from this class. Chrisman stated she did not have totals at this point but the district has offered to pay for that class. It is \$100-\$125 per student. The elementary school had several staff members interested in supporting students this summer in preparation for next year.
- Chrisman stated she feels that this past school year was one of the hardest years for educators and unlike any that anyone could have imagined. Chrisman is proud of the work the entire staff, from kitchen staff to custodial staff to bus drivers to secretarial to teachers and to administrators, did to make the year successful. Chrisman stated it was wonderful to see the seniors graduate with a fairly typical graduation ceremony this year. The board all agreed it was a very nice ceremony and stated they liked having the

ceremony outside. Chrisman stated that the summer will be used to review protocols and to evaluate things that the district did that were helpful as well as things that need improvement. Chrisman is hoping to prepare for a typical school year with the exception of the construction project.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Director Galles extended her congratulations to the volleyball team. Ross commented that Jr. High volleyball should be included in that as well as both groups did really well.

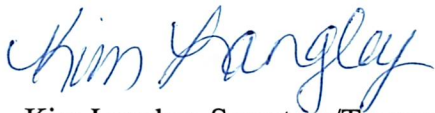
11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M. by President Dan Ross.

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

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

Sincerely,



Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer
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Dan Ross, President
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