

Yuma School District-1  
May 23, 2022 Regular Meeting  
Board of Education

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Duane Brown, President

John Deering, Vice President

Thomas Holtorf, Director

Lindsey Galles, Director, arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Terri Cooper, 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, Duane Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

- Superintendent Chrisman directed the board member's attention to a revised agenda with the following changes: 4.5.5 FFA Officer Retreat and 8.6 School Property Disposition.

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

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

**3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the month of April.
  - ❖ Expenditures \$982,549; Revenue \$713,574; Payroll and Benefits \$599,075.
  - ❖ Larger Bills
    - McCandless International – \$129,794 for mini buses, paid from rural funding
    - Colorado Digital Learning – \$2,800 for spring courses
    - Graham's Upholstery and Carpet Cleaning – \$3,260 for cleaning kitchen hoods, vents, and fans
    - Heartland School Solutions - \$5,250 POS terminals for Food Service, paid from supplemental funds
    - Strictly Technology - \$11,300 display and wall mounts, paid from supplemental funds
    - Strictly Technology - \$91,200 for viewboards, paid from supplemental funds
    - LCD monitors for CTE labs - \$4,898, will be partially reimbursed through CTE end of the year funding
    - Colorado FBLA - \$24,247 registration and hotel for state FBLA competition

- ❖ Will be presenting 2022-2023 budget next month as well as the additional supplemental requests if needed for 2021-2022. Figures will be updated as we get more funding coming in.
- ❖ Dennis-Murphy clarified some questions from President Brown about supplemental funds. Supplemental funds are allowed to release more funding if over budget, we can release some money from the general fund to cover that.

#### **4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

###### **4.1.1 April 18, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting**

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

###### **4.2.1 Financial Reports as of April 30, 2022**

###### **4.2.2 April 2022 Check Register**

##### **4.3 Personnel**

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

- ❖ Presley Papachek – Athletic Director
- ❖ Josh Rahe - Mentor
- ❖ Robert Zahller – Mentor
- ❖ Jamie Nighswonger - Mentor
- ❖ Karli McMurphy – YHS Guidance Counselor
- ❖ Cristi Powell – MES Summer School
- ❖ Tonya Smith – MES Summer School
- ❖ Alexis Wells – MES Summer School
- ❖ Heather Bledsoe – MES Summer School
- ❖ Tonya Rodwell – YMS Summer School
- ❖ Kent Chrisman – YMS Summer School
- ❖ Lysondra Yost – YMS Summer School
- ❖ Heidi Trute – YHS Summer School

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

- ❖ Maria Ramirez – YHS Registrar/Counselor Assistant
- ❖ Hope Aagesen – Cook
- ❖ Morgan Spencer – YHS Softball Coach and Junior high Track Assistant Coach
- ❖ Brittany Ross – YMS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- ❖ Brenda Ross – Bus Driver
- ❖ Tracy Wittlake - Cook

##### **4.4 Policy Parameters and Special Policy Updates**

###### **4.4.1 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading**

- ❖ BE – School Board Meetings
- ❖ GCL – Professional Staff Schedules and Calendars

##### **4.5 Activity Trip Requests**

###### **4.5.1 YHS Girls Wrestling to camp in Grand Junction, CO 6/16/22-6/18/22**

- 4.5.2 YHS Girls Basketball to camp in Greeley, CO 6/16/22-6/18/22
- 4.5.3 YHS Football to camp in Pueblo, CO 7/15/22-7/17/22
- 4.5.4 YHS Boys Basketball to camp in Denver, CO 6/23/22-6/25/22
- 4.5.5 FFA Officer Retreat in Lewellen, NE 6/27/22-6/28/22

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Deering, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.  
Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Galles, Holtorf. Motion carried.

## 5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Lisa Sinclair spoke about math curriculum at YMS and her experience with Eureka Math. She would like to have more conversations between the buildings to take a better look at the Math programs the District is using.
- Sinclair also thanked the board for the work that was done for Staff Appreciation Week as well as the Stipend that employees received for maintaining in person instruction.

## 6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- None

## 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- The Board received thank you notes from numerous employees for the Bonus Stipend that employees received for maintaining in person instruction. President Brown passed the thank you notes around for all of the Board to read.

## 8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 8.1 Mascot Removal Update

- Colorado Commission of Indians Affairs had quarterly meeting last Thursday. We were removed from the noncompliant list as well as all other schools with the exception of Lamar. CCIA also moved some schools to the noncompliant list that have Thunderbirds for their mascot. Those schools will have a year to come into compliance.
- Brown stated that one of the members of the CCIA thanked our District for our efforts and work to come into compliance with the law and appreciated everything we had done.
- The Native American Guardian Association Lawsuit was dismissed on May 5, 2022 by the US District Court. Not sure if the dismissal will be appealed or not. Not relevant to us as we were going down a different path to be known as “Yuma” represented by a “Y”.
- One commissioner mentioned that they were happy that we decided not to choose a mascot so we weren’t rushing into something.

### 8.2 Best Application for Mascot Removal Costs

- In discussion at the State Legislature concerning funding sources, the Bill sponsors stated that the Best Program would cover the Mascot removal costs. Best would only cover capital costs, so it wouldn’t cover uniforms, etc. We had about \$288,000 that were allowable costs. There was four tiers for the applications, the mascot removal was placed at Tier 4, generally only Tier 1 is approved for funding. So we knew that we wouldn’t be approved, but wanted to follow the plan. Presented to

the Best Board last Thursday with our application, the list came out today and we were not approved for funding.

- Brown stated that part of the reason for applying was to establish a record that we tried to pursue the recommended avenue for funding and with a possibility to go to Legislature next year to recover some costs.
- Estimated approximately \$400,000 for mascot removal. The floors weren't as expensive as expected, waiting for everything to be completed to get a final cost. Going to be closer to \$325,000 instead of \$400,000 which is still a significant expense.

### 8.3 Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2022-2023

- Policy BE states when Board meetings will be held. In the past it's been the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, but we've had several meetings that needed to be changed based on budget, calendars, etc. Changed the policy to be able to approve the dates for the meetings prior to the upcoming school year.
- There are notes attached on the schedule for Board meetings as to why they have changed and the dates will work well for when Board meetings will occur.

Motion by Deering, seconded by Galles, to approve the schedule of Board meeting dates for the 2022-2023 School Year as presented.

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

### 8.4 Former Ag Building Renovation Update

- This was moved out of scheduled audience with the Board as Superintendent Chrisman was going to cover it, but Chad Rayl is also joining to go over a few of the changes that have come up.
- Progressing quickly, we had a few unknowns like asbestos abatement, plumbing, tanks and mechanical, we finally have amounts on that.
- Drawing submitted for the permit to the State last week to be able to start construction at the end of June.
- Asbestos abatement came in at \$84,100.
- Ninyo-Moore will do an investigation and test to see what we are dealing with the underground tanks on the north side.
- Will save around \$60,000-\$70,000 for the water tap fees as the City of Yuma is waiving that fee.
- After doing some testing on the plumbing, a 50-60 foot belly, which is a sagging pipe, was found. Most of the pipe is sagging and cracking which is causing leaks. Looking at \$90,000 to take out the sewer line and install a new one.
- Nothing has come in out of the unexpected with costs still within budget capacity.
- Checking into pricing on lighting in the shop, the lights don't work properly and are needing replaced. The lights are the original lights in the building.
- Abatement is scheduled to start June 1<sup>st</sup> and take around 1½ weeks to complete, construction will begin June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Work on the exterior at YHS should be starting the first week of June.
- Will also be working on the HVAC in the Pit and the MES gym.

#### 8.5 2022-2023 Budget Discussion

- We have received the latest update on the School Finance Act but sometimes these things will get adjusted. Budget is based off of projected student count numbers, CDE gives an estimate and after October count the numbers will get adjusted. This year they dropped our enrollment projection to 753 from 805, current enrollment is roughly 860. Not anticipating losing 100 students, will continue to budget with CDE's numbers for the June budget, but that could change depending on how enrollment ends up next school year.
- Including the capital projects, we are still looking at a solid budget. The only update to the worksheet was the State Equalization, it went up roughly \$834 per pupil. Waiting to get some final numbers on additional funds for a mill levy override match that legislature passed that we will qualify for. Shifted \$310,000 into summer capital projects, projecting roughly \$780,000 not needed at this time in budget, this was shifted into capital projects. If everything continues to be funded on this list, we would only be using \$500,000 from reserves instead of what was projected, which was over \$1 million.
- Still need to finalize a few things, so these numbers may change. Have the potential to move some from general to capital projects if need be. Can do change requests with Esser funds if needed. The biggest thing will be how our October 1 count comes in.
- Brown asked how the 2021-2022 budget was matching up with expenditures. Dennis-Murphy said she is waiting for some bills to be finalized that might change the outlook, but looking like things are going to be pretty close to what the review change budget from January was set at. Revenues are coming in, working with the State to receive Title Funds, hoping that comes in this week.
- Discussion about having a work session to go over budget items and getting an updated list of priorities and when they need to be taken care of, unless something changes, we will be able to review and approve the budget at the June meeting and not have a work session. With summer Capital projects it's sometimes hard to tell which budget they should actually go on. If we have a project going on that doesn't get completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, those items might need to be moved.

#### 8.6 School Property Disposition

- We have some chromebooks that will be offered for sale as we can no longer use them as they can't be updated with the updates that are required. Would like to make those available for families and staff.
- Also have some busses that were approved for disposition last year that we haven't had time to get taken care of.
- Quite a few things that are surplus after construction/renovation that need taken care of as well. Have done an auction previously that wasn't well attended.

- Procedure for busses is sealed bids. According to policy it needs to be an opportunity that is open to everyone.
- The Policy is different for property and buildings.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf, to allow the superintendent to dispose of outdated equipment and supplies as per policy DN School Properties Disposition including technology hardware, school busses and other items which have been replaced in the building projects or no longer needed.

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

## **9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Celebrated 47 graduates on Sunday from YHS.
- Congratulations to our state championship boys track team as well as all of the individuals that earned a state championship or a medal. It was difficult with the weather, we had a few that had to decide if they wanted to compete at state track or participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Upcoming summer activities include athletic camps, FBLA sending 4 students to the National Competition, FFA sending 12 students to the State FFA Convention in Pueblo.
- One student that qualified for the ISEF Science Fair, participated well and had a great experience.
- We have a lot of highly successful and achieving students in the District, it's nice to reflect on their school experience, not just academics.
- Building project is reimmobilizing next week. Will start seeing exterior work and a few other things. Going to be a lot of things happening across the District.
- Various staff will be in and out for vacations. Let me know if you need something in the event that someone is out.
- Dani and I will be working on policy revisions from CASB, will also be looking at graduation guidelines.
- Eighth grade promotion tomorrow night at 7:00. Board Members are always invited and welcome.

## **10.0 BOARD REPORT**

### **10.1 District Accountability Committee Update**

- Secretary/Treasurer Cooper reported the Committee had their first meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Chrisman gave an overview on budgeting and how things work. Had a great interactive discussion. Discussed NWEA testing and best avenues for testing for growth and pros and cons of different testing. Set up August, November, February, and May for meetings. Gave us a chance to reassess what's working and what's not, what people like or don't like. Very happy with the group that we picked, very interactive and smart. Chrisman is going to do some research to see if we are required to have a bylaw system in place. We have some different rules in place since we fall under small rural. Had some great conversations and I'm looking forward to the meetings continuing.
- President Brown was privileged to hand out diplomas to graduating seniors. Will be handing out promotion certificates tomorrow night at Eighth grade promotion.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. by President Duane Brown.

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

Sincerely,



Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Yuma School District-1  
Board of Education



Duane Brown, President  
Yuma School District-1  
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