

Yuma School District-1
September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Holtorf, 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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2023, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- Superintendent Chrisman stated there were 2 additions to the personnel recommendations.

Motion by Deering, seconded by Galles to approve agenda as revised.

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

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Dennis-Murphy gave the financial report for the month of August.
 - Expenditures \$1,139,595; Revenue \$785,258; Payroll and Benefits \$659,091
 - Larger Bills
 - Bedrock, LLC - \$5,425 for wood chips for YMS & MES
 - Aircomfort - \$162,086 for progress applications for HVAC paid from Esser III
 - Knight Technology Group - \$94,520 for technology equipment paid from Small Rural
 - Rasmussen - \$42,012 for repairs to HVAC, part of insurance claim that was reimbursed
 - Sunbelt Rentals - \$8,892 for air scrubber rental for the Pit, paid from Esser III
 - Auditors worked remotely on August 29th, Scott was here on August 30th to work on the audit. Still in the process of the single audit due to Esser funds. Hoping to present the auditors report at the November Board of Education Meeting.
 - Donations are listed on the agenda

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 August 14, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of August 31, 2023

4.2.2 August 2023 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Armstrong Seed LLC - \$245 for FFA polos
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$9,019 for yearly sport and band donation
- ❖ Yuma Hoopsters - \$714.94 for basketball backpacks
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$896.62 for volleyballs
- ❖ Noble Ranch LLC - \$98.85 for FFA for hamburger patties for icebreaker

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Nicole Ackerson-Varela - YMS Secretary
- ❖ Wyatt Leppke - ESL Teacher
- ❖ Jemimar Sotelo Moncada - YMS Special Ed Para
- ❖ Maria Loya - Cook
- ❖ Helena Chouinard - Robotics Coach
- ❖ Marisol Castro - YHS ELL Para
- ❖ Sarah Cook - YHS Special Ed Para

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Maria Flores - YMS Custodian

4.4 Activity Trip Requests

4.4.1 FFA to State Range Contest in Lamar, CO - 10/10/23-10/11/23

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Brown, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.
Voting Aye: Brown, Cooper, Deering, Galles. Absent: 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 Budget Review

- Superintendent Chrisman reviewed the budget and shared that October 1 count will determine what our final funding will be for this school year. Down a few students from last year, but with per pupil numbers being averaged it won't be a big adjustment.

- Work will begin on the track on October 8th and they will work around football schedules to get it completed.
- Superintendent Chrisman gave an update on the Pit floor. Brought in 10 dehumidifiers that ran for quite a few weeks and had to get the floor varnished again. There are some areas that are going to need additional sanding during the off season and we aren't sure that we can do anymore sanding on the floor. We may need to look at replacing the floor sooner than planned.
- After all the planned projects are completed, we will have \$840,000 left in capital. Estimating around \$500,000 for the Pit floor in the event that we aren't able to do anymore sanding and need to replace the floor. Still in range without having to go into reserves.
- Universal Preschool is going well. Tamara Durbin has been very helpful in advocating for funding for students with IEP's.

8.1.1 Investment Discussion (Discussed between 8.1.2 and 8.1.3)

- ❖ During our audit process we learned that Colorado Trust is offering 5% on money market accounts, which is considerably higher than where we are at now. Will check with Bank of Colorado to see if we have any other options with them.

8.1.2 Approval 2023-24 Retention Bonuses

- ❖ After reviewing the budget, Superintendent Chrisman recommended moving forward with a 4% retention bonus.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cooper, to approve the 2023-24 retention bonus to be paid in October at 4%.

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

8.1.3 Approval 2023-24 Staff Holiday Gifts

- ❖ The budget also included an adjustment to the holiday gifts.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Deering, to approve 2023-24 staff holiday gifts as presented.

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

8.2 Mascot Selection Update

- Last round of voting is completed. Did have a spam attack that took some time to rectify, but we were able to determine which emails were not authentic. Voting was turned off while we worked through it and voting was only turned on when it was able to be monitored.
- We are having a Special Board Meeting Friday morning to approve the final mascot. Will be working with BSN for the graphic design related to the mascot. BSN will provide four options to choose from after input has been completed with what things the district would like with characteristics and the graphic. Once the final design is selected, BSN will move forward with the official font and design to provide us with what we need to complete the process.

- We won't be replacing everything immediately to include the mascot design. When uniforms, etc. come up in the rotation and need to be replaced, the new design will be incorporated.

8.3 School Performance Framework Review

- Superintendent Chrisman reviewed the district performance framework report from the state. Overall district wide we are accredited which is where we need to be with the state. The principals will work with staff on the areas that need improvement that are specific to their school.

8.4 Review and Approval of CASB 2023 Legislative Resolutions

- President Brown reviewed the CASB Legislative Resolutions for the upcoming delegate assembly with the Board of Education and Superintendent Chrisman.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The floor in the Pit is ready and Friday's games will be in the Pit.
- Lighting and sound in the auditorium is complete, training will be coming soon.
- Congratulations to President Brown for receiving the CASB McGuffey Award at the Regional Meeting. The McGuffey Award is an award for exemplary board support and interaction. Thank you to Duane for everything that he has done during his term on the Board of Education including the bonds that have been refinanced and the amount that it saved the district.

10.0 BOARD REPORT

- None

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M. by President Duane Brown.

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

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

Sincerely,



Terri Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
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Duane Brown, President
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