

Yuma School District-1
October 8, 2012 Regular Meeting
District Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Baucke, President

Rob Stannard, Superintendent

Jerrie Weinrich, Sec./Tres.

Dan Ross, Director

Lisa Brown, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Roth, Vice President

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Baucke called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2012 in the District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

Superintendent Stannard reported that there were two additions to the agenda in the recommendation section under personnel: Ana Morales, Bilingual Aide for School Sponsored Parent Meetings and Mark Roth for YHS Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach.

Moved by Ross, seconded by Weinrich to approve the additions to the agenda with the added recommendations.

Voting Aye: Weinrich, Ross, Baucke, Brown. Motion Carried

Absent: Roth

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 September 10, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Ross, to approve the September 10, 2012 board meeting minutes as presented.

Voting Aye: Weinrich, Ross, Baucke, Brown. Motion Carried

Absent: Roth

4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Financial Report as of September 30, 2012

ENCLOSURE

Board Member Ross asked about the copy/construction paper expense and that it looked as we were over budget in every department. Ross said he thought it might be because we purchased a large quantity on a discount somewhere or it might be an issue we have to look at. Superintendent Stannard said he believed it was because we purchased a large quantity at a discounted price. Secretary/Treasurer Weinrich pointed out that it normally goes that way. Superintendent Stannard said he wanted to confirm that and that it was a onetime deal that we will make up over time. He also wanted to mention that the price of everything is going up. He wanted to let the board know that Business Manager Sherry Dennis-

Murphy was out sick so that is why she wasn't present at the board meeting.

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Brown, to approve the financial report as of September 10, 2012 as presented.

Voting Aye: Weinrich, Ross, Baucke, Brown. Motion Carried

Absent: Roth

4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Ross, seconded by Weinrich to approve the check register as presented.

Voting Aye: Weinrich, Ross, Baucke, Brown. Motion Carried

Absent: Roth

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST

Susana Cardenas the 4th-8th grade technology teacher wanted to bring some issues to the board. She said she had two concerns she wanted the board to know about and the first problem was the issues she was having with the internet. She stated that her average class size was 21 students and on a normal day or a good day all of the computers have internet access and on a bad day only 4 of the computers have internet access. When that issue occurs the students have to log off, and then log back in multiple times which takes them about 15 minutes in order to connect to the internet. The second concern that Ms. Cardenas had is that she has had students since the 4th grade that are now 7th and 8th graders and they still don't have a username and password. She stated that she had gotten together with the IT Director last Monday (October 1st) and the IT Director said her goal was to have the log-ins done on Friday (October 5th). Ms. Cardenas tried the log-ins today (Monday, Oct. 8th) and they weren't done. She wanted the board to know that she is trying to seek solutions on what can be done and what she can do to help the situation. She stated that right now she has 166 students that have the exact same username and password in which they have access to everyone's work and their work isn't saving and that is hindering the students ability as far as what they can do as a class.

President Baucke asked Ms. Cardenas if she had any ideas on what to do. Ms. Cardenas replied that her idea was to get the administrative password so she can get things up and running and to have all the computers have internet access. She also stated that she could help get the usernames and passwords ready for the students. She said it might take her longer because her primary goal is the students and day to day lesson plans.

President Baucke asked if Superintendent Stannard was aware of the issue. Superintendent Stannard reported that he was aware and that in the last six months we have reconfigured and re-serviced every application in the network and we are aware that there are problems. The district turned the corner about 10 days ago and he expects to finally be able to issue the student passwords. He stated that the problem isn't just issuing passwords; it's that we need to protect the kids because there are some security issues. Up until last year the sonic wall and some of the other safe guards that were required by law and by e-rate were actually non-functional. We have always used them but it has been difficult and

we want to have the problem solved very soon.

President Baucke said Carrie could possibly use Ms. Cardenas' help so we can hopefully get a quick solution to the problem. Ms. Cardenas said that that would be great. President Baucke thanked Ms. Cardenas for bringing the issue to the Board's attention.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

6.1 YMS 7th Grade Art, Lori Neill

Lori Neill first introduced herself to the Board as the middle school art teacher. The students were there to present their latest art project. She stated that she first wanted the students who were there to present their art projects to introduce themselves: Jason Sanchez, Connor Hixon, Alex Castillo, Kyle Rayl, Gianni Trejo, Diego Covarrubias, Kennedy Roth, and Avery Whitehead. The students studied the renaissance painter Giuseppe Arcimboldo. They took the opportunity to take their shading unit and create the illusion of 3 dimensional effects in each piece of fruit or vegetable and in groups of around four they put all of their pieces together to form portraits much like Arcimboldo did. The Board was happy that the students presented their art work and thanked them for coming.

6.2 Kris Van Deraa, Sick Bank Committee-

Diana Bencomo represented the sick bank committee on behalf of Mrs. Van Deraa because she was at parent teacher conferences. Mrs. Bencomo reported that there were some new members to the sick bank and that the total number of days available to sick bank members was 196.5 days. President Baucke stated that he believes that the policy states that the board should look over how many days are being used each year. Mrs. Bencomo said that there might be one sentence in the policy that they would want to change. The committee can discuss the issue and can put it on the agenda to have it approved by the board.

6.3 Recognition of Diana Bencomo

This was a time to congratulate Diana Bencomo for her great work and services she has provided the Yuma School District-1 for 40 years. The Board, the YSD-1, and Superintendent Stannard wanted to recognize Mrs. Bencomo and thank her for all she has done. Mrs. Bencomo wanted to state that she feels very lucky to have had the same job for 40 years.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Policy ACE-E, Nondiscrimination of the Basis of Handicap/Disability ENCLOSURE

Secretary/Treasurer Weinrich asked if this was just to show Ramona McMillan's name on the policy.

8.2 Personnel ENCLOSURE

Recommendations:

Roger Chrismer, K-8 Head Custodian
Bob Thompson, K-8 Custodian
Blanca Babonoyaba, K-8 Custodian
Kristina Lebsock, YHS Math
Sabina Dominquez, Food Service Cashier
Nate Forristall, YHS Football Volunteer Coach
Marla Holcomb, Contract Change to Reflect Bus Hours
Sara Probasco, Contract Change to Reflect Bus Hours
Ana Morales, Bilingual Aide for School Sponsored Parent Meetings
Mark Roth, YHS Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach

Resignation:

Gunnar Berg, YHS Math

President Baucke asked for Superintendent Stannard to explain the contract changes to reflect bus hours. Superintendent Stannard reported that we have expanded with the loss of the County Express and we shuffled things around. The district has an ad posted for a bus driver as well with the loss of the County Express. Superintendent Stannard gave the schools leave to shuffle hours around and cover with the use of existing employees with the borrowed Wray bus.

Board Member Ross asked if it was about an hour, hour and a half a day. Superintendent Stannard said yes and that we are getting off pretty light, we think it will be a wash when we get refund from County Express form the BOCES reimbursement, and we may be even a little ahead. Board Member Ross then asked if we had purchased the bus from Wray yet. Superintendent Stannard said that we haven't yet but he would like to purchase the bus from them.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Policy ACE-E, Nondiscrimination of the Basis of Handicap/Disability

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Brown to approve the changes to Policy ACE-E.

Voting Aye: Weinrich, Ross, Baucke, Brown. Motion Carried

Absent: Roth

9.2 Personnel

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Moved by Ross, seconded by Brown to approve the recommendations including the additions.

Voting Aye: Weinrich, Ross, Baucke, Brown. Motion Carried

Absent: Roth

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

"The Year Well and Truly Started..."

- October Count 3-4 below last year
 - There is a variation on kids who are right on the boarder of one school to another
- Data Base (Power School & Alpine Achievement) coming in focus
 - We have a long training session with NWEA which is one of the assessment software that feed the data base
 - If you pull up a student you can see page after page of data going back several years
 - All data either goes into PowerSchool or Alpine Achievement
- Automated Notification System in test mode
 - The program is an add-in to PowerSchool
 - used during lockdowns and other instances
 - can record Superintendent Stannard's voice
 - Audio files can go out via email to everyone that is listed
 - It will also dial the home phone number and leave a message
 - Ability to text messages to parents
 - The system doesn't only have to be used during emergencies
- Facilities Challenges
 - We lost a couple of large units on the high school
 - We have some repairs at the Middle School and Little Indians
 - Positive note-it's better to buy an AC unit in the fall instead of the summer
 - Check up on the Morris Elementary roof and it is looking good
 - Issues with the building and grounds with concrete repairs and sprinklers

"Coming up on the Calendar"

- Woodcock Muñoz Foundation briefing (Board Working Session) by Criselda Alvarodo Thursday, October 25th
- GT Parent Night: Wednesday 7 of Nov.
 - There will be a more detailed announcement
 - There is a nomination list for the GT for various classes
 - We will also invite any parent who thinks that their child is GT material

Internet Safety

- External Inquires as to Procedures & Polices
 - inquires from the Attorney General's office on how we handle it
 - clarifying our policies
- Review of Existing Polices

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- Text, email, social media, & “friending”
 - task with keeping the kids safe
 - going through with a high level of detail involved in social media
- A few youth & church-based exceptions
 - if you are just a teacher and a normal citizen of Yuma, don’t “friend” students
 - email and texting to a very simple level and only the basics
 - youth groups need more detail because we have to say precisely what we mean by an exception
- 3 or 4- way negotiation
 - durable but practical
- (educators are never “off duty”, other caveats)
 - held to higher standards
 - very detailed exceptions
 - keep kids safe
- Comment Period in November & December
 - bring out a policy next month and leave it out for comment from everyone
 - comfortable
 - balance between rules and the freedom to communicate
 - small element of social media that isn’t good

“Misc. Reports, Projects & Paperwork”

- Consol. Fed. App.
 - Fed. Changes rules
- UIP- a new unified improvement plan & unified improvement process
- Gifted & Talented
 - gone around the state to see what they have done with the GT program
 - Borrowed ideas from the best
 - Ramona McMillan has done a lot of work with the program
 - Formal Testing
- Additions to YSD-1 Website
 - Policies
 - Spanish web page for the high school in Math and Science
 - number of free sources
 - We are expecting to incorporate Spanish into our website
 - Adding health section especially because of the recent Scabies issue
- Science Fair/Gen. Science Tune up
 - 8th grade science fair led by Ms. Bower
 - Bring science forward
 - talented staff
- Professional Development
 - NWEA Training
 - Training in Alpine Achievement
 - A scholar from the University of Denver will come out and talk number theory
- Grants
 - Don Crow is working on a number of grants from radios to science
- Reading & Intervention
 - differentiating ELL and Special Ed and so on
- EL Expansions
 - Woodcock Muñoz
 - logistical effort
 - presentation mid-year for board
 - Cris-finds out what our needs are

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- After School Programs-bigger this year than last year
 - Lead by Mr. Buller K-8
 - Carl Rice calls it AOL
 - bringing in extra help
 - “more” proven to help
- Intervention
 - previously only based on grades
 - now can be based on if a teacher feels that a student needs it
 - looking at curriculum
- Special Education
 - largest dollar item
 - we use parts of the BOCES to form a SPED team
 - top priority
 - rising costs
 - major focus this fall

-Questions?

- Tricia Murry, 6th Grade Teacher asked if the teachers would have any input on who will be attending the after school programs. Superintendent Stannard reported that the teachers do have input.
- Secretary/Treasurer Weinrich asked how the town wide emergency training went. Superintendent Stannard reported that it went well and it helped us to know the hospital better and build a relationship with them.

11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

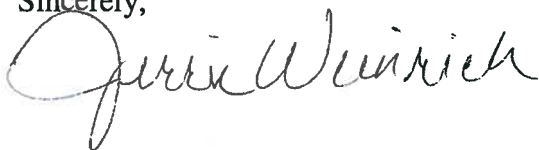
Board Member Ross stated that it was brought to his attention that they may do away with the 6th grade Outdoor Education trip next year. Superintendent Stannard reported that funding is falling low and it is an expensive trip to put on but we can report on the cost per student in a future board meeting. This will give us a picture on how we will go about it next year and will let us know if we need to start fund raising or grant writing.

President Baucke wanted to let the board know that a couple of physicians at the hospital would like to put on some presentations at the school, maybe once or twice a month about various topics such as the scabies outbreak, or drinking, smoking and obesity.

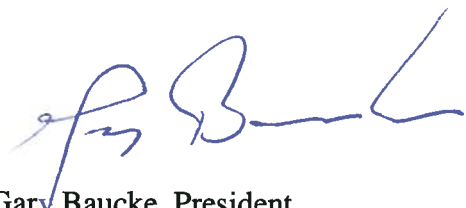
12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Sincerely,



Jerrie Weinrich, Secretary/Treasurer
Yuma School District-1
Board of Education



Gary Baucke, President
Yuma School District-1
Board of Education