

Yuma School District-1  
October 24, 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, October 24, 2022, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

- Superintendent Chrisman stated that there was a request from the Yuma City Council to present on the Ballot Question, she recommends putting that at 6.0, Scheduled Audience with the Board.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to approve agenda with the addition of Scheduled Audience with the Board of two City of Yuma Council Members presenting on the Sales Tax Ballot Question.

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

**3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave the financial report for the month of September.
  - Expenditures \$828,836; Revenue \$687,136; Payroll and Benefits \$650,180.
  - Larger Bills
    - Bluum of Texas – \$19,750 paid from Esser III learning loss funds
    - McGraw Hill – \$3,225 for online subscription renewal for Reading Wonders, paid from Reading Act funds
    - Math Curriculum – \$5,703 paid from Esser III learning loss funds
    - Rasmussen - \$24,000 for deposit for RTU replacement at YMS, from Esser III
    - Rasmussen - \$13,524 for replacement boiler at the Pit
    - Rasmussen - \$6,114 for repairs at all 3 facilities
    - Really Great Readings - \$2,310 for workbooks and word foundations paid from Reading Act funds

- Auditors completed field work, still working on the single audit for the Federal funds, journal entries, and submission to the State. Scott is planning on presenting during the December Board of Education meeting.
- Donations are listed on the Agenda.

#### **4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

4.1.1 September 26, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting

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

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of September 30, 2022

4.2.2 September 2022 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Yuma Hoopsters - \$2,339.74 for boys and girls practice basketballs
- ❖ Four Seasons Fencing - \$300 for Yuma Football for popcorn for football game free to fans
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$1,435.14 for YHS athletic banners
- ❖ Tena Kirchenschlager-McCaslin - \$500 for negative lunch balances
- ❖ Central Plains - \$175 for boys and girls athletics
- ❖ Lucas Goeglein - \$300 for football concessions popcorn
- ❖ Terri Frame - \$200 for FBLA
- ❖ Anonymous - \$100 for FBLA
- ❖ Dave Sheffield - \$89.99 for boys basketball

##### **4.3 Personnel**

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Beau Tate - YMS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- ❖ Lesa Routh-Halcomb - YMS 8th Grade English Teacher
- ❖ Sarah Leifheit - YMS 5th & 6th Grade Science Teacher

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

4.4.1 1st Reading

- ❖ AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
- ❖ DJE - Bidding Procedures
- ❖ GBA - Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity
- ❖ GBEB - Staff Conduct
- ❖ GCE/GCF - Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GCE/GCF-R - Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GCQC/GCQD-R - Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff
- ❖ GCQF-R - Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff
- ❖ GDE/GDF - Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GDE/GDF-R - Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring
- ❖ GDQB - Resignation of Support Staff
- ❖ GDQD - Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff

- ❖ JB - Equal Educational Opportunities
  - ❖ JF - Admission and Denial of Admission
  - ❖ JFBB - Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment
  - ❖ JFBB-R - Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment
  - ❖ JICDD - Violent and Aggressive Behavior
  - ❖ JICDE - Bullying Prevention and Education
  - ❖ JII - Student concerns, Complaints, and Grievances
  - ❖ LBD - Relations with District Charter Schools
- 4.4.2 2nd and Final Reading
- ❖ AC-E-1 - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

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

- 4.5.1 YHS FBLA to National Fall Leadership Conference/FBLA Avalanche Game -  
Denver, CO 11/10/22-11/12/22

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

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

- MaryLu Smith-Dischner shared that she is in favor of all organizations, athletics, and activities in the Yuma School District. As humans it is a basic need of good mental health to feel that we are part of a community. She thanked the Board of Education for supporting, allowing, and helping every student at Yuma High School find community and for helping students find groups that like them just the way they are.

#### **6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD**

- Marc Shay, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Yuma, spoke about the tax initiative that is on the ballot. The City is asking for a 1.5% tax increase which is \$.15 on \$10. The money is to go to emergency services (ambulance, fire, and police) and the street department as this is where the greatest needs are in the general fund budget. Without this we are facing some cuts that we don't want to have.
- Tim McClung, councilman for City of Yuma, shared that in order to continue to provide the level of services that the city offers, the city needs to find an additional source of revenue. They've identified that a 1.5% sales tax increase for the next 10 years will hopefully get them through this. Asking the community to get the discussion going and get people out and vote.
- Discussion ensued and Shay and McClung answered questions from the Board of Education members about the tax initiative.

#### **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you note from Conservative Christian Parents Support Committee for moving forward with the School Resource Officer Program.

## **8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Approval of YSD-1/City of Yuma School Resource Officer Agreement**

- Superintendent Chrisman spoke about the final agreement for the School Resource Officer. The School Resource Officer will be with the school district 71% of his contracted time based on 150 school days at 36 hours a week plus additional time to cover athletics and other activities.
- YSD will pay the City of Yuma \$32.52 per hour plus overtime that is authorized. Agreement will go from November 1st, 2022 through the end of the school year. Agreement may be continued for successive 6 month terms by mutual agreement.
- YSD nor the City of Yuma is locked into anything other than a 10 day prior written notice to terminate the agreement. The School Resource Officer may be called out for other emergency services, but the School District wouldn't be paying for that hourly rate while the SRO isn't providing services for the school district.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Galles, to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Yuma and Yuma School District as presented.

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

### **8.2 Discussion of Colorado Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance**

- Superintendent Chrisman reviewed the Colorado Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance that was passed by the State of Colorado. FAMLI is a state-ran paid medical leave program that employers and employees contribute premiums to.
- Employers and employees split the monthly cost of 0.9%. Schools have the option to opt-out of the FAMLI Program, with the opportunity to opt-in at a later date.
- If YSD opts out of FAMLI, individual employees may voluntarily opt into FAMLI.
- The Board of Education will need to vote during the November Board of Education meeting on if they want to participate in FAMLI, decline all participation in FAMLI, or to decline Employer participation in FAMLI.
- Superintendent Chrisman answered some questions from the Board of Education about FAMLI.

### **8.3 Budget Discussion**

#### **8.3.1 Approval of YMS Bleacher Purchase**

- Superintendent Chrisman reviewed the budget process. Between now and January we make adjustments as needed. The Auditor found a discrepancy with some extra revenue a few years ago due to a software glitch. This has been rectified and everything ran through smoothly this year with no issues. Scott Szabo will give a more thorough review when he comes in December.
- Updated our working budget sheet, beginning fund balance (reserves) \$8.1 million has stayed consistent. Will be putting an additional

\$685,000 into reserves. Recommending putting the \$685,000 into capital instead of reserves. With this update, we will not be going into reserves at all with doing the track asphalt this summer, the auditorium lighting and sound system, YMS intercom system, cameras for the bus parking area, Administration/Transportation/Maintenance building renovation, and YMS bleachers. If YMS bleachers are approved, we will still have \$106,000 in reserves.

- Business Manager Dennis-Murphy clarified some questions from President Brown.
- Have been looking into replacing the bleachers at YMS for a few years. The bleachers are not safe and what has to be done to pull them out to use them is very unsafe for staff members and it needs to be addressed. Updated budget is \$247,950 for furnished and installed new bleachers.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Deering, to approve the YMS bleacher quote as presented.

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

#### **8.4 Approval of Resolution Declaring Surplus Property**

- Superintendent Chrisman reviewed the process to sell the District Office building. We need to have a Resolution declaring the property as surplus property and that it is no longer needed. After advertising the property, we had 3 inquiries, 2 walkthroughs, and 2 bids.
- President Brown discussed the offers; one from the Northeast Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for the appraised value of \$175,000 with a cash purchase, and an offer from Jeffrey West, P.C. for \$130,000.
- Both parties were informed that January 2nd, 2023 was the anticipated final closing date. The new building is expected to be finished the last week of November. Will need to do some coordinating for the move as we have all of the network systems in the current building.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and offer from NE BOCES in the amount of \$175,000.

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

#### **9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- YMS had to do a schedule change with the loss of a teacher. Don't typically have schedule changes mid semester but it was unavoidable.
- Fall sports are coming into the final weeks of play, winter sports will begin soon.
- Anticipated date is November 28th for the District Office project to be completed, it's gone smoothly and this should add many years to the building. Wanted to clarify that the project wasn't connected to or done through the Bond Project. It was done with General Fund money that was moved into Capital Funds to do the project.
- In response to statements that were made at the last Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Chrisman shared the process for citizen statements at Board of Education

Meetings. The Board refers those to Superintendent Chrisman to provide the needed information.

- In response to the concerns of the student led Gender and Sexual Alliance organization, in the review, all policies have been followed by the high school. Thank you to the community for sharing their concerns, we have heard those concerns, but policy and law are clear on the matter and student led groups are allowable as long as policy is followed.
- In response to the questions/concerns related to Registered Behavior Technicians being allowed or being required to be allowed in schools, while we are supportive of the Autism Center, as a District we have spent a lot of time and focus on developing our supports and interventions for students with Autism as well.
  - Want to emphasize that comments related to the quality of our services or that we are neglecting those services are false. We have well trained staff and a track record of both anecdotally and legally that we have and will continue to provide services to our students in line with academic best practices and law.
  - BOCES, as our Administrative Unit provides a wide range of services, and comments that the District's interaction with BOCES seems minimal is not accurate nor is it true that their large scale responsibilities can not meet the needs of a full time required therapist.
  - Our Administration and Administrative Unit are well versed in Special Education requirements and specifically those requirements related to HB22-1260. The Bill states that no later than July 1, 2023 each Administrative Unit is to adopt a policy that addresses how a student that has a prescription from a qualified health care provider for medically necessary treatment receives such treatment in the school setting and the key is as required by applicable federal and state laws. The district is following Special Ed, State, and Federal law. The bill doesn't specify that we must do anything any differently than we are doing now other than have a written policy regarding our process in reporting the requirements to the State. Just to be clear, we already comply with State and Federal Law regarding necessary services, appropriate or required in school setting as determined by each student's individual IEP and that process is based on each student's individual needs.
  - NE Boces, our Administrative Unit, is working statewide to address the policy requirements of the bill. With the nature of Special Ed law and the strict confidentiality that we are required to hold even when others have not, we are not allowed to respond about individual cases and must be extremely careful talking in generalities as it is common for people to assume they know a person or a scenario that is being discussed even when that is not the person or the case being discussed.
  - Will try to get something scheduled with BOCES for an upcoming Board of Education meeting to share their responsibilities and services to our District and the Administrative Unit's requirements related to HB22-1260 and how we currently address medically necessary requests or needs.
  - Superintendent Chrisman can't share much else on the matter publicly.
- Will be at BOCES SAC Retreat on Wednesday and Thursday this week.
- Lindsay, Terri, and Duane are scheduled to go to the CASB Convention in December.
- Next Board of Education meeting is November 14, 2022 and then December 5, 2022.

**10.0 BOARD REPORT**

- President Brown spoke about the CASB Annual Delegate Assembly that he attended last week.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M. by President Duane Brown.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Holtorf 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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