

Yuma School District-1  
October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting  
Board of Education

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Deering, President  
Tyson Brown, Director  
Lindsey Galles, Director, arrived at 7:12 p.m.  
Heath Roundtree, Director

Jim Fraley, Superintendent  
Dani Crossland, Executive Secretary/Board Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Terri Cooper, Vice President

**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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

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

- None

Motion by Roundtree, seconded by Brown to approve the agenda.

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

**3.0 RECOGNITION**

Yuma High School Principal-Brady Nighswonger, Yuma Middle School Principal-Josh Rahe, and Morris Elementary School Principal-Keri Chapman introduced the staff member and student of the month from each of their buildings.

**3.1 Staff Member of the Month**

- Yuma High School - Julia Mekelburg
- Yuma Middle School - Lysondra Yost
- Morris Elementary School - Amy Allen

**3.2 Student of the Month**

- Yuma High School - Nalany Orozco Gonzalez
- Yuma Middle School - Mateo Vargas Armenta
- Morris Elementary - Oliver Juarez

**4.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

- Superintendent Jim Fraley gave an update on Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy's recovery. Superintendent Jim Fraley gave the financial report for the month of September.
  - Expenditures \$708,626; Revenue \$750,822
  - Larger Bills
    - Upgrades to ticket book, press box, and concessions - \$15,500
    - River rock to improve drainage away from the gym at Yuma Middle School - \$13,192
    - New furnace at Yuma Preschool - \$11,681

- Work on mechanical system - \$14,402
- Tree removal - \$19,000
- Upgrades around visitor bleachers - \$21,438
- The Audit will be rescheduled for a later date, we have until December 31st to get it completed

## 5.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

### 5.1 Celebration and Thank you

- The District had a great Homecoming week with many events. Thank you to everyone that helped with all of the events.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences at Yuma Middle School, thank you to the parents that helped provide meals for staff.
- Thank you to everyone in the community and surrounding areas that have offered help in the absence of Sherry Dennis-Murphy. Beth Dischner and Janna Young have a meeting tomorrow to better understand more aspects of Sherry's role and to learn more about the daily operations. Thank you to Beth Dischner and Janna Young for taking on some of these extra duties.

### 5.2 Enrollment Update

- This year's enrollment has decreased overall; Yuma Middle School had a slight increase, while Morris Elementary School and Yuma High School had a decrease. Kindergarten class is small this year. Yuma Preschool also had a slight increase this year. Final numbers will be available in November.
- Superintendent Fraley will keep the Board of Education updated on enrollment/funding.

### 5.3 Safety and Security

- Door locks at Morris Elementary School are in the process of being fixed.
- Small leak on the roof at the Morris Elementary School gym was the result of a mechanical problem, it has been resolved.
- New roof at Yuma Middle School is almost complete.
- Pump went out on mechanical system that recirculates all of the water, it will need to be replaced.
- Yuma High School condenser for A/C is being repaired, gutters and downspouts have been completed.
- Roof repairs from the hail storm are being completed above the entry at the District Office and Yuma High School.
- New screening tool to help with volunteer and visitor screening. Visitor management system will help to better align with policy with quicker response time than we've had in the past.

### 5.4 Increase Student Achievement Priority Update

- Last four months have gone fast. Trying to be visible in the community and at events. Talking with people and listening, meeting with small and large groups and appreciate feedback. Met with staff at all 3 buildings today.
- Survey results had a similar theme with student achievement and academics.
- Curriculum committees are being formed for ELA and Social Studies.
- Continued support and improvement for English language learning students.

## **6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6.1 Approval of Minutes**

- 6.1.1 September 29, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

### **6.2 Routine Business**

- 6.2.1 Financial Reports as of September 30, 2025

- 6.2.2 September 2025 Check Register

- 6.2.3 Donations

- ❖ Yuma Booster Club - \$100 for boys state golf
- ❖ Yuma Football Club - \$3,300 for football team shoulder pads
- ❖ Yuma District Hospital - \$300 for football club/popcorn
- ❖ JD's Barn - \$500 for FFA

### **6.3 Personnel**

- 6.3.1 Recommendations

- ❖ Ana Bentley - YHS Sweeper
- ❖ Sara Vega - Part-time Custodian
- ❖ Amber Taylor - Gifted and Talented Coordinator
- ❖ Damon Edgar - YHS Sweeper
- ❖ Rolando Caraveo - YMS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- ❖ Gracie Newton - YPS Special Ed Para

### **6.4 Activity Trip Requests**

- 6.4.1 Ratify YHS Boys Golf to Eaton, CO for Golf Tournament 8/20/25-8/21/25

- 6.4.2 Ratify YHS Boys Golf to Pueblo, CO for State Golf 10/5/25-10/7/25

### **6.5 Policy Parameters 2nd Reading**

- 6.5.1 KLG-R - Relations with Federal Immigration Officials

- 6.5.2 GBGG - Staff Leave

- 6.5.3 GCQEB - Supplemental Employment of Retired Professional Staff

- 6.5.4 JJH - Student Travel

Motion by Roundtree, seconded by Galles, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

## **7.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

- Lane Remmich said a prayer for the Board of Education, school district staff, and students.

## **8.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD**

- None

## **9.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Superintendent Fraley shared thank yous and appreciation from staff members to the Board of Education for the retention bonus.

## 10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 10.1 Discussion/Approval of Security System from Raptor Technologies

- ❖ Superintendent Fraley shared that Raptor Technologies is a visitor management system that will help protect students and staff with their screening process.
- ❖ Everyone will come through the front office to check in to go through the screening process.
- ❖ All hardware, software, training, and customer support is included in the price of \$13,043.46. \$6,676 will be the annual cost for the next 3 years.
- ❖ Students that are tardy will also use this system to check in upon arrival to receive a tardy slip.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Galles, to approve the contract with Raptor Technologies in the amount of \$13,043.46 for safety and security hardware and software for all schools in Yuma School District-1 to use for visitor and volunteer management.

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

### 10.2 Approve Beth Dischner and Janna Young as signers on all accounts at First Farm Bank effective October 20, 2025

- ❖ Superintendent Fraley shared that in Sherry Dennis-Murphy's absence we need to have additional signers set up for banking transactions.

Motion by Roundtree, seconded by Galles, to approve Beth Dischner and Janna Young as signers on all accounts at First Farm Bank effective October 20, 2025.

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

## 11.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMENT

- Director Galles
  - Homecoming went well, it was good to see a lot of participation
- Director Roundtree
  - Really like the positive vibes, change is scary, but we are off to a good start
- President Deering
  - Homecoming had a great atmosphere, was good to see students and staff enjoying it
- Director Brown
  - Thoughts are with Sherry and her family, thank you to everyone in the office for stepping up and helping out

## 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M. by President Deering.

Sincerely,

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



Dani Crossland, Secretary to the Board of Education  
Yuma School District-1  
Board of Education