

Yuma School District-1  
March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting  
Board of Education

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| 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, March 27, 2023, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

- None

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

**3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

- Business Manager Dennis-Murphy the financial report for the month of February.
  - Expenditures \$501,914; Revenue \$373,523; Payroll and Benefits \$634,490.
  - Larger Bills
    - Liminex – \$19,084 for Go Guardian Renewal
    - Corporate Payments – \$36,903 including some of the larger purchases for the CoAction Grant for Family and Consumer Science classes, some of these purchases will be reimbursed through the CDE Grant
    - Pinnacle Bank – \$6,395 includes a large purchase for the Xello program for Portrait of Graduate
    - Rasmussen - \$6,767 for repairs and service calls
  - There was quite a few small bills this month
  - Had a fraudulent check on our general account, had to close account and open a new one. Looking at different options to verify the checks that run through our system. Discussion was held about the options to verify checks and details about the check and the fraud.
  - Donations are listed on the Agenda
  - Superintendent Chrisman discussed a letter from Bank of Colorado that explained how public funds are monitored and covered by the FDIC and pledged securities.
  - Business Manager Dennis-Murphy explained the new Money Market Account and the new Certificate of Deposit to the Board of Education

#### **4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

4.1.1 February 27, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

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

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of February 28, 2023

4.2.2 February 2023 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Yuma Wrestling Club - \$278 to cover coaches rooms for state wrestling
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$350 for regional basketball meal money
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$160 for girls basketball meals
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$176 for boys basketball meals
- ❖ Bank of Colorado - \$350 for boys basketball
- ❖ Yuma County Cattlemen - \$50.14 for microphone stand for FFA

4.2.4 Public Deposits at Bank of Colorado

##### **4.3 Personnel**

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Kelly Appelhans - Mechanic
- ❖ Ty Thurston - YMS Head Track Coach
- ❖ Nicole Ackerson Varela - Bus Route Driver (CDL)
- ❖ Julissa Garcia - YMS Track Assistant Coach

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Lorna Winkler - YHS Special Ed Para
- ❖ Sarah Leifheit - 5th and 6th Grade Science Teacher
- ❖ Tabatha Baucke - YMS Secretary
- ❖ Emma Day - MES 3rd Grade Teacher

##### **4.4 Activity Trip Requests**

4.4.1 FCCLA to Regional Leadership and Career Conference in Loveland, CO  
3/29/23-3/31/23

4.4.2 Ratify YHS Boys Basketball to Regionals in Leadville, CO - 3/3/23-3/4/23

4.4.3 Ratify YHS Boys Basketball to State in Denver, CO 3/9/23-3/10/23

##### **4.5 Policy Parameters and Special Policy Updates**

4.5.1 2nd & Final Reading

- ❖ AC-E-1 - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
- ❖ BE - School Board Meetings
- ❖ EF-E-2 - Civil Rights Complaint Procedure for School Nutrition Program
- ❖ GBGF - Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave
- ❖ GBGL - Staff Victim Leave
- ❖ Repeal policy GBGM - Staff Personal Leave

Motion by Cooper, 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**

- None

#### **8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **8.1 2023-24 Discussion and Approval of 1st Reading of Policy GCBA-R Professional Staff**

- Superintendent Chrisman spoke on the updates to Policy GCBA-R. Updates are being made to the policy to help with attracting and retaining teachers.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Deering, to approve the 1st Reading of Policy GCBA-R as presented.

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

##### **8.2 Discussion of 2023-24 Staff Compensation Planning**

- Superintendent Chrisman shared an example of a compensation plan that she is looking at for next year to keep up with the inflation rates. Also looking at a percentage retention stipend for staff that return next year. Will have more projections at the April Board of Education meeting and will have a better update on what the state funding will look like next year.
- Insurance renewal came in with a 28% increase, will be looking into other options and doing negotiations to find better rates.

##### **8.3 Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2023-24**

- Dates set accordingly for specific deadlines that need to be met throughout the year.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Deering, to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2023-24 as presented.

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

#### **9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- For the 1st time in the 8 years I've been here, we've hired a route driver; this will help some, but we are still in need of drivers.
- Offered a position for Industrial Arts that will be on next month's meeting.
- Opening for a 5th & 6th Grade Science Teacher and a 3rd Grade Teacher for next year.
- Participated in the UNC Rural Bus Tour last week. Had around 15 candidates that branched off into different districts. They shadowed some of our teachers for part of the day here, I took

them on a tour of the high school and had a Q & A about what it's like teaching in a high school our size.

- Nearing the end of the 2022-23 school year.
- Working on transportation plans, have a list of vehicles that we need to remove from our fleet, also looking at potential needs for larger purchases. They have made some changes to 12 passenger vans, built differently than the 15 passenger vans and they are a lot safer. The 12 passenger vans are less expensive than a mini bus. The trailblazer doesn't meet the safety requirements to transport students, so we may need to look into getting a replacement vehicle.
- Will have some other purchases, working with building principals and department heads for budget purposes. Also looking at some kitchen equipment.
- Snow make up day on April 17th, have one on the calendar for May 8th, but at this point, we don't need to use it.
- With recent events, very grateful for the partnership with the police department and Officer Hass. Also thankful for Ana Baucke for all she does to help with promoting and supporting staff and students on safety aspects.
- Next Board of Education meeting is April 24, 2023.

#### 10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Director Holtorf had YHS students at Schramm Feedlot as one of the tour stops last week for the Ag tours. Superintendent Chrisman thanked Holtorf for being a host for the Ag tours.

#### 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M. by President Duane Brown.

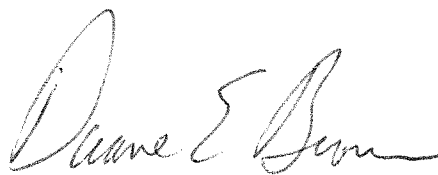
Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to adjourn the meeting.

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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