

Yuma School District-1  
March 11, 2013 Regular Meeting  
District Board Room

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gary Baucke, President

Jerrie Weinrich, Sec./Tres.

Dan Ross, Director

Lisa Brown, Director

Rob Stannard, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Beth Dischner, Administrative Assistant

**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, March 11, 2013 in the District Board Room.

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

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

President Baucke proposed to move item 6.3 Michael Dischner – Student Dance Demonstration to the next item of business so the students could get home.

Moved by Brown, seconded by Weinrich to approve moving item 6.3 to the next item of business.

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

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 February 11, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Ross, seconded by Brown, to approve the February 11, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented.

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

**4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

4.1 Financial Report as of February 28, 2013

ENCLOSURE

Board Member Ross asked about page 1 of 21 – Staff Travel. Business Manager Dennis-Murphy said that we have had a lot of great opportunities for staff to participate in educational endeavors. The monies were not dispersed correctly and she is working with the principals on this matter. We budgeted for \$1,000 and are currently over budget.

President Baucke had asked about page 10 of 18 and page 15 of 18 – Basketball Uniforms. Business Manager Dennis-Murphy said that the first was uniforms for Junior High Girls and the second was a donation for High School Girls from the Bank of Colorado (as well as other donors).

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Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Ross, to approve the financial report as of February 28, 2013 as presented.

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

#### 4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

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

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

### **5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST**

No visitor comments or requests during the board meeting.

### **6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD**

#### 6.1 Gifted and Talented Art Program – Ms. Anderson

Superintendent Stannard commented on the artist abilities of Ms. Anderson and how she has been a great asset to the Yuma School District. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Neill are going to teach students who have shown interest in the program oil painting. The school will acquire canvas, paints, brushes, etc. for the program. This program will be held the first week of June for about four full days. Ms. Anderson stated that she had been pursuing arts outside of a public school setting since she was in Junior High and feels that all interested students should do the same. Artists see and think things differently and she wants students to be able to embrace that ability. Superintendent Stannard mentioned that we have a community of artists on the plains and we hope to encourage both students and those artists. They are going to clean out a room by the bus barn that has a kiln (used to be the old art room) just for this purpose. We hope to utilize this room and the kiln more with the whole artist community. We also hope that by having this program, we will see more interest next year, not only with students, but with area artists.

#### 6.2 Kindergarten Start Date

Following the CASB website, Yuma School District-1 moved the Kindergarten Start Date from July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a common push from the state to have the start date in the fall and to narrow the window for all districts. We are late, but not late enough for families who move from a district that had a start date of September 1<sup>st</sup> and have a child turning 5 in August. They think their children should still be able to start Kindergarten. Superintendent Stannard proposed to move the start date back two weeks per year.

Mrs. Morton commented that she can really tell what birthdays her kids have on the first day of school. Those who have birthdays in the spring are more immature and combine that with 2<sup>nd</sup> language learners they just have a hard time academically, socially, etc. When they are just a little bit older coming into Kindergarten, they do very well and have more advantage in the classroom. Superintendent Stannard said that the start date cut off is a financial issue and educators are biased towards the big city districts. There are problems with cut off dates such as parents starting their kids at one school that has a later cut

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off date and then transferring them for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and those schools have to accept them even though they aren't really ready. President Baucke questioned that by having an earlier cutoff date, the kids might be too old for Kindergarten. Ms. Morton said that is also an issue and that ideally there would be assessments to test whether or not the child is ready for Kindergarten and also a good Preschool program if they are not.

**6.3 Michael Dischner – Student Dance Demonstration**

Mr. Dischner and Ms. Martinez had a dance unit to comply with state standards. He commented that dance levels the playing field because it doesn't discriminate between the athletic and non-athletic. The group of 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that performed were taught basic line dance steps and they each came up with their own choreography. They danced their original piece for their classmates and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade presented in front of the whole school.

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received a note from Marilyn Lynch thanking the Board of Education for the Christmas bonus and the Staff Luncheon as well as the Gift Certificate she won at the drawing.

**8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.1 Personnel**

ENCLOSURE

Recommendations:

- Treia Means, Special Education Aide
- Rachel Bragan, YMS Track Coach
- Kristin Metcalfe, YMS Assistant Track Coach
- Kellyn Twiss, YMS Assistant Track Coach
- Jamie Armstrong, MES Temporary Secretary

Board Member Weinrich asked about the Temporary Secretary position. Superintendent Stannard said that this was just until May and to help with the transition of Molly Brunk.

**8.2 Policy GBGD – Workers' Compensation – First Vote**

Board Member Ross asked Superintendent Stannard what he suggested for the time period on Comment (m3). Superintendent Stannard stated that workers' compensation is decided by individual case. It was decided to insert the phrase 'as needed' instead of a specific time.

**8.3 Policy LBD – Relations with Charter Schools – First Vote**

Superintendent Stannard noted that this didn't directly apply to us as of yet, but this would be a good idea to have in our policy book just in case.

**8.4 Activity Trip Request-FBLA**

Superintendent Stannard said this is an annual event and is covered by a budgeted amount. Mr. Echeverria stated he has seven competitors going. He and his wife would be sponsors, unless his wife gave birth, then they would need another sponsor.

### 8.5 2013-2014 School Calendar

Board Member Ross commented that this calendar looked a little different than the previously presented calendar because there was not a full week of Thanksgiving vacation. Superintendent Stannard said that the elementary teachers were in favor of the full week, but the high school and middle school were not. The other change is from early outs to full Professional Development days. Board Member Ross commented that this would be better for students, teachers and parents.

## 9.0 ACTION ITEMS

### 9.1 Personnel

#### Recommendations:

Treia Means, Special Education Aide  
Rachel Bragan, YMS Track Coach  
Kristin Metcalfe, YMS Assistant Track Coach  
Kellyn Twiss, YMS Assistant Track Coach  
Jamie Armstrong, MES Temporary Secretary

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Brown to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.

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

### 9.2 Policy GBGD – Workers’ Compensation

Moved by Ross, seconded by Weinrich to approve Policy GBGD – Workers’ Compensation.

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

### 9.3 Policy LBD – Relations with Charter Schools

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Brown to approve Policy LBD – Relations with Charter Schools.

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

### 9.4 Activity Trip Request-FBLA

Moved by Ross, seconded by Brown to approve the FBLA Activity Trip Request.

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

Moved by Brown, seconded by Weinrich to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar as presented.

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

## 10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### Highlights of the Last 28 Days

- Electrical Repairs
  - Continue to make everything up to code and discontinue use of extension cords to computers
- HVAC Repairs
  - Completely rebuilt the Middle School
  - Still trying to find a contractor who will be faithful to this project
- Light Fiber
  - Connections, Poles, Obstacles – inventory between buildings, new path including possible Hwy 34 crossing mapped.
  - This will improve speeds in all buildings
  - We have two potential contractors.
  - Are trying to avoid big trees and will skirt around a spot by The Main Event.
- TCAP
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 4-10
  - Notice that reading is down
- Working Session
  - Discussed projects and security
- State Initiatives
  - UIP, Consolidated Federal Application, AI, MRC
  - Beth pulling March reports which are long and extensive

### Current Issues

- Radios
  - 1<sup>st</sup> radios will arrive this week – FINALLY!
- IT
  - There are some applications on our 2003 servers that need migrated to our new servers. We will do this one by one.
- Security Discussion
  - Working with Mike Fields and there will be a proposal next month regarding adding a resource officer room in schools with external entrances.
- Alt School
  - Still looking at the possibilities of this endeavor.
  - There are a number of grants that we can apply for
  - There are a number of students that really need a different educational setting
- Neenan Architects
  - Neenan will be here later this week doing a camera and transit tour. This will give the board an artist's conception of the changes we are planning to make.

### Budget Cycle

- Health Insurance
  - Waiting until June to know what health insurance will be like. This is a great concern and we are watching this closely.
- Federal Funds on Hold for Sequester
  - Not sure if we will get funds this next year. We are filling out applications in hopes for funds

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but there could be no Title I, II, or III funds for next year. We plan to budget for no funds and then recover if we do receive funds.

- o We will present a draft budget to the board in April

Longer School Days Initiative

- There have been a number of letters in the paper regarding this issue and some confusion about where it is coming from
- This is a large scale program in several large front range districts and comes from the State and Federal Government
- Targeted at large school districts and did NOT originate in Yuma.
- We are working on keeping parents and community informed about this issue
- State trend is looking to recognize preschool workers and require them to have curriculum and assessments
- There are several articles relating to this issue and they all include the four largest school districts in Colorado
- The Governor has said for the last 2 years that education is going to be better with longer school days and school years.

Conclusion

- 70+ by Friday
- 2 Basketball teams going to Pueblo – first time both have gone in awhile
- Spring Break is in 3 weeks – March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Propose to move next Board Meeting from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> – no objections

Comments/Questions

- Students are starting to hear about the longer school days
- Board Member Ross stated that the Government shouldn't raise my kids only educate them.
- Superintendent Stannard said that the essence is local control and we are hoping that the state will allow that.

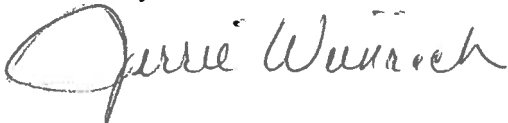
**11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS**

None

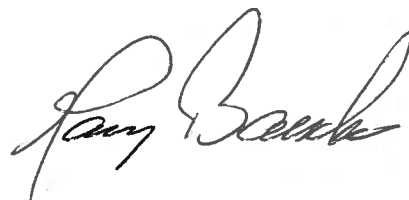
**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



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



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