

School Board Meeting  
April 15, 2013

Yuma School District-1  
April 15, 2013 Regular Meeting  
District Board Room

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gary Baucke, President

Rob Stannard, Superintendent

Mark Roth, Vice President

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Jerrie Weinrich, Sec./Tres.

Dan Ross, Director

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lisa Brown, Director

**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, April 15, 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.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 March 11, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting

ENCLOSURE

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

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

3.2 March 20, 2013 – Special Board Meeting

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Roth, to approve the March 20, 2013 special board meeting minutes as presented.

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

**4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

4.1 Financial Report as of March 31, 2013

ENCLOSURE

Moved by Roth, seconded by Ross, to approve the financial report as of March 31, 2013 as presented.

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

4.2 Check Register

ENCLOSURE

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

## **5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUEST**

President Baucke read requirements for visitors comments and requests which states, "This is a time for unscheduled audience to share comments/requests with the school board. It is a time for the board to listen, but the board will not respond at this time. Please keep your comments/requests to no more than 3 minutes. Please keep in mind, that discussion about individual students or personnel matters is not appropriate in this venue without prior approval. There are legal implications that need to be taken into consideration."

One visitor asked about the CHSAA letter which mentioned five students, but only two were suspended. Superintendent Stannard replied that Yuma followed a very conservative path regarding the matter.

## **6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD**

There was no scheduled audience.

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received a thank you note from Adrian Burkholder, Holly Kuecke, Heather Klein, Kristine Van Deraa, and Jill Patton thanking the Board of Education for the allowing them the opportunity to attend the International TESOL Conference in Dallas.

The Board also received a thank you note from Martin and Deb Torres thanking the Board of Education for their good judgment calls on the snow days and weather this term.

## **8.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Personnel**

ENCLOSURE

#### Recommendations:

Michael Sandstrom, Secondary Social Science  
Heather Partch, MES Special Education Aide  
Calie Millar, YMS Special Education Teacher  
Christina Stroh, YMS Secretary  
Sheyenne Hunn, Kindergarten

#### Resignations:

Myrna Remington, Secondary Social Science  
Amy Fetzer, Kindergarten  
Stacy Garcia, YMS Secretary  
Billie Lockhart, 4-12 Vocal Music  
Tricia Murry, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Tony Hochanadel, YHS PE and Science

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8.2 Activity Trip Request – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp

Superintendent Stannard said this was a well discussed trip and the path to finance will have to wait for the budget.

8.3 Activity Trip Request – FFA State CDE

Superintendent Stannard said this was scheduled and funded.

8.4 Activity Trip Request-FFA State Convention

Superintendent Stannard said this, again, was scheduled and funded.

8.5 Working Session – Mr. Stannard Evaluation, April 25, 2013

The Board chose to schedule the working session for 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013.

8.6 Working Session – Budget, May 2, 2013

Superintendent Stannard said that they have solid numbers on health insurance with a majority of offers and that the next phase is seeing how it works with the budget.

The Board chose to schedule the working session for 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2013.

**9.0 ACTION ITEMS**

9.1 Personnel

Recommendations:

Michael Sandstrom, Secondary Social Science  
Heather Partch, MES Special Education Aide  
Calie Millar, YMS Special Education Teacher  
Christina Stroh, YMS Secretary  
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Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Roth to approve the personnel recommendations and resignations as presented.

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

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9.2 Activity Trip Request – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp

Moved by Ross, seconded by Weinrich to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Activity Trip Request.

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

9.3 Activity Trip Request – FFA State CDE

Moved by Ross, seconded by Roth to approve the FFA State CDE Activity Trip Request.

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

9.4 Activity Trip Request-FFA State Convention

Moved by Weinrich, seconded by Ross to approve the FFA State Convention Activity Trip Request.

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

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Highlights of the Last 5 Weeks

- TCAPs
  - Completed successfully with little problems.
  - The number of rules the state piles on increases every year and this year was no exception, but kudos to teachers and staff for doing a great job.
- Light Fiber
  - FINAL inventory between buildings and a new path has been mapped.
  - Obstacles have been worked out
  - We are receiving competitive bids
  - There are still security concerns that will be helped with the new light fiber
  - 10 fold increase in bandwidth
- Electrical and HVAC Repairs
  - Still doing more repairs
  - Using local labor when possible
- Security
  - Still having security related discussions, but have a good Yuma style solution.
- State Initiatives
  - UIP, Consolidated Federal Application, '191, CLD Project with UNC
  - Title funds are going to be on hold
  - '191 – Hold Harmless year, which means nothing has permanent consequences
  - CLD – Mrs. Van Deraa won the scholarship to attend UNC – due to distance of classes, we are close to having an online class in Yuma.
    - Ongoing for about 6 or 7 months now
    - Working with 2 BOCES – Northeast and Centennial

Current Issues

- Radios
  - HERE!
  - Working on installs and booster towers
  - Buses will be able to communicate better
  - Reneater antennas – boost cell phones etc

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- IT
  - Still migrating applications to new servers
  - Looking at security camera software – one section of fiber circuit will be dedicated to security
- Security Discussion
  - Proposal from YPD (Mike Fields) to add a resource officer room in both schools with external entrances and their own office.
  - Will be a shared staff member, pay will be  $\frac{3}{4}$ , which means pay for 9 out of the 12 month salary
  - Presence is a good thing, but now have to look at the budget and see if we can afford it.
- Alt School
  - Possibilities continuing – we have filed 2 large grant applications
  - Budget – if we receive word on the 2 grants in 4-5 weeks the budget will allow for an alt-school
  - Next step will be to look for the right leader to make this alt school successful
- Architects
  - Neenan and others are looking for solutions for entrances and fences to make our schools more secure post Sandy-Hook. This will give the board an artist's conception of the changes we are planning to make.
- Health Insurance
  - Good news so far, but need an early May Board meeting (Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>?)
  - The cost and reporting is looking lower than expected, but still an increase
  - May need to contract with a company to help with new regulations and logging those regulations

Title Audit – Friday 19th

- From 2006 – 2010, AMAO's (Annual Measurement Achievement Objectives) – scored low in 06-10 and in '11 as well.
- Newcomer Program/Rosetta Lab
  - Targeting those who don't speak English
  - With this program, we can start them immediately with immersion into the English language
  - Other great thing is that it doesn't matter what your primary language is, you can learn any language you so desire.
- Audit Title I,II, III and Financials
  - This is a good chance for our team to get exposure to CDE
  - Everyone is struggling with at-risk and ELL

Conclusion

- Snow?
- Graduation is 5 weeks from Yesterday
- Early board meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>?

**11.0 BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS**

Secretary/Treasurer Weinrich read a letter in support of current Administration signed by the Board:

Support letter for Administration

It has been 2 years since we replaced all administrators. Our Superintendent, Rob Stannard came to us in a state of turmoil and disarray to say the least. Our academics were suffering severely with low scores from elementary to high school. ACT's, the primary measure of our graduates academic preparation was, both at an all time low (near 17) as well as part of an identifiable downward trend. Our graduation rate, while "acceptable" on average was unacceptably low (below 70%) for several parts of our student population. More than only numbers, our high school had lost key capabilities to place our students at competitive universities. We

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needed to revamp, change direction, and get our students on track academically. This team of administrators that Mr. Stannard put in place has been focused on rebuilding attitudes, creating a sense of drive and commitment from the districts' staff and its students.

Their strategy was to get kids back in the classroom with teachers as much as possible. According to latest data, after just one year, this strategy is working; our scores have improved from the "Does Not Meet" level to either "Meets" or "Approaching" level'. All is still a work in progress. Serious work remains to be done in all academic areas, especially in reading, math and science. In addition, the administration has devoted special attention to bringing back vocational programs, not a small undertaking! They have recently created an online alternative program for our students of special needs and circumstances. Also, for the first time in years, we are seeing the beginning of what is going to be an excellent gifted and talented program. A 3 year grant was established that provides training and continuous support for our ELL kids. Our students have choices, direction, and support, due to the perseverance and commitment of our administrative team.

We agree this team of administrators is the combination we need to lead our district and its students to new heights and stay the course. We must focus on what is necessary to give our students the education they need to be successful citizens and grow into well rounded adults.

The Board of Education would like to thank our administration personally for stepping in at a rough time 2 years ago, creating new direction with a focused environment for our students.

'The public is ALWAYS free to confirm Yuma-1's present and recent years scores at "[schoolview.org](http://schoolview.org)"

Support letter for Administration

Thank you to:

Rob Stannard Superintendent

Carl Rice — High School Principal

Jess Buller — K - 8 Principal

Assistants — Adrian Burkholder

Brady Nighswonger

Jack Lubbers

Ryan Burkholder

Rory Lynch

Ramona McMillan

Signed,

Yuma Board of Education,

Gary Baucke

Mark Roth

Jerrie Weinrich

Lisa Brown

Dan Ross

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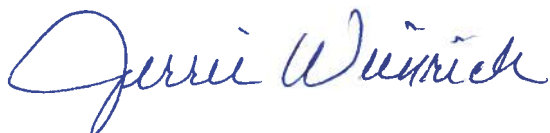
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**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerrie Weinrich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Baucke". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'G'.

Gary Baucke, President  
Yuma School District-1  
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