

**Yuma Elementary School District Number One
Governing Board
Special Meeting**

The Governing Board for Yuma Elementary School District Number One held a Special Meeting on **August 24, 2020** at 5:30 p.m. (*This meeting was Closed to the Public due to Health Emergency, but was available via WebEx on Facebook Live @ www.yuma.org*) in the District Administration Office, 450 West Sixth Street, Yuma, Arizona.

Members present: Mrs. Barbara Foote, President; Mrs. Irene Montoya, Member; Mrs. Karen Griffin Member (remotely); Mrs. Theresa Fox, Member.

Others present: Mr. James Sheldahl Superintendent, and other Members of the Administrative Staff of Yuma Elementary School District Number One.

Call to Order: The Special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. A motion was made by Mrs. Montoya, seconded by Mrs. Fox to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Report - Mrs. Montoya reported that she had visited Alice Byrne, Woodard and Palmcroft when we started our Monitored On-Site Remote Learning Sites (MORLS) at all campuses last week. Very different feel in the schools but all the students were on task with remote learning and following all the safety measures put in place.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Sheldahl updated the Board and audience on the first week of MORLS. It is going very well. The District averaged a little over 300 students per day, 4% of our body throughout the District. He said, the three keys to success are principals' planning, flexible personnel and great kids.

Consent Agenda - *Approval of these items are of a routine nature and those that normally do not require deliberations on the part of the Governing Board. A board member may pull items, which will be discussed and voted on separately.* Mrs. Foote asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled for discussion, there was none. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting held on July 31, 2020, Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2020 and Special Meeting held on August 14, 2020 for Yuma Elementary School District Number One.

Approval of Human Resource Items:

Approval/Ratification of Salary Adjustments/Coaching Contracts: Individual requests for additional duties/working days to be approved - (3) Classified Staff, (1) Certified staff. Also requests for Fourth Ave Jr. High teacher collaboration, 21st Century Program Facilitators, 21st Century Program Teachers & Support Staff, Migrant Educators - Migrant Family Engagement, Fourth Ave Jr. High Saturday School Planning, Carver & Pecan Grove Before/ After School Interventions. Castle Dome, Ron Watson, Woodard Pecan Grove, Learning Services Planning and Training for EL and SPED. Additional planning for teachers from Fourth Ave, and AVID. Roosevelt - Professional Development and Planning. Pecan Grove/Carver Before/After School Intervention Planning. Pecan Grove Planning Parent Night Planning, Fourth Ave - Instructional Best Practices and Avid Site Planning. Castle Dome - Data Driven Lesson Planning and Avid Site Planning.

Approval/Ratification of Release of Contract: **It is the administration recommendation that the release of contract request be approved due to extenuating circumstances.* Chase, Jessica Math 6th grade teacher at Woodard, request for release of contract for 2020-2021 school year effective August 13, 2020. Kvenvold, Amy, Sped Resource teacher at Sunrise, request for release of contract for 2020 - 2021 school year effective August 31, 2020.

Consideration to Approve the Renewal of Existing District Procurement Contracts: The School Safety Expansion Grant from the Arizona Department of Education funds the salaries for three full-time elementary

school counselors and School Resource Officers in our five middle schools. The Governing Board previously accepted the grant, but the grant requires that we negotiate a new three-year Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Yuma Police Department stipulating duties and reimbursements to the City for the officers. The proposed IGA has been reviewed by administrations and attorneys for both entities. It is the administrative recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Superintendent to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officers between the District and the City of Yuma Police Department. The agreement is available for view upon request.

Action Items:

Temporary suspension of Board Policy BGB (Policy Adoption) for the Purpose of Addressing Action Item #2 on this Agenda (Adoption of Policy Advisory 677 ACA - Sexual Harassment). Background: The United States Department of Education released its final rule amending Title IX on May 6, 2020. The effective date of the final rule is August 14, 2020. In order to expedite the approval of policy ACA and Policy ACAA, ASBA recommends that boards consider adopting the Policy Advisories at a single meeting as provided in Policy BGB. Under the authority of Governing Board Policy BGF (Suspension/Repeal of Policy), the Board may consider suspending Governing Board Policy BGB, as it pertains to a first and second reading of adjustments to policy, for the purpose of addressing item #2 on this agenda. **Recommendation:** Administration recommends the Governing Board suspend Board Policy BGB (Policy Adoption) for the purposes of addressing action item #2(Adoption of Policy Advisory 677 ACA - Sexual Harassment) on this agenda. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Mrs. Montoya, seconded by Mrs. Fox, the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Policy Advisories 677 (ACA - Sexual Harassment) and 678 (ACAA - Title IX Sexual Harassment) - Background: The United States Department of Education released its final rule amending Title IX on May 6, 2020. The effective date of the final rule is August 14, 2020. Policy Advisory 677 updates Policy ACA to clarify procedures addressing employee complaints to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Policy Advisory 678 creates new policy, Board Policy ACAA - Title IX Sexual Harassment. The new policy is intended to guide the school district in the appropriate actions to take per Title IX regulations in response to any notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment, including all documentation requirements included in the Title IX regulations. **Recommendation:** Administration recommends the Governing Board adopt changes to existing Board Policy 677 ACA - Sexual Harassment and adopt new Board Policy 678 ACAA -Title IX Sexual Harassment. Hearing the recommendation, a motion was made to adopt changes made to Policy 677 ACA- Sexual Harassment and adopt new board policy 678 ACAA - Title IX Sexual Harassment by Mrs. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of updates to Policy IHA and Policy KB - Background: ASBA Policy Advisory 673 recommends updating Policy IHA - Instructional Program to reflect A.R.S. 1-319, which specifies that September 25, in each year, shall be observed as Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day, which is not a legal holiday. If Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day when a public school is not in session, the preceding or following school day shall be observed in the public school as the holiday. Further, A.R.S. 15-710.01 adds that on Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day, each public school in this state shall dedicate the majority of the school day to civics education. ASBA Policy Advisory 675 recommends updating Policy KB - Parent Involvement in Education to include the requirement that each school district in this state shall prominently post on a publicly accessible portion of its website a link to the statutory handbook of parental rights. The Governing Board conducted a first read of both policies at the last regular meeting on August 10, 2020. **Recommendation:** Administration recommends the Governing Board adopt the recommended updates to Policy IHA - Instructional Program and Policy KB - Parent Involvement in Education. Hearing the recommendation, a motion was made by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Montoya. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Decision-making Matrix for Returning to In-Person Instruction - Background: On August 6, 2020, the Arizona Department of Health and Safety released recommended county-specific benchmarks for returning safely to in-person instruction. The Department of Health Services established benchmarks for three indicators relative to the spread of COVID-19 within a community: cases, percent positivity and hospital visits for COVID related illness. The Department uses a green, yellow and red

system to signify levels of risk and corresponding recommendations for returning safely to in-person instruction. Green signifies a low risk for returning to traditional instruction. Yellow signifies moderate risk and a recommendation for hybrid instruction. Red indicates high risk and a recommendation for remote-only instruction. Currently Yuma County's indicators are in the red - high risk and recommendation for remote-only instruction. The Department has developed a data dashboard that tracks the benchmark data for every county. The dashboard is updated every Thursday afternoon. The update includes data from the two-week period ending 12 days prior to the update. For example, the update on September 3rd will reflect data from August 9th to August 22nd. The District #1 target date for return to hybrid model of in-person instruction is September 8th. Yuma County data relative to the three benchmark criteria indicates that a return to in-person instruction on September 8th is highly unlikely. Now that quantifiable benchmarks have been established by the Arizona Department of Health and Safety, adopting a plan to establish a return to learning based on the benchmark data may be preferable to establishing a target date. The recommendation that the District follow the recommendation of the three benchmarks, and that once met we can start the Hybrid Model was made by Mrs. Montoya. Mrs. Foote amended the motion by recommending that Yuma School District One, based on the Arizona Department of Health and Safety guidelines will need to meet all three benchmarks for a consecutive two weeks in order to move into the Hybrid Model and that the Superintendent has the authority to carry out this recommendation. A motion was made by Mrs. Montoya, seconded by Mrs. Fox the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Future Agenda Items: Mrs. Montoya would like an update on the MORLS and count of how many ESS Students are physically attending. Mrs. Foote would like a brief update on student nutrition and how it's going and transportation. Mrs. Fox wanted some information on cases by zip code. Report on current enrollment.

Adjournment: Special Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Quintero, Secretary to the Board

Barbara Foote, President

Karen Griffin, Member

Irene Montoya, Member

Theresa Fox, Member