

Yuma School District-1
November 15, 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, November 15, 2021, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- President Ross stated there was one correction on Agenda
 - Correction was made to Agenda to correct misnumbered

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 October.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$795,385; Revenue \$622,320; Payroll and Benefits \$668,741.
 - ❖ Larger Bills
 - BSN Sports – \$5,235 for goal posts and field marking kit, from Football Activity Fund
 - Evergreen Landscapes – \$3,934 for sprinkler repair
 - NJC – \$4,284 for fall tuition
 - Snow Mountain Ranch – \$7,507 for 6th and 7th Grade Trip, from Activity Fund
- We have various smaller purchases
- Scott Szabo is here tonight to present the Audit
- Data Pipeline to the state has been completed

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 October 18, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting

4.1.2 November 9, 2021 – Special Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

- 4.2.1 Financial Reports as of October 31, 2021
- 4.2.2 October 2021 Check Register
- 4.2.3 Donations
 - ❖ Yuma Lions Club - \$500 for YMS School Supplies

4.3 Personnel

- 4.3.1 Recommendations
 - ❖ Donald Brophy – YHS Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach
 - ❖ Tyler Korf – YHS Boys Wrestling Assistant Coach
 - ❖ Alma Santillan – Custodian
 - ❖ Tabatha Neb – YMS Secretary

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

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 ABA Scott Szabo – Lauer, Szabo & Associates

- Scott Szabo with Lauer, Szabo & Associates presented the district audit report for the year ending June 30, 2021. The report is longer this year as they had to do a single audit as the district spent over \$750.00 in Federal funds. Szabo went through the bound copy of the audit report and reviewed each individual fund. General questions were asked as he went through the report. The audit has been posted on the Yuma School District website.

6.2 Neenan/Project-1 Update – Chad Rayl

- Chad Rayl gave a project and schedule update.
 - ❖ Schedule is going well, we have about 2 months left in the project.
 - ❖ The floor is done in the Commons area, installing all new doors in the commons. Lights, carpet, paint and HVAC are all done. Final inspection will hopefully be sometime next week.
 - ❖ Old transportation building has been demolished. Clearing up that area to get it ready for an overflow parking lot.
 - ❖ Benches, tables, and trash receptacles will be installed hopefully this week around the campus.
 - ❖ The south side classrooms are almost ready for final inspections as we can only utilize the classrooms at the NJC campus through the end of the first semester.
 - ❖ Mod 3 where the old library was will be new locker rooms, group bathrooms, and storage rooms. Mod 3 is tracking on time.
 - ❖ Mod 4 is where math and social studies classrooms will be. Mod 4 is moving along well, with final inspection hopefully around the end of December. Hoping to move back in around mid January.
 - ❖ Superintendent Chrisman reported that when it gets closer there will be an announcement about move in dates for high school staff. There will be 2 days for staff and teachers to move in. During those

aren't able to do those when students are in school. There is potential for Best funding to offset some of the costs.

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman will share the uniform plan at the December board meeting. Principal Nighswonger and Mr. Dischner have been working with the coaches to get everything finalized for the uniforms so Chrisman can get the purchase approved as it will be a large purchase.

8.2 Budget Review Worksheet

- Informational as we are continuing the budget process. \$283,771 reduction in state equalization due to a reduction in students this year. Budget has been changed to reflect that.
- Cares funding freed up some general fund money.
- Esser 2 is primarily for HVAC and technology, not enough to complete the HVAC projects that we were working on in the Pit and MES.
- We received \$1.2 million in Esser 3 funds, these funds have a 20% hold back for learning recovery requirements. We have until 2024 to use Esser 3 funds.
- Approximately \$990,000 left in Esser 3, looking at remaining \$550,000 to finish the Pit and MES air conditioning. Looking at a portable stage for graduation and other activities, it's ADA compliant, and a bit larger. Also looking at an extension for the stage in the auditorium for distancing as well as replacing the auditorium seating giving a little more space around.
- Most projectors are in need of repair or replacement, it's recommended to use smart TVs or the View Sonic interactive boards instead of replacing the projectors at MES and YMS. These were already replaced at YHS through the project. We are looking at around \$54,000, looking into using Esser 2 or Esser 3 funds.
- Track surface is cracking and is needing to be replaced, the quote is just under \$250,000. They need to put in a French drain along the inside perimeter of the track so that the water drains. The water is pooling in certain areas and seeping underneath which is causing the problems. Approximately an additional \$75,000 to install the French drain, but it should eliminate the need to replace the surface of the track as often as we have been needing to.
- Mascot changes, we are looking at \$350,000, budgeted for \$400,000.
- Baseball lights are nonfunctioning and need replaced, around \$300,000. Softball lights are still functioning but will need to be replaced for an extra \$200,000, will look into replacing softball lights next year.
- Several RTU's that were not part of the 7th and 8th grade Best project need replaced, it will be \$92,000 to get those replaced and working.
- Looking into door locking issues.
- Lights need replaced in the auditorium, also looking at the sound system. First estimate is around \$75,000.
- Would be best to get Esser 2 and Esser 3 projects completed as much as possible this summer to get the funds cleaned out and will just need to monitor the 20% learning recovery over the next couple of years.

8.3 Capital Project Fund Outlay Plan

2 days, YHS students will have independent work as no students will be in the school while the staff and teachers move back in. Hoping to know the dates shortly after the first of the year. More information will be coming the YHS as we know more.

- ❖ The welding booths for the Ag Shop have finally arrived, just need to be inspected.
- ❖ Everything has been ordered to set up a barrier around the dumpsters to prevent trash from blowing around.
- ❖ Budget is still looking good, there is \$463,000 in contingency with approximately \$169,000 left in the builder's contingency.
- ❖ Still reviewing change orders for the asbestos abatement contractor.
- ❖ Getting closer to getting some estimates on the paint and stucco repair as well as overflow parking that was discussed at last month's meeting.
- ❖ Looking at other options for a barrier between the south side of the overflow parking lot gravel and the grass field as fencing is very expensive right now, need to maintain the area for proper drainage.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- None

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Mascot Change Discussion

- Superintendent Chrisman gave some updates on the mascot change.
 - ❖ Chrisman said the timeline has a fast turnaround to meet the deadline for getting everything changed before the deadline. Various mascot options were discussed at the October work session.
 - ❖ With the implementation process for the mascot change we will have to present what our mascot change will be for the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs to vote to decide if the changes are sufficient to be removed from the list of noncompliant schools. We have until June 1, 2022 to get off of the list or we will receive the \$25,000 per month fines. We were scheduled to present to Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs at the special meeting on November 9, 2021. On November 8, 2021 we were notified that the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs cancelled the agenda items on their special meeting and were just going into executive session to discuss the Naga lawsuit.
 - ❖ At this point we are in a holding pattern until we are able to present to the Commission. We need to move forward with an order in December for fall uniforms to receive them in time to be in compliance. Looking at ordering uniforms with just Yuma at this time with no mascot at this point to assure that we are in compliance.
 - ❖ Vice President Brown explained that even with the NAGA lawsuit we still need to move forward as it's hard to predict if the request for preliminary injunction will be granted.
 - ❖ Floor painting is scheduled for June 2022, they are giving us an allowance in the month of June for those types of projects as we

- Specific clarification of Capital Project Fund Outlay Plan was provided. Capital Outlay will be finalized in January.
- Business Manager Dennis Murphy answered some questions from Vice President Brown on the process of getting approval of the expenditure of the Esser funds.
- President Ross asked that the record show that Lindsey Galles left at 8:14 for personal reasons.

8.4 Approval of Holiday Bonuses

- Approved in the first budget, no action needed unless anyone wants to make an adjustment on that amount.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Langley, to approve Holiday bonuses.

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

8.5 December board meeting date change to December 6, 2021

- Originally scheduled for December 20th, but that is part of holiday break, so we were going to move it up by one week. I've confirmed with Bev Wenger that we should have the voting abstract by November 22nd. From that date we have 15 days to have a meeting to swear in the new board members, and also have to certify the mill levy. Recommend having the meeting on the 6th instead of the 20th for regular business, the installation of the board members, officers, and the mill levy certification.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Langley, to change the date of the December board meeting.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Chrisman gave a COVID update, continuing to monitor the COVID numbers. No changes in the school setting at this time. The hospitals are seeing an increase in COVID cases as well as RSV and Influenza along with a few other things.
- Getting details finalized for the CASB convention, information will be coming out to the Board soon via email.
- Superintendent Chrisman is inviting interested people to discuss school district progress and make recommendations for board goals. Chrisman has scheduled time to meet on November 30th from 1:30-3:00. Will alternate opportunities during the day and evening to best fit everyone's schedule.
- All buildings are trying to get their advisory groups/committees started again.
- Some highlights from the fall with many activities back to normal this year
 - ❖ YMS was able to have the Veteran's Day celebration this year, as we weren't able to have it last year, nice to have that tradition back again
 - ❖ First playoff win for football since 2013, also hosted quarterfinals.
 - ❖ Girls' cross country team qualified for 2nd straight year for state championship meet.
 - ❖ Volleyball advanced to regional championship for the 11th straight year.
 - ❖ Robotics team received 1st place overall in the BEST Competition, our robot also received 3rd place in the robotics portion of the competition.

- ❖ Also at the event, YHS Science Teacher Amy Melby was recognized for being a finalist for the Colorado Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching
- ❖ Several FFA members received awards at National Convention
- ❖ FCCLA and FBLA had a successful fall festival
- ❖ FBLA sales meetings with businesses continue to produce winter athletic posters and table advertisements

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- President Ross shared a statement on behalf of the board
 - ❖ We welcome public comment during our meetings and in writing so that we may keep informed about the issues that are important to our community. However, the board relies on the Superintendent and her staff to carry out the day-to-day operations of the school district. The board as the governing body of the school district works in collaboration with the Superintendent to set its agendas in furtherance of this governance role. During its meetings, the board cannot engage in back-and-forth discussions with members of the public relating to the operations of the district.
 - ❖ The board of education listened to the concerns of community members at recent public meetings and followed up by receiving legal advice to understand the school district's legal obligations. The board is comfortable that district staff are appropriately addressing the situations. While the board maintains the opportunity for public comment at regular board meetings, please note that concerns relating to specific students will be directed to the Superintendent or building administration.
- President Ross thanked everyone and said it was an honor to serve on the board.
- Vice President Brown thanked Ross and Secretary/Treasurer Langley for all that they have done. He also thanked all of the candidates that ran in the election.

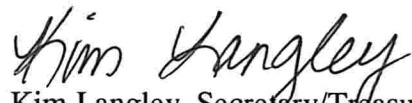
11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. by President Dan Ross.


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

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

Sincerely,



Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer
Yuma School District-1
Board of Education



Dan Ross, President
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