

Yuma School District-1  
October 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  
Dani Crossland, 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, October 18, 2021, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

- Superintendent Chrisman stated one addition to the consent agenda – 4.3.1
  - ❖ Authorization of Miguel Araiza - YMS Choir Instructor

Motion by Langley, seconded by Galles, 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 September.
  - ❖ Expenditures \$841,283; Revenue \$630,684; Payroll and Benefits \$619,614.
  - ❖ Larger Bills
    - Activate Learning – \$21,945 for YHS Science Curriculum
    - Great Minds – \$31,275 for MES Math Curriculum
    - Rosetta Stone – \$2,030 for Renewal, Title 3 Purchase
    - Snow Mountain Ranch – \$4,862 for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip, from Activity Fund
    - Reading Plus – \$4,030 for Renewal for the year
  - ❖ Audit field work was completed, final audit report will be presented next month if everything is approved by CDE.
  - ❖ Donations listed on agenda.
  - ❖ Vice President Brown had some questions on the Expenditure Report regarding sporting event registration fees, clarifying answers were provided by Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy, YHS Principal Brady Nighswonger, and Superintendent Dianna Chrisman.

#### **4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **4.1 Approval of Minutes**

###### **4.1.1 September 20, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting**

##### **4.2 Routine Business**

###### **4.2.1 Financial Reports as of September 30, 2021**

###### **4.2.2 September 2021 Check Register**

###### **4.2.3 Donations**

- ❖ Anonymous - \$300.00 for Softball Club
- ❖ YW Electric Association - \$250.00 for FFA

##### **4.3 Personnel**

###### **4.3.1 Recommendations**

- ❖ Lorna Winkler – YHS Para
- ❖ Brandon Newton – YHS Girls Wrestling Head Coach
- ❖ Chase McCreath – YMS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- ❖ Joni Maxson – MES Para
- ❖ Kris VanDeraa – Parent Outreach
- ❖ Richard McClellan – Head of Maintenance
- ❖ Dave Sheffield – YMS Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach
- ❖ Jayden Hess – YMS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- ❖ Miguel Araiza – YMS Choir Instructor

###### **4.3.2 Resignations and Separations**

- ❖ Michael Dischner – Athletic Director/Assistant Principal
- ❖ Steven Desmond – Grounds Keeper
- ❖ Rhonda Desmond – YMS Secretary/YMS Music

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

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

#### **5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

- Krissy King thanked current Board Members for serving on the Board and she stated her confusions with contact tracing and why students had been quarantined.
- Diedre Huwa, parent of YMS student, would like clarification on 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on Covid updates posted on website where it states that protocols might need to be adjusted periodically, and we need to prepare our students that these things might happen. But, it doesn't state what those things are.
- John Gardner shared why he is in favor of going with Tribe for the mascot as the definition of tribe is a group of people.
- Jacqui Monk shared that she is nervous for kids' mental health, wants clarification on where we're moving towards and would like more information on the website.

## 6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

### 6.1 ABA Presentation – Megan Armstrong, Jeremy Armstrong, Ron and Sue Armstrong

- Megan Armstrong, Jeremy Armstrong and Sue Armstrong presented concerns regarding the school district not allowing their private registered behavior therapists to attend school with their children. They included significant personal medical history detail and therapeutic treatment plans and processes that they would like included in school. President Ross stated their comments would be taken under advisement and they would meet with legal counsel.

### 6.2 Neenan/Project-1 Update – Chad Rayl

#### 6.2.1 Contingency, Budget, and Open Item Prioritization Review

- Chad Rayl gave a project and schedule update.
  - ❖ Budget update – there is \$168,000 left in the builder's contingency to use towards the project at this time and owner's contingency is \$462,551.
  - ❖ There are some unforeseen extra costs on the asbestos abatement of the transportation building, they discovered some vermiculite that was hidden in the ceiling. Extra time was spent removing that as well as cleaning the entire building twice, resulting in extra costs. There are a few others on labor costs and material increases, these are being reviewed and hoping for less of an impact than originally thought.
- Superintendent Chrisman reported that we are almost past the point of any significant risk as far as unforeseen circumstances, we still have a few shipping delays and some other potential weather delays.
- Chrisman stated that in the last couple of weeks, they have gone through with Neenan and looked at what allowances we still have. There were some line items that still had allowances left, so those allowances were moved into the contingency.
- Rayl reports that we are 3 ½-4 months away from finishing the project on the construction side. Budget is looking good.
- Vice President Brown asked if there was a way to estimate what amount is spoken for that is left in the budget. Rayl explained the open item list is reviewed with Neenan at least once a month and there may be some credits coming back and some things have to be done a specific way per code or inspector. Currently there is \$61,000 that will be approved off of the contingency amount.
- Chrisman discussed prioritizing some things that could be done with the money that is left in contingency. After doing walkthrough on the exterior part of the building we are looking at updating the painting on the old section. It was also

discovered that there is some stucco that is cracking that could lead to long term water issues. Part of the first option is to repair and patch the cracks so that we don't deal with water issues in the coming years. The estimate is significant, around \$250,000, but it would be for the rest of the exterior of the building. This would have to be done in the spring.

- The next priority is the overflow parking lot on the northwest corner, add cedar fencing as well as curb and gutter to existing north parking lot to create a barrier to protect the asphalt from gravel coming out onto the asphalt. Also add 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance on the west side to the overflow parking lot.
- The last option is landscaping with trees and shrubs around campus.
- Discussion followed, and the Board agreed that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> option were the best at this time.
- Abatement contractor has about 2 weeks left and then we should have the final costs.
- Chrisman gave a schedule update, the commons area will be finished by December 3<sup>rd</sup> to be ready for our 1<sup>st</sup> home event on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Mod. 3 which is the rest of the center, the bathrooms, locker rooms, some storage space and some offices is scheduled to be finished by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mod 3.9 is also scheduled to be completed by December 23<sup>rd</sup> so we can move out of the NJC space. Mod. 4, which is the rest of the completion, has an anticipated turnover date of January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- We are anticipating a couple of dates for remote instruction for high school students, should have a good idea by the 1<sup>st</sup> part of January.

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- None

## 8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 8.1 CASB Election Information

#### 8.1.1 Proposition 119

- Chrisman shared information that Colorado Association of School Boards had put out on Proposition 119, doesn't require any action or resolution. CASB Board of Directors voted to oppose Proposition 119, primarily because the money that is already owed to schools through the Budget Stabilization Factor hasn't been paid off yet. The funds could be utilized for almost anything, proposition is pretty vague. Great idea, but implementation isn't the best.

#### 8.1.2 Proposition 120

- Would reduce property tax revenue to most local governments, including school districts, and it would

increase the amount that the state must pay to backfill the lost property tax revenue for schools. Property tax reductions from 120 that are not offset by additional state funding will result in lower school funding. CASB opposes this because of the negative impact to school districts and other entities as well.

#### 8.2 CASB Delegate Assembly Resolution Booklet Review

- President Ross will be attending the Delegate Assembly this weekend, Superintendent Chrisman turned this portion over to President Ross and Vice President Brown to review the resolutions.
- Brown gave an overview of the resolutions for this year. There was a discussion on the resolutions and the board members shared their input and instruction for President Ross.

#### 8.3 Mascot Discussion

- Superintendent Chrisman shared that the survey that went out had a lot of responses with Tribe and Yetis getting the most support.
- Chrisman has found out that there is an implementation process that will be required. The District has been identified as a school that is in violation of SB 21-116. We have to follow a process where we provide documentation of how we are coming into compliance including what our new mascot will be. We have to go before the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs to show how we've made the change and what our new mascot is going to be.
- Special meeting of Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs on November 9<sup>th</sup> via zoom scheduled for 4:00 to discuss Tribe as an option for our new mascot.

### 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Chrisman reported that the auditors will be here in November for their final presentation, things are looking good currently.
- October 1 count showed a drop this year of 27.7 students, quite a few of these are students that moved from the area. Budget wise the impact will be around \$280,000 from what we were anticipating from the State.
- Superintendent Chrisman gave a COVID update, numbers in the area are increasing, but our school numbers are holding. Using a different method to communicate the Covid report for the district on the website. We currently have 3 cases at YHS, and 2 cases at MES, and zero cases at MES and Little Indians Preschool. If move to yellow zone students/staff would need to be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school instead of 24 hours. We are under an obligation if we hit 5 cases in one building to report that to the Health Department within 4 days.
- Notified Bev Wenger that Rhonda Desmond will no longer be the Designated Election Official, there are no duties left for the Designated Election Official at this time, so we don't need to change anything.

### 10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Director Galles thanked people for coming to the Board meeting and voicing their concerns. She also thanked all of the staff for everything they have done and she appreciates that everyone has gone above and beyond.
- Vice President Brown agreed with Galles and said that everyone did a terrific job over the last year and a half and it's really appreciated. Brown thanked Michael Dischner for everything he has done, Michael was a huge asset to the District and he will continue to be an asset to the community.
- Brown asked if it was possible to receive a copy of the audit before November 15<sup>th</sup> so he could review it.
- Secretary/Treasurer Langley shared that when the public brings comments/concerns up that the Board is not able by law to address the audience and have a discussion that is voted on.
- President Ross thanked the community for allowing him to be on the School Board for the last 10 years.

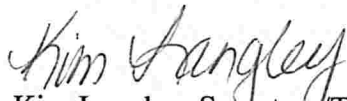
## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 P.M. by President Dan Ross.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Langley, 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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