

Yuma School District-1  
February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting  
Board of Education

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Deering, President	Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent
Terri Cooper, Vice President, via telephone	Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager/Treasurer
Tyson Brown, Director	Dani Crossland, Executive Secretary/Board Secretary
Lindsey Galles, Director	
Heath Roundtree, Director	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President, John Deering called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

- None

Motion by Brown, seconded by Roundtree to approve agenda as presented.

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

**3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave the financial report for the month of January.
  - Expenditures \$1,018,172; Revenue \$684,523; Payroll and Benefits \$686,025
  - Larger Bills
    - Air Comfort - \$20,152 MES HVAC, paid from Esser III
    - Bonanza Ford - \$53,717 for the Transit van, paid from Small Rural
    - Bret's Electric - \$39,911 for electrical at MES and the pit HVAC, paid from Esser III
    - Lundquist Associates- \$8,875 for roof infill at the pit, paid from Esser III
    - Greeley Lock and Key - \$42,611 rekey locks at YMS
    - Rasmussen - \$54,057 for repairs for all systems from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, possibility that some will be covered by insurance claims for MES repairs-still pending from the storms
  - Cashed in 6 month CD and transferred the funds to the money market to have the funds more available
  - Donations are listed on the agenda

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes**

4.1.1 January 22, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting

#### **4.2 Routine Business**

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of January 31, 2024

4.2.2 January 2024 Check Register

4.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Ryan Saxton - \$248.10 for unpaid lunch accounts
- ❖ Don Brown/Trautman Farms - \$100 for Ag Department
- ❖ Luke Goeglein - \$500 for YHS Girls Golf
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$288 for Boys Regional Wrestling
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- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$144 for Boys State Wrestling
- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$252 for Girls State Wrestling

#### **4.3 Personnel**

4.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Deserae Holtorf - YHS FBLA Advisor
- ❖ Adam Beauprez - YMS Assistant Wrestling Coach
- ❖ Stephanie Sauer - YHS Special Education Teacher
- ❖ DJ Hass - YHS Mock Trial Sponsor
- ❖ Denise Rico - MES Special Education Para
- ❖ Amber Taylor - 5th-8th Grade Art Teacher

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Sara Olsen - 4th-8th Grade Art Teacher
- ❖ Anehely Lefever - YPS Para

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

4.4.1 Ratify YHS Girls Wrestling to Chatfield in Littleton, CO 1/26/24-1/27/24

4.4.2 Ratify YHS Girls Wrestling to Fort Lupton, CO 2/9/24-2/11/24

4.4.3 Ratify YHS trip to Mock Trial Regional Tournament in Glenwood Springs, CO  
2/16/24-2/18/24

4.4.4 Ratify YHS Wrestling to State Tournament in Denver, CO 2/15/24-2/17/24

Motion by Roundtree, seconded by Galles, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

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

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

- Ronella Noble
  - Spoke to the Board of Education about Professional development days and gave some comparisons to surrounding schools
  - Discussed with teachers and they would like 3-5 professional development days before school starts and 1 per month
  - Recommends a calendar committee and discussions with teachers
  - Would like the board to address why Yuma School District has 20 professional days in upcoming agenda item 8.1

## **6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD**

### **6.1 E3 Presentation - YHS Principal Brady Nighswonger and SRO DJ Hass**

- Principal Nighswonger and SRO Hass shared about the Emergent 3 safety app and how it can help with communication between staff and first responders to help with safety protocols.
- Principal Nighswonger and SRO Hass activated a drill on the app for the Board of Education to see how the app works.

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

## **8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 2024-25 School Calendar Discussion/Approval**

- Superintendent Chrisman shared that 2 calendars were included for the Board of Education to review. One calendar had all dates on it and one calendar has only student days, including conference dates, and graduation.
- The Board of Education discussed the calendar as well as Professional Development Days with Mrs. Chrisman.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Galles, to approve the 2024-25 School Calendar as presented.  
Voting Aye: Cooper, Deering, Galles, Roundtree. Voting No: Brown. Motion carried.

### **8.2 Approve John Deering and Sherry Dennis-Murphy as signers on all accounts at Bank of Colorado**

- Business Manager Dennis-Murphy shared that we need to approve signers for all accounts at Bank of Colorado.

Motion by Galles, seconded by Roundtree, to let the record show that at the November meeting due to the officer changes that the Board approves John Deering and Sherry Dennis-Murphy as President and Treasurer to be signers for the Bank of Colorado accounts removing Terri Cooper and Duane Brown.

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

## **9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Superintendent Chrisman
  - State wrestling finished up with 3 girls and 2 boys going to state with 1 that placed
  - Basketball regionals are this upcoming weekend, anticipating boys and girls will make it to state
  - FFA just finished up with FFA week with having some community and student activities
  - FBLA went to district competition with 71 students in 48 events qualifying for state
  - Work in the auditorium is scheduled to start the last week of April
  - Have found someone to remove the baseball and softball lights as they are a significant safety hazard
  - Looking at options to replace gym floor in the pit, mostly likely won't be this summer

- UPK registration has opened, looking at possible options for families that want to have their students in UPK for another year
- Haven't received anything yet for budget for school finance, hoping to have a better idea of what we are looking at by the next Board Meeting

#### 10.0 BOARD REPORT

- Director Brown
  - Appreciates the conversation that the Board had in regards to the calendar, would like to look at having work sessions in the future
- Director Roundtree
  - Asked Head Baseball Coach Nighswonger about the lighting situation with upcoming baseball games
- Director Galles
  - Congratulated SRO Hass on the Mock Trial
  - Thanked the public for coming and assured the public that since she has been on the Board of Education she has never thought that our teachers were lazy or that they couldn't be trusted
- President Deering
  - Discussed work sessions and when would be the best time to have them

#### 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

Sincerely,



John Deering, President  
Yuma School District-1  
Board of Education



Dani Crossland, Secretary to the Board of Education  
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