

Yuma School District-1
January 14, 2013 Regular Meeting
District Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Baucke, President

Mark Roth, Vice President

Jerrie Weinrich, Sec./Tres.

Dan Ross, Director

Lisa Brown, Director

Rob Stannard, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Carl Rice, YHS Principal

Brady Nighswonger, 5-8 Asst. Principal

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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, January 14, 2013 in the District Board Room.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

Superintendent Stannard reported that there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

The Board did not vote on this item since there were no additions or deletions.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 December 10, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

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

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

4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Financial Report as of December 31, 2012

ENCLOSURE

President Baucke asked about what percentage we were at in the budget for the school year. Board Member Ross said by looking at some of the numbers we were about at 40% of the budget. Business Manager Dennis-Murphy agreed with Board Member Ross and also stated that some numbers are higher and some are lower than the 40%.

Moved by Roth, seconded by Ross, to approve the financial report as of December 31, 2012 as presented.

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

4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

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

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST

No visitors comment or request during the board meeting.

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Various cards from the staff thanking the Board of Education for their Christmas bonuses.

8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Personnel

ENCLOSURE

Recommendations:

Mariah Christenson, Special Education Aide

Zach Diaz, Yuma High School Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Resignation:

Deanna Smith, PK-8 Registrar

Board Member Ross asked if there was any reason why Deanna left. Superintendent Stannard reported that she didn't give a reason why but he had a meeting with her and let her know that the door is always open and we value what she has done for the district. Board Member Ross stated that he thinks it is strange to leave mid-year and wanted to know if there was something that we need to fix so that it doesn't happen in the future. President Baucke stated that sometimes opportunities come up that people cannot turn down.

8.2 Settlement of claims of McCauley Constructors, Inc.

Recommendation: That the Board approve a settlement of claims asserted by McCauley Constructors, Inc. against the District in the case of Devlin Electric, LLC v. McCauley Constructors, Inc. v. Yuma School District, 2011 CV 1377; approve the payment of District funds to McCauley in the amount of \$13,000.00; settle District claims related to this litigation for the amount of \$10,000.00 from MDP Engineering Group, PC and \$7,000.00 from LOA Architecture, PC; and authorize the appropriate individuals to sign settlement agreements in the forms approval by legal counsel.

President Baucke asked Superintendent Stannard to briefly go over the case at the Board Meeting. Superintendent Stannard reported that the case has now been going on for about 3 years and the original claim amount was for about \$42,000 and some change. We negotiated it down to about \$30,000 split between three parties with no one admitting guilt. We went to our part of the third which was \$10,000 to about \$13,000 and change over the holidays and put it to an end. We think that is the best way to handle it and prefer no litigation so we could put it behind us.

8.3 2012/2013 Final Approval of Budget

President Baucke asked if there were any changes to the budget. Business Manager Dennis-Murphy stated that the biggest changes were to our capital account which the board has discussed in past work sessions. There are items that are on our wish list and that will help to add value to our district. Each board meeting we should be able to identify where our money is going and we should be able to account for the Mil-Levy.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Personnel

Recommendations:

Mariah Christenson, Special Education Aide

Zach Diaz, Yuma High School Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Resignation:

Deanna Smith, PK-8 Registrar

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Ross to approve the personnel recommendations and resignations as presented.

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

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Moved by Ross, seconded by Brown to approve the settlement of claims of the McCauley Constructors, Inc. Case.

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

9.3 2012/2013 Final Approval of Budget

Secretary/Treasurer Weinrich read the appropriation resolution of the Final Budget for the 2012-2013 Year. Normally the appropriation resolution is only read for the preliminary budget but we reread it because of the changes to the capital accounts.

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Roth to approve the 2012/2013 Final Approval of Budget.

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

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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- **Coast Rica Summer 2014**
- A True 2nd Language opportunity. Daily language opportunities with a Costa Rican Host Family and with Service Learning Projects.
 - ELL Effort
 - Reaching out to the community
 - Mrs. Van Deraa is very interested in this trip
- Students will enjoy field trips to Manuel Antonio National Park's beaches and rain forest as well as visit Volcano Arenal.
- An opportunity for Real Life, Service and Language Learning. Excellent preparation for the college application process.
 - Preparing students for life and college
 - Make a more well rounded student
- Costa Rica is one of the most stable, peaceful and literate counties in Central America.
- Costs are reasonable. 2-Weeks is projected at \$3,300/students (includes 3 days at Manuel Antonio National Park and beach, 10 nights with host family in San Isidro de Heredia, 5 days of language school and other side trips).
 - Open to high school and middle school students
 - June 2014
 - Cultural understanding
- Kickoff meeting, date pending
 - This Spring
- Fundraising to begin this spring
- Volunteers sought.
 - President Baucke asked how many students do they think want to attend the trip. Superintendent Stannard reported that he thought there was a couple dozen.

Current Issue & Projects

- Details still coming in on statewide Longer School initiative
 - Big cultural change
 - Watching Pilot programs
 - Board Member Ross asked if this was going to be mandated or voluntary. Superintendent Stannard reported that for a large part of the population it will be mandated. He said that this will change the role of the school system and the role of the family. We will be watching it very closely and are hoping for flexibility.
- Summer School Plans firming up
 - Credit Recovery
 - G/T
 - Robotics Camp-paid for by a grant
 - Art Segment-Oil Painting
 - Enrichment
- Auto-Message System running
 - Used a couple times so far this year
 - Spoken message in English and Spanish
 - System lets us know if there are bad phone numbers in the system so we are working on fixing those.
- 2013/2014 Schedules: Build in January, Fine-tune in February, Approve in March.
- Offers for Teacher & Staff for 2013-2014: 1st of March (normal 30-day return).
- Very Active Areas: ELL, Reading, Math, Science.
- Review of facilities ongoing since Thanksgiving (Mil-Levy/Improvements to YSD-1 Infrastructure)

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- UIP, Lots of new (mandatory) reporting.
 - Keeping track of emails from the state.
- UNC Professional Development in Yuma next year.
 - Very supportive and want to hold classes in Yuma
 - Means no traveling for our staff
 - Graduate credits
 - One night a week program
 - Open it up to other districts around the area
- Studying Alt. Ed. Possibilities
 - Accommodations for students
 - Tour of old library for alternate school
 - We need to get the loose ends together and work out the details
 - Students that require different circumstances
- Grants
- Hickenlooper: Positive on Ed. Budget

Security & Facilities

- Attributes-Parents have been calling about concerns of safety at schools since the shooting at Sandy Hook
 - Drills & Procedures: One Step Higher
 - We have drills in place
 - We could do more drills and move them up a level but we are limited on what drills can accomplish
 - Locks & Doors
 - Standardization
 - Key Cards
 - Collecting Quotes
 - What is possible and the costs.
 - Cameras
 - We have some but not many
 - Central network
 - Digital
 - More affordable
 - Alarm system/Toggles
 - Panic buttons
 - Toggles-Doors strategically placed throughout the facility and when you hit the panic button the doors shut
 - Panic buttons on smart phones
 - Entrance and Exits
 - Improving entrances and exits in both buildings
 - Look at the way they are laid out
 - Fences & Grounds
 - Look at each location
 - We are a very open town but we need to look at small changes and zone each block
- Comments
 - Culture/Awareness
 - Parents are having a hard time talk about these situations
 - President Baucke asked if students would come forward if they think another classmate who is on the edge and would do something to harm other students.

Superintendent Stannard said that he believes students are more willing to do so and so are adults.

- Prevention & Intervention still very important.
 - Special needs students
 - Police enforcement
 - Good school security
- Still clinging to our “Yuma Identity”
 - Better visibility
 - Knowing every ones business in this case is a good thing
- Seeking an Architect’s appraisal.
 - Moving things around
- Seeking our Attorney’s appraisal.

Superintendent Stannard showed each layout of the school buildings and showed how we can improve the security of each with the help of architects. He showed how we can centralize offices and change locations of where students enter each building. We would use entrapment in the entrances which would include a set of doors and you would get buzzed in at each location. He wanted the board to be aware that the changes will take time and we will plan the changes with the architects and the local law enforcement.

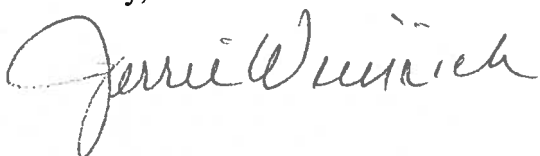
11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

None

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Sincerely,



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



Gary Baucke, President
Yuma School District-1
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