

Yuma School District-1
March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Deering, Vice President
Thomas Holtorf, Director
Lindsey Galles, Director
Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager
Dani Crossland, Executive Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Duane Brown, President

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice President, John Deering called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Deletions-8.4 Approval of Heartland Purchase Order doesn't require Board approval. Other numbers will be adjusted accordingly, 8.4 will be 2022-2023 Teacher Contracts, 8.5 will be 2022-2023 Certified Compensation Schedules Additions, and 8.6 will be ESSER Grant Budget Approval

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles, to approve the agenda as amended.
Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the month of February.
 - ❖ Expenditures \$846,533; Revenue \$667,946; Payroll and Benefits \$610,853.
 - ❖ Larger Bills
 - Bonanza Ford – \$3,494 for repairs to #20
 - BSN Sports – \$8,683 for football uniforms
 - CSDSIP – \$29,279 for insurance on YHS addition
 - Neenan - \$55,221 for power set up for HVAC in the Pit, from Esser II
 - ❖ Donations are listed on the agenda.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1.1 February 28, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting
- 4.2 Routine Business
 - 4.2.1 Financial Reports as of February 28, 2022
 - 4.2.2 February 2022 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Bank of Colorado - \$400 for YHS Boys State Basketball

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Lucy Staggs – MES Para

4.4 Policy Parameters and Special Policy Updates

4.4.1 1st Reading

- ❖ GCQEB – Supplemental Employment of Retired Professional Staff

4.5 Ratify School Closure

4.5.1 Weather Cancellation March 10, 2022

4.6 Activity Trip Requests

4.6.1 Ratify YHS Wrestling to State Tournament in Denver CO 2/16/22-2/19/22

4.6.2 Ratify YHS Girls Basketball to District Tournament in Rye, CO 3/4/22-3/5/22

4.6.3 Ratify YHS Boys Basketball to State Tournament in Loveland, CO 3/9/22-3/12/22

4.6.4 Ratify YHS Cheer to State Basketball in Loveland, CO 3/11/22-3/12/22

4.6.5 Ratify YHS Pep Band to State Basketball in Loveland, CO 3/11/22-3/12/22

4.6.6 YHS Students to State Science Fair – Fort Collins, CO 4/2/22-4/8/22

4.6.7 YHS Students to International Science Fair in Atlanta, GA 5/8/22-5/13/22

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Holtorf, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Ryan Noble, representing Conservative Christian Parents Support Committee, wanted to remind the Board that there will be a planning session for teacher appreciation week on March 27th at 6:00 at the Community Center. Superintendent Chrisman stated that she can't attend due to family needs out of state. Chrisman also shared that, as a Board, over the past years all various groups have been combined into the same week and we celebrate staff appreciation week for all groups at the same time.
- Deidre Huwa thanked the Board for advocating and approving the salary increases for next year. It was equally exciting to hear that there will be increases for Classified Staff as well as Certified staff. Curious if a pay increase will be considered for substitute teachers, this might encourage the substitutes that we have to stay, as well as encourage more people to consider substituting as a job option.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 YHS Principal Brady Nighswonger, Yuma High School Schedule Update

- Small gas leak in kitchen at YHS this morning after having some work done last week.
- Schedule and graduation requirements that we've been discussing for a couple of years.
 - ❖ Committee has been researching graduation requirements and looking at different schools around our area. Going to a 7 day period for next year, which will create a reduction in credits required for students to graduate from YHS.
 - ❖ Currently need 27 credits to graduate, proposing going to 24 with a reduction in elective credits and eliminating an ICAP credit. ICAP needs to be integrated into an everyday learning for students to successfully complete high school. The State of Colorado doesn't have an ICAP requirement, but suggests that we should be meeting 21st century skills and standards every day within the classroom.
 - ❖ Minimizing elective credit gives students the incentive to be able to get into a pathway as they further their education. This will make it easier to give students the post-secondary skills during high school, which is a great opportunity for students.
 - ❖ This will allow us to go from an 8 period to a 7 period day and give a few extra minutes in each class which is very important especially with students being used to being in class every other day for 90 minutes. Will also reduce the number of classes that students must prepare for.
 - ❖ Working to figure out what year the new graduation requirements will be implemented.
 - ❖ Looking at a career pathway and a college pathway that would make it better to offer students different options.
 - ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated that this will require a policy change with 2 official readings and Board approval.

6.2 YMS Principal Tonya Rodwell, Yuma Middle School Schedule

- With YMS sharing at least one staff member with YHS, we need to follow a similar schedule, so we are looking at a 7 period day with a couple of different options.
- Benefit will be that every student will have every class every day.
- Looking at 7 period day with 60 minute or 55 minute class periods.
- If we go with the 55 minute class periods we would have an advisory period at the end of the day. After trying this for part of this semester, it has been well received. If students leave early for sports/activities, students won't miss a core class.
- Planning to go with the 55 minutes class period schedule.
- Chrisman said this was not the intent, but with the way the schedule is working out, we have a few teaching positions that won't need to be filled at this time.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Vice President Deering shared a letter with the Board in regard to the mascot.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Mascot Removal Update

- After the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs quarterly meeting, other districts called wondering why we weren't taken off the list after going with no mascot at this time. Shared that we hadn't submitted anything to that meeting as we thought we needed to demonstrate that we had certain things done in order to do that. Received an email from CCIA offering a date of April 15th at 3:30 to present.
- Got a lot taken care of over spring break as far as items that needed to be removed. Large Flaming memorial has been moved to Heather Klein's house. Newton memorial still on site, family would like to sandblast the mascot off to get into compliance.
- Wall mats in the pit have been taken down, don't have replacements yet, but for the documentation we have to show photo evidence that these things have been addressed.
- The floor in the YMS gym has been completed and they are getting ready to do the gym floors at YHS.
- Leaving some things up until the end of the school year for events that are happening at the school.
- Planning to present what we have done on April 15th. That will be our last opportunity to share any information verbally, will be able to submit information through April 29th for their last meeting on May 19th.

8.2 Approval of 2022-2023 School Calendar

- After the last Board meeting administrators spoke with their staff regarding conference days. Decided to keep them on Mondays, but split them into 2 separate dates to help with parents that have students in multiple schools.
- Beginning of the year concern with Boces inservice the day before school starts and not having enough days prior to school starting. Instead of August 8th being new teacher orientation, all teachers will start on the 8th which will give them an extra day to get their classrooms set up. Adjusted a couple of inservice days, other than that everything else is the same.
- Had some conversations about testing at MES before school. The feedback that was received was that it would be better to do it a few weeks after school starts.
- Little Indians will still continue to do their conferences in the evening as they have in the past.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Galles, to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented. Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

8.3 Approval of Purchase Order for Strictly Tech

- Recommend updating all classrooms to interactive view sonic boards. Update will be for the rest of MES and YMS, also Little Indians. This is money we weren't anticipating, and we were looking at long range expenditures out of reserves for this purchase of the view sonic boards. Total amount \$122,006.21, by policy requires approval by the board.
- Also included in the total is replacement for some chromebooks as they wear out,

working on getting chromebooks on a rotation for replacement.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Cooper, to approve the purchase order for Strictly Tech as presented.

Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

8.4 2022-2023 Teacher Contracts

- Approval of 2022-2023 Teacher Contracts

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Cooper, to approve the 2022-2023 Teacher Contracts as presented.

Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

8.5 2022-2023 Certified Compensation Schedules Additions

- Superintendent Chrisman said there's never been an administrative salary schedule, it's just been left up to the superintendent to determine those salaries. This schedule lines up where administrators have been placed and puts it in a more transparent format. It's easy to follow based on education and administrative experience.
- Also need to get a salary schedule in place for preschool instructors. Listed as classified in past or fall on teacher's salary schedule even though the requirements are different for a preschool teacher versus a licensed teacher for K-12. Chrisman answered some questions from Director Holtorf about the new salary schedules and where they are now compared to where they will be going forward.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles, to table 2022-2023 Certified Compensation Schedules Additions until next meeting.

Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

8.6 ESSER Grant Budget Approval

- Have approval from the State after making some adjustments. We weren't able to include the auditorium, so we included cleaning supplies since it was allowable through ESSER, and we can use general fund for the auditorium adjustments.
- 20% is required to be spent on learning loss, this will be used on additional interventions, salaries, stipends for potential instruction activities on Mondays, also summer school.
- Big part of this is going to HVAC repairs that ESSER II didn't cover.
- Superintendent Chrisman thanked Sherry Dennis-Murphy for everything she has done to get the approval to go through.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Holtorf, to approve the ESSER Grant Budget as presented.

Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- If continue with same provider, health insurance renewal will have a 0% increase. We also have 2 offers from other companies. Committee will make a final recommendation at next month's board meeting.

- CSDSIP, Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool, insures all vehicles and buildings. 0% increase to base, but our coverage will change because of the high school addition, so we will see some increases which we had anticipated.
- Looking at permanent long term substitute teachers, someone that would work every day and report wherever they are needed. Looking at adjusting salaries for substitute teachers as well.
- Spring sports have started.
- Congratulations to YHS boys' basketball on another state championship.
- Staffing/hiring is looking good, have had good results with applications. Have had some people say that the salary schedule increase and 4 day week were part of their reasons for considering Yuma School District.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Director Holtorf congratulated both the boys and girls basketball teams on a great season and wished the spring sports teams good luck on their seasons.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. by Vice President John Deering.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to adjourn the meeting.
Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

Sincerely,



Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
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Duane Brown, President
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