

Yuma School District-1
May 22, 2023 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane Brown, President
John Deering, Vice President
Thomas Holtorf, Director
Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Lindsey Galles, Director

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 22, 2023, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Remove 8.2 2023-24 School Calendar Revision and replace with Resolution Declaring a Critical Shortage of Teachers, Substitute Teachers, School Bus Drivers, Food Service Cooks, Nurses, and Paraprofessionals

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

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Dennis-Murphy gave the financial report for the month of April.
 - Expenditures \$887,656; Revenue \$1,143,614; Payroll and Benefits \$641,466.
 - Larger Bills
 - Rasmussen – \$68,850 for HVAC at YMS, paid from Esser III
 - Rasmussen – \$5,494 for boiler pump at YMS
 - Rocky Mountain Microfilm – \$9,112 for student records and admin files
 - Yanda’s Music and Pro Audio - \$29,661 for sound system in the Pit, \$17,000 paid by Boosters

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 April 24, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of April 30, 2023

4.2.2 April 2023 Check Register

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Peggy Traphagan - YMS 5th and 6th Grade English Teacher, Transition
- ❖ Grace Blecha - MES Kindergarten Teacher
- ❖ Tara (TJ) Chadwick - MES Music Teacher
- ❖ Laura Salinas - Preschool Para
- ❖ Eiliany Loya - Preschool Para
- ❖ Jeanne Yenter - Transportation Director, Transition
- ❖ Cristi Powell - MES Interventions, Transition

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Jazmine Diaz - YHS Floating Classroom Instructor
- ❖ Diedre Huwa - MES Kindergarten Teacher
- ❖ Jeanne Yenter - Transportation Director, Transition
- ❖ Cristi Powell - MES Interventions, Transition
- ❖ Connor Morton - YMS Special Ed Para

4.4 Activity Trip Requests

- 4.4.1 YHS Girls Basketball to basketball camp in Greeley, CO 6/22/23-6/24/23
- 4.4.2 YHS Volleyball to volleyball camp in Alamosa, CO 7/5/23-7/8/23
- 4.4.3 YMS 6th Grade to 6th Grade Camp in Granby, CO 9/13/23-9/15/23
- 4.4.4 YHS FFA to State Convention in Pueblo, CO 6/6/23-6/8/23
- 4.4.5 YHS Football to football camp in Alamosa, CO 7/14/23-7/16/23
- 4.4.6 YHS Boys Basketball to basketball camp in Lakewood, CO 6/15/23-6/17/23
- 4.4.7 YHS Boys Wrestling to wrestling camp in Laramie, WY 6/25/23-6/28/23
- 4.4.8 YHS Girls Wrestling to wrestling camp in Grand Junction, CO 6/16/23-6/28/23

4.5 Policy Parameters and Special Policy Updates

4.5.1 1st Reading

- ❖ EF - School Nutrition Program
- ❖ EF-E-2 - Civil Rights Complaint Procedure for School Nutrition Program
- ❖ EFC - Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Margo Ebersole
 - Resource Center partners with the Salud Clinic to provide free dental screenings to students. Value of dental care provided throughout Yuma and Washington counties was \$118,528 for this school year. Between Morris Elementary and Yuma Middle Schools they provided dental services for around 300 students.
 - Glad to see that the Yuma School District is participating in the Healthy School Meals for All.
 - Resource center is working to provide some meals over the summer for kids.
 - Glad to know that the Board of Education is bringing the mascot conversation back up.

- Susan Armstrong
 - Would like to clarify some questions on policy JLCDC.
 - Who on the IEP team will decide if services are necessary and what their scope, experience, and credentials are to make that decision?
 - What data will be tracked to know how many students are requesting these services?
 - How are students approved and how many are declined and why?
 - Providers want to collaborate with the school, how does this look with this policy in place?
 - Has there been any open discussion or workshops for the board to discuss this policy?
 - Would like to have a conversation about the policy to get some clarification.
- Rosalba Gonzalez with Freddy Arvizo translating
 - Shared her concerns about the threats that have been happening and wants to know if there's a way to find out what is going on, feels that it's fairly easy to enter MES and YMS.
 - Also has some concerns about bullying in 3rd-5th grade.
- Gabriel Fuentes
 - Shared that he has the same concerns as Rosalba Gonzalez about the threats.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- None

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you card from Ann Godfrey for the Board of Education's support, dedication and the salary increases for staff.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of 1st Reading of Graduation Related Policies

8.1.1 IKF Graduation Requirements

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman explained that when graduation guidelines change it takes about 4 years to get caught up with the way the credit system works. After the mandated graduation guidelines in 2015, we have finished that time frame, so we need to adjust the policies to include the work done with the Profile of a graduate.
- ❖ Yuma High School Principal Brady Nighswonger shared the policy changes and recommendations for graduation requirements.
 - Recommended Science courses are Earth Science, Biology and Physical Science (with the choice of Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics)
 - Recommended Social Studies are World History/Geography, US History, and American Government
 - Advisement will be a graduation requirement with the implementation of 2 programs, Xello which meets ICAP

- requirements, specifically Employability Skills and the Character Strong program that focuses on social emotional learning
- Senior Seminar will include Financial Literacy along with career and college readiness beginning with the 2024-25 School Year

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf, to approve 1st Reading of policy IKF Graduation Requirements as presented.

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

8.1.2 IKF-E Graduation Requirements

- ❖ Superintendent Chrisman stated that this is already in place, we just needed to get the exhibit in place. Part of the original requirements of the 2015 graduation changes was that every student meet a proficiency standard through some sort of standardized test. Also have additional ways that students can meet the requirements.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Brown, to approve exhibit IKF-E Graduation Requirements as presented.

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

8.1.3 IKF-E-2 Class Rankings and Grade Point Averages

- ❖ Yuma High School Principal Brady Nighswonger went over the grade point system and the change to weighted classes going to a 5 point grading scale.

Motion by Deering, seconded by Cooper, to approve exhibit IKF-E-2 Class Rankings and Grade Point Average as presented.

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

8.2 Resolution Declaring Critical Shortage of Teachers, Substitute Teachers, School Bus Drivers, Food Service Cooks, Nurses, and Paraprofessionals

- PERA approved rural districts the ability to declare a critical shortage for certain positions. Resolution enables retired people to work without the restrictions of hours/days and be able to collect full retirement benefits as well as full contract benefits as long as the person is working in one of the specified positions. We are allowed up to 15 staff members that fall in this category.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Holtorf, to approve the Resolution Declaring a Critical Shortage of Teachers, Substitute Teachers, School Bus Drivers, Food Service Cooks, Nurses, and Paraprofessionals as presented.

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

8.3 Approval of 1st Reading of Policy JLCDC Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting

- Superintendent Chrisman spoke about the new policy.

- Policy is based on IEP law and other legal components.
- IEP team consists of teachers, BOCES staff, speech pathologist, psychologist, OT and PT, as well as the parents. The team meets to determine what the IEP will hold.
- For a student to be considered, they would need the medically necessary treatment to access their educational programing, with the IEP team making that decision.
- Policy provides a provision that the prescribing physician's assessments can be provided in writing instead of being present. Policy explains the system in place as well as the appeal process. The new policy meets the reporting requirements on how many families have requested the treatment and how many were approved and how many were denied.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Brown, to approve the 1st reading of policy JLCDC Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting as presented.

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

8.4 Approval of 1st Reading of Policy JLCDC-R Authorizing Private Health-Care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting

- Regulation goes with Policy JLCDC if it is determined by the IEP Team or 504 Team that medically necessary treatment is needed in school.
 - Regulation has key components for the development of a written plan, district representative to collaborate with the health-care specialist, discussion of supervision of health-care specialist, consent forms and releases to insure there are no violations of FERPA and HIPAA.
 - Regulation also covers confidentiality requirements as well as insurance requirements that the providers would be required to maintain.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Deering, to approve the 1st reading of policy regulation JLCDC-R Authorizing Private Health Care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting as presented.

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

8.5 Discussion of Student Handbooks

8.5.1 YHS Student Handbook

- ❖ Yuma High School Principal Brady Nighswonger clarified that students are allowed two days to turn in make-up work after being absent.
- ❖ Breakfast and lunch are highlighted in the handbook, planning to participate in Healthy School Meals for All, but we aren't able to apply for the program yet.

8.5.2 YMS Student Handbook

- ❖ Yuma Middle School Principal Tonya Rodwell shared that Middle School also allows two days for make-up work for each day of absence.
- ❖ Have a significant issue with students being late. Would like to change eligibility to also include tardies and change points to determine eligibility to a 3 instead of a 4. The point system would be 1 point for a D, 2 points for an F, and would also include .5 points for each tardy to each class.
- ❖ Also looking at a 4 minute passing period.

8.5.3 MES Student Handbook

- ❖ Morris Elementary School Principal Keri Chapman stated that there aren't many changes in their handbook.
- ❖ The lunch section is highlighted as it will need changes when the approval for Healthy School Meals for all is completed.

8.6 Approval of 2023-24 Classified Compensation Plans

- This goes along with what was approved in April for compensation plans based on anticipation of minimum wage going up and what we have for starting wages for various positions.

Motion by Deering, seconded by Holtorf, to approve the 2023-24 Classified Compensation Plan as presented.

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

8.7 Approval of 2023-24 Classified Staff Notice of Assignments

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Cooper, to approve the 2023-24 Classified Notice of Assignments as presented.

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

8.8 Discussion of Mascot Planning

- Superintendent Chrisman asked for guidance on how the Board of Education wanted to proceed on mascot planning.
- It has been suggested that we have weekly competitions to narrow it down and come up with a finalist, similar to a bracket system.
- Would like to keep it open to new ideas as well as considering some ideas that were submitted previously.
- Won't be purchasing new uniforms after we decide on the mascot as we are already in compliance. When the rotation comes back up for new uniforms, we will incorporate the new mascot on the uniforms.
- Get everything organized this summer and ready to go when school starts in August so that students and community members can be included.
- Would like to have everything completed by October 1st and be ready for approval at the October Board of Education meeting.

8.9 Discussion of 2023-24 Budget

- Superintendent Chrisman shared preliminary budget figures that will be approved at the June Board of Education meeting.
 - This includes all of the compensation planning with raises for classified and certified staff and also the extra duty assignments that will be discussed at the June Board of Education meeting, as well as vehicle requests.
 - Budget has \$536,895 unassigned that could go to capital improvement or reserves.
- All Esser II funds have to be expended by September of 2024, including HVAC that should be completed this summer.
- Auditorium about 90% complete with lighting and sound, cosmetic upgrades are still coming.
- Bleachers at YMS will hopefully be completed the 1st week of June.
- Staff raises are out of the general fund, not Esser funds. All Esser funds have been used for one time expenses.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Congratulations to 2023 graduates, we had a nice ceremony yesterday.
- School year is finishing up on Friday.
- Track teams did well at state over the weekend.
- Baseball had a great postseason game, and one loss that brought their season to an end.
- We have one person that qualified for state golf.
- UPK (Universal Preschool) is still developing with a few unknowns with placement of students and how budget is going to line up.
- Eighth grade promotion will be this Thursday.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- President Brown complimented all staff for another successful year and the high school staff for a great graduation ceremony yesterday. It was nice to see a supportive community at the graduation receptions. Happy to see the number of first generation graduates that we had.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. by President Duane Brown.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cooper to adjourn the meeting.

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

Sincerely,



Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
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Duane Brown, President
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