

Yuma School District-1
August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane Brown, President	Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
John Deering, Vice President	Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager
Thomas Holtorf, Director	Dani Crossland, Executive Secretary
Lindsey Galles, Director	
Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer	

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, August 15, 2022, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman stated some revisions to the agenda – 4.3.2 and 8.7
 - Separation of Laurie Kjosness - Support Services Coordinator
 - Approval of change of name of Little Indians Preschool

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Cooper to approve agenda as revised.
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 July. The books have been closed for the 2021-2022 financials; there weren't any significant changes from what was reported at the last Board of Education meeting.
 - Expenditures \$1,323,047; Revenue \$1,024,202; Payroll and Benefits \$600,028.
 - Larger Bills
 - CSDSIP (Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool) – \$388,640 for insurance
 - NWEA – \$11,291 for student assessments
 - Alma – \$12,879 for student information system renewal
 - Specialized Data Systems - \$9,495 for finance system
 - McGraw Hill for curriculum - \$74,000 paid from Esser III for learning loss funds
 - Lexia Learning Core Reading and Letters - \$11,660 for renewal paid by the Read Act
 - Donation is listed on the Agenda
 - Audit is planned for September 1st and 2nd

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 July 25, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

- 4.2.1 Financial Reports as of July 31, 2022
- 4.2.2 July 2022 Check Register
- 4.2.3 Donations
 - ❖ Highline Electric - \$200 for YHS FFA

4.3 Personnel

- 4.3.1 Recommendations
 - ❖ Kiera Mekelburg – YMS Head Volleyball Coach
 - ❖ Jazmine Diaz - YHS Head Softball Coach, Assistant Yuma County Softball
 - ❖ Jazmine diaz - YHS Floating Instructor
 - ❖ Jakob Chrisman - Grounds/Mowing
 - ❖ Faith Alt - YMS Assistant Volleyball Coach
 - ❖ Victoria Sprague - YHS Cheer Volunteer Coach
- 4.3.2 Separations and Resignations
 - ❖ Laurie Kjosness - Support Services Coordinator
- 4.3.3 Returning Coaches & Club Sponsors
- 4.3.4 Extra Duty/Club Stipends

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- None

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you from Julie Rahm for the hourglass that she received for her 20 years of service.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 School Resource Officer Update

- Sergeant Curtis Witte gave an update on the drill that was performed on August 11th.
 - School safety committee started 3 years ago, wanted to review safety manual as well as getting a reunification process put in place.
 - Revamped the safety manual and worked with Brad Stiles from the Colorado School Safety Resource Center to work on reunification plans.

- Purpose of the drill was to put all of these plans into place with multiple agencies involved.
- Yuma School District had around 80 people role playing for the drill.
- The drill went really good and everything worked well.
- Yuma Police Department and Yuma School District learned from the drill.
- It would be beneficial to do something similar every year with different scenarios.
- Chrisman shared that it was very valuable for the School District to work through the process and see the services that we have in town that are critical to the safety of our students and staff. In an actual event, reunification might not take place for 5 hours or longer and that patience and trust would be incredibly important. It's important to prepare for it to be as efficient as possible.
- Chief Jerry Thompson gave an update on the School Resource Officer
 - After visiting with the City Council, they also agreed that it would be a good idea to look at funding through a grant to assist with getting the program started.
 - After doing some research, Chief Thompson thought it would be a good idea to run a trial program to see how it works before looking at the grants.
 - Came up with a six week trial period initially to work on the details and see how it goes. Wanted to have something in place with school starting tomorrow.
 - Superintendent Chrisman is in favor of the trial period before getting a detailed legal Memorandum of Understanding. Working on extra components like how long the School Resource Officers day should be and how much time should be devoted to extra curricular activities.
 - With the proposed agreement, Officer Hass would be an active member of the Yuma Police Department with his focus on the schools. He would be in the schools everyday, but would be pulled from the school if needed elsewhere.
 - Under the trial program he would still be paid under the Yuma Police Department unless there is overtime for extra curricular activities; then the School District would cover that. To proceed after the trial period we would need a detailed Memorandum of Understanding that both legal counsels can look at with finances and specific training requirements. Trial period will run August 16th-October 1st with the plan to bring it back to the School Board and City Council to discuss how to move forward.
 - Director Holtorf was wondering if any feedback had been received from the community about the School Resource Officer Program; Superintendent Chrisman said that the trial period would give the community a chance to see how it is going to work and offer feedback.

- Page 2 of the agreement has one sentence under 3C, duty hours, that needs to be removed for this agreement. This doesn't apply during the Pilot Program.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Deering, to approve the partnership with the Yuma Police Department to pursue a "Pilot" School Resource Officer program and to authorize an official detailed Memorandum of Understanding to be developed during the trial period of August 16, 2022-October 1, 2022. Motion includes the approval of the agreement as presented with the deletion of the last sentence of paragraph 3C.

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

8.2 Transportation Update

- Superintendent Chrisman shared some of the challenges in trying to keep as many bus routes going as possible. The north routes in the afternoon are pushing 2 hours which is too long for students and drivers. After looking at options, we are going to add a mini bus that Superintendent Chrisman will drive in the afternoons.
- Transportation Director Yenter spoke about the routes and that she has had some parents that have offered to transport their students and not use school transportation. We have some students that live north of Highway 59 passed the curves that will get on the bus at 6:25. Capacity isn't really the problem, it's more of a time constraint.
- Brenda Ross is going to help with 6th Grade Outdoor Education and will help with subbing and activities. We have 2 activity drivers that are also returning.
- Field trips are going to be tough again as we have to make sure that regular routes are covered. Coaches will be doing some driving for extra curricular activities.
- We will be doing hubs for some families on the north route. The hubs will be off the highway in a parents' yard and 3-4 families will meet at this location. Doing this will help cut the route by around 45 minutes.
- Yenter appreciates the support from the Board of Education on dealing with the bussing problems.
- Smaller athletics will take a mini bus with coaches driving. If we don't have a driver for larger athletics, like football, we will have to take numerous mini buses with coaches driving. We have quite a few mini buses, but on a busy day they will all be in use.

8.3 Approval of MES Student Handbook & Code of Conduct

- No adjustments to the MES Student Handbook, what you have in your packet is what is being presented.
- President Brown had questions about the signed acknowledgements and the signature pages that are included in the YMS and YHS Handbooks.
- Superintendent Chrisman stated that there was a discussion with Principals about removing the signature pages, but she said they need to have the acknowledgement for liability purposes. Each Principal has a different method to collect the signature page.

- Mrs. Rodwell, Principal at YMS, said that with registration being completed electronically they plan to hand them out on Friday with a text message to parents as well as a Facebook post. The first chance to get them signed face to face will be at Parent/Teacher Conferences in October, we will finish up the ones that aren't completed at that time.
- President Brown asked about Athletic Handbooks and when they would be ready. Since the Board isn't required to approve the handbooks, he would like to have the Athletic Handbooks approved by Superintendent Chrisman and get them posted instead of waiting until the next Board Meeting. President Brown would like to start the process of getting the handbooks ready for the 2023-2024 school year in April or May of 2023.
- Mrs. Chapman, Principal at MES, spoke about the handbook signature process for the elementary school. All parents signed a form as part of the Alma Registration process that states that they were offered electronic access to the handbook.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Deering, to approve the MES Student Handbook and Code of conduct as presented.

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

8.4 Approval of YMS Parent/Student Handbook

- YMS Principal Tonya Rodwell reviewed the revisions that were made to the YMS Handbook, as well as eligibility, it has been updated to match the eligibility at YHS.
- Signature page may be removed as YMS parents also signed a form as part of the Alma Registration.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Deering, to approve the YMS Parent/Student Handbook as presented.

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

8.5 Approval of YHS Student/Parent Handbook

- Mr. Nighswonger, Principal at YHS, reviewed the revisions that were made to the YHS Handbook. Nighswonger will check and see if high school parents signed the form at registration for the electronic access to the handbook.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cooper, to approve the YHS Student/Parent Handbook as presented.

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

8.6 Approval of Fuel Bid

- We only received one fuel bid this year, Transportation Director Jeanne Yenter, recommends approving the fuel bid from CRVS.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles, to approve the 2022-2023 Fuel Bid as presented.

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

8.7 Approval of change of name of “Little Indians Preschool” to “Yuma Preschool”

- Superintendent Mrs. Chrisman shared that we don't have an official recommendation at this point for the name change for Little Indians Preschool. We do need to do something to remove Indians, however, we aren't in any violation under any legal parameters right now as Legislation only applied to Kindergarten-12 Grades.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf, to approve the name change of “Little Indians Preschool” to “Yuma Preschool” as presented.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Chrisman asked the Board of Education if they prefer to have the Superintendent Report at the beginning of the meeting or at the end like it is currently. It was decided to keep it at the end of the meeting.
- Things have been pretty quick with getting back to school; Admin returned on August 1st including all secretaries, registration was August 2nd, teachers returned on August 8th and school starts tomorrow.
- Thank you to Curtis Witte, Laurie Kjosness, Ana Baucke, and all of the other representatives that have been working on the safety drill.
- Today all instructional staff and administration participated in the Boces Presentation by Ruby Payne, “Emotional Poverty and all Demographics and How to Reduce Anger, Anxiety, and Violence in the classroom.” Feedback from staff was that the presentation was very valuable.
- We were able to get the coop together between Wray and Yuma for Softball. Wray has been really good to work with and a good opportunity for girls on both teams and maybe the possibility of some JV games also. Wray had a head coach and an assistant coach they will pay for their coaches; we have one coach that we will pay for. Half of the practices will be in Wray and the other half will be in Yuma. Mini bus will transport girls to Wray for practice. Wray has a better situation than we do for bus drivers, so they are taking the team to all of the away games. If we go from Wray, we will drive a mini bus to Wray and leave from there, otherwise they will pick the Yuma girls up on the way. Wray is taking care of the cost for the travel and coordinating everything for the transportation. Splitting the cost for the uniforms, went with Yuma County Softball with black and gray for the color.
- Working on getting a standard ‘Y’. When the Indian was taken down in the Aux Gym it was discovered that it was in 2 pieces. After removing the Indian head it revealed an abstract Y that had a neat look to it. We are working with BSN to see if we can come up with something to add to the Y that will make it unique. Since it was in 2 pieces we will still be able to use the part that was just the Y in the Aux Gym. Once we have this design, we will be able to have it put on uniforms, shirts, and documents.
- Had a recent meeting with CDPHE and we don't have any restrictions. If a student is sick they need to stay home from school and they must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Will be starting meetings with staff in September.
- Will also be looking at getting a District Advisory Committee meeting scheduled.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- President Brown shared that they weren't able to collect enough signatures to move forward with Initiative 63.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M. by President Duane Brown.

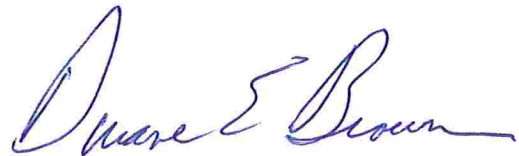
Motion by Galles, seconded by Deering to adjourn the meeting.

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

Sincerely,



Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
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Duane Brown, President
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