

**Yuma Union High School District #70  
Governing Board  
Regular Meeting**

The Governing Board of Yuma Union High School District #70 held a regular meeting on January 14, 2015, in the YUHSD Governing Board Room, 3150 South Avenue A, Yuma, Arizona, with Mr. Linda Munk presiding.

Members present: Mrs. Linda Munk, Board President; Mrs. Teri Brooks; Mr. Bruce Gwynn; Mrs. Yira Hoffman; Mr. Phillip Townsend

Others present: Mrs. Toni Badone, Superintendent; Mrs. Gina Thompson, Associate Superintendent; members of the administrative, certified and classified staffs of Yuma Union High School District #70; and other interested citizens

Mr. Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Call to Order**

The Board moved to agenda item 6.1, Election of President and Vice President. Mr. Townsend opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Mrs. Brooks nominated Mrs. Munk and Mr. Gwynn closed nominations. Voting results: Mrs. Munk was elected Board President unanimously.

**Election of President and Vice President**

Mrs. Munk opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President. Mr. Gwynn nominated Mrs. Hoffmann and Mr. Gwynn seconded the nomination. Mrs. Hoffmann declined nomination. Mrs. Brooks nominated Mr. Townsend. Mr. Gwynn closed nominations. Mr. Townsend was elected Board Vice President unanimously.

**Board Member Reports**

Mr. Townsend reported that he had attended the JTED meeting. The Yuma JTED has been named Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma. He thanked all those who attended the first meeting and stated the Board would do a great job.

**Superintendent's Report Recognition**

Ms. Maggie Ruedas, Cibola High School Student Body President and Ms. Brianna Hannon, Student Body Vice President; reported on events at Cibola High School.

Community Service

- Student Council donated items for Thanksgiving meals to the Crossroads Mission back in November.
- December - Cibola G.A.T.E. club picked 5 kids from the Salvation Army Christmas Angels program and bought them gifts.
- The Toys For Tots Drive took place at Cibola during December.
- CHS beginning "Jeans for Teens" drive which runs through February 13<sup>th</sup>. Classes will compete to collect blue jeans to be donated through Aeropostle brand stores. The corporation will donate jeans to families.

**Student Council Current Events Reports**

**Cibola High School**

Outstanding Achievements

- Junior Nikita Noronha is one of only 8 student council candidates in Arizona who made the final round as a candidate for Arizona Association of Student Councils state board. Elections will be held at the state convention next month at Apache Junction High School and the top three students will become co-presidents.

- Cibola FFA competed at the Mid-Winter Career Development Event in Mesa on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Wildlife CDE Team placed 9<sup>th</sup>. Food Science CDE Team placed 9<sup>th</sup>, and Matthew Hill placed 8<sup>th</sup> as an individual. The Marketing Plan CDE Team placed 8<sup>th</sup>, with Madison Moreno having the State High Test Score and placing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in individual competition. Keiran Faulkner placed 4<sup>th</sup> for the individual competition
- Varsity Wrestling team ranked #1 in the state in AIA Division 2 and the team is looking to defend their state championship title from last year. They won the Deer Valley Tournament, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the California Shark Tank Invitational, and currently are undefeated in dual wrestling matches.
- Fall athletes of the year as chosen by the Yuma Sun included Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year Monique Jimenez, and Girls Swimmer of the Year Abby Graves. 18 total athletes were named to the Yuma Sun Rotary All-Team Recognition Lists, including a sweep of the top 5 Cibola Girls runners including Leah Harvey, Brianna Higgins, Kaley Ault, and Alexandra Aceves.
- Several SkillsUSA students attended Leadership Training Camp and earned the Arizona SkillsUSA Statesman Award, which is a top leadership award. Recipients were Violette Roman, Julissa Moreno, Chris Lerma, Narcisso Cortez, Carlos Huerta, Tristin Pino, Devin Amavisca, Austyn Damun, and Emmanuel Huizar.

#### Staff/School Recognition

- Teacher of the month was Mr. Ron Bratton, U.S. History.

Ms. Kylee Baldwin, Gila Ridge High School Senior Class President and Mr. Wade Summer, Sophomore Class President, reported on events at Gila Ridge High School.

#### **Gila Ridge High School**

#### Community Service

- Many clubs participated in community service activities since November. Volunteer Services included: Participating in the Veteran's Day Parade, Light Show, and Yuma County Memorial BBQ. The Welding Club assisted the Yuma Community Theater with painting and upgrading the building. There was a huge turn-out for the Fall Blood Drive with 85% participants donating to this great cause.
- Volunteered: AZ Family Hospice Float, Salvation Army Bell ringing, Yuma Community Food Bank, Yuma Territorial Prison, MCAS Christmas Party.

#### Outstanding Achievements

- Haylee Sims earned Grand Champion at the Arizona National Live Stock Show. Larissa Flores Martinez also earned the title of Reserve Grand Champion and Senior Showman.
- Congratulations to our senior volleyball players for being recognized in the following categories: Allison Weller – Division II Honorable Mention & Section IV Player of the year. Brooklyn Hill, Marika Carter, Allison Weller, Talia

Baca, & Alana Harman – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Section  
Alexis Webb & Caroline Hines – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team all-section

#### Staff/School Recognition

- Seniors have continued to apply for scholarships and are closer to reaching their goal of \$2,000,000. Thus far they have earned \$1, 304,000.
- Thank you to Mr. O'Brien and the GRHS Choir for bringing holiday joy to the residents of the Palms RV Park and to Mrs. Morley and the Jazz Band for also providing entertainment on Saturday for the Military Appreciation Day.

#### Upcoming Events

- The Class of 2016, Fire and Ice Prom scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- The Car Show to be held by the Class of 2017.
- The Annual Talent Show scheduled for March.

San Luis and Gila Ridge High School Students presented on the Education Professions program currently offered at Gila Ridge and San Luis High Schools. The program was designed to prepare students for employment and/or postsecondary opportunities in the education field. The two-year CTE program provides instruction in education career choices, education structure and systems, theory, pedagogy, developmental stages, learning styles and methodology. The program also provides interactive experiences with students at different age levels, in a variety of content areas in educational environments.

#### **Education Professions**

The YUHSD Education Professions Level II course is articulated with the Introduction to Education courses at AWC for dual credit enrollment. In addition to technical skills, students completing this program will develop advanced critical thinking skills, enhanced academic skills, develop civic responsibility, comprehend the stages of human development and their impact on learning in the classroom, identify instructional methods for student learning, examine and understand the role of the education industry as a consumer and the economy, and develop employability and leadership skills. The program utilizes a delivery system made up of four integral parts: formal/technical instruction, experiential/service-learning, supervised work-based learning and the student organization, Future Educators Association [FEA].

Mrs. Badone shared that on December 8, 2014, the A.I.A. Executive Board approved the district's request for a Lifetime Pass for William "Billy" Laguna. The district nominated Mr. Laguna as a former coach, administrator and advocate for the YUHSD student athletic programs. He met the A.I.A. criteria as officially retired with over 25 years of service to high school athletics in Arizona. Mr. Laguna served as a coach at Kofa High School for 23 years, from August, 1983 through May of 2006. He then served as an administrator at Kofa High School from 2006 through 2010. Mrs. Badone and Governing Board congratulated Mr. Laguna on this very special honor from the A.I.A. and stated they expected to see him even more often at local and statewide sporting events.

#### **Recognition – William Laguna**

Mrs. Cordery gave an overview on the 2014 - 2015 YUHSD budget. She stated that the district is in a good place as far as expenditures. Maintenance and Operations budgets were at an overall 45% and Capital was at 14%.

**2014 – 2015 Internal  
Budget Update**

Mr. Buckley stated that Little Pictures had finalized the “Ready Now Yuma: Year 2 in Review Video”, an overview of school year 2013-2014. Matt Buckley presented the video along with the purposes of the districts continued communication efforts through the videos.

**Ready Now Yuma Update:  
Year 2 in Review Video**

Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Buckley worked together to develop communications artifacts to assist the district in recruiting highly qualified personnel, especially teachers. Mr. Sheldon outlined a series of interventions and actions for the recruitment and retention of quality personnel in keeping with policy GA – Personnel Goals/Priority Objectives. Mr. Sheldon with Mr. Buckley presented the districts on-going efforts in the area of recruitment and retention.

**Recruitment & Retention  
Report**

Mr. Gerardo Juvera, community member, addressed the board and informed them of his interest in coaching at Kofa High School. Mr. Juvera had submitted his application as a Assistant Baseball Coach.

**Call to the Public**

The following items were on the Consent Agenda:

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes

None

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Routine Personnel

Administrator/Certified – Employment – New Hire and Rehire

Martha E. Corral, Gilberto Garcia, Daniel Gutierrez, Victoria Jenkins, Edna A. Pacheco, Dana James

**Routine Personnel**

Certified – Supplemental Agreement

Kasey Koeplin, Andrew Mercer, Ronald Newhouse

Support Staff – Employment – New Hire and Rehire

Elizabeth Perez, Juan C. Vera

Part-time Support Staff – Employment – New Hire and Rehire

Mary Kate Mattice, Tessa N. Davies, Joseph A. Gillette

Volunteers

Sonya Gomez, Jessica Zamora, Mary L. Boese

Out of District – Employment – New Hire and Rehire

Benjamin C. Florey

Administrator/Certified – Change – Transfer, Promotion

Christian H. Barrero, Lejuna V. Ratcliff, Cari J. Nelson, Ximena Ortega

Support Staff – Change – Transfer, Promotion

Maria C. Ortega, Ana C. Rodriguez, Christopher A. Hand, Christian Juarez, Fernanda P. Hernandez, Samuel G. Ybarra

Administrator/Certified – End of Employment – Non-Renewal,

Resignation, Retirement, Request Release from Contract,

Termination

Kim L. Engler, Mayra Ramirez, Francesca D. Rodriguez

Certified – Supplemental Agreement – End of Employment – Non-Renewal, Resignation, Termination

Megan L. Hoggarth

Support Staff – End of Employment - Resignation, Retirement, Termination

Geraldine De La Paz, Samuel Gonzalez, Carlos Alfredo Gutierrez, Belinda Vargas, Mary A. Ramirez, Tricia A. Loeffler, Samantha J. Ramers

Part-Time Support Staff – End of Employment - Graduation, Resignation, Termination

Sergio Alvarez, Jonathan Bustos, Ramon Covarrubias Cardenas, Andrea M. Rosas, Timothy T. Silva

Vouchers circulated since the last meeting.

It was recommended the Governing Board approve the renewal of district procurement contracts.

Bid Number	Vendor	Contract Year
RFP-70-12-7-5 Auction Services for Surplus Property	Western Auction Company	4

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the Statement of Assurance and direct the Superintendent to sign and submit the required assurance.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mr. Gwynn. The motion passed unanimously. It was recommended that the Governing Board accept the following donations:

San Luis High School

Yuma Rotary Club donated \$300 to the San Luis High School Fine Arts Department Art Classes for winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Children's' Festival of Arts.

Day and MSAA Fair Funds donated \$466.16 to the San Luis High School Fine Arts Department. The donation will be used to purchase art supplies.

Yuma High School

Mrs. Nancy Woodhouse donated a Crowther Tackling Sled, Set of five Blocking Chute Boards, and a Set of Six Agility Bags to the Yuma High School Football Team. The value of the donation is \$3000.

A motion to accept the donations was made by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mr. Gwynn. The motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended the Governing Board appoint the Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Dianne Cordery, to be the District designee to approve items for auction.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mrs. Brooks. The motion passed

**Vouchers**

**Approval of Renewal of District Procurement Contracts**

**Approve Statement of Assurance of Teacher Evaluation System Verification for 2015-2016**

**Approve Consent Agenda**

**Accept Donations**

**Authorize Chief Financial Officer as Board Designee for Approval of Items for Sale by Auction**

unanimously.

It was recommended the Governing Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between YUHSD #70 and Arizona Community College regarding the transition of Grand Canyon Diploma recipients from YUHSD #70 schools to Arizona Western College.

**Approve IGA with Arizona Western College and Move On When Ready**

The IGA is designed to enable YUHSD #70 and Arizona Western College to enact the fiscal requirements of the Grand Canyon High School Diploma outlined in A.R.S. § 15-792.03(c)(1). This agreement outlines the transition process of Grand Canyon Diploma recipients who choose to attend AWC full time.

Specifically, the IGA will do the following:

- outline the fund transfer process from the District to AWC for students who graduate with the Grand Canyon High School Diploma and attend community college;
- describe the reporting process between the District and AWC to ensure proper billing; and
- ensure the District and AWC facilitate the transition of students to community college.

A motion to approve the IGA was made by Mr. Gwynn and seconded by Mrs. Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended that Mr. Tom Safranek be appointed Acting (Interim) Principal through the remainder of the 2014-2015 School Year. Mr. Safranek's appointment will allow the faculty and staff to continue and complete the goals established by the San Luis Team for this school year. Mr. Safranek is a seasoned administrator with experience at three of our schools. He has demonstrated leadership in a number of roles in our district.

**Appoint Mr. Tom Safranek as Acting Principal at San Luis High School**

A motion to appoint Mr. Safranek as acting principal was made by Mr. Gwynn and seconded by Mr. Townsend. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (1) – Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment of a public officer – Board Evaluation – a motion to adjourn to executive session was made by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mr. Gwynn. The motion passed unanimously.

**Call for Executive Session**

The regular meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:44 p.m.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

**Reconvene Regular Meeting**

Future agenda items-  
Governing Board Self-Evaluation

**Future Agenda Items**

Special Governing Board meeting is Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. in the Governing Board Room, 3150 South Avenue A, Yuma, Arizona.

**Next Meetings**

Regular Governing Board meeting is Wednesday, February 11, 2015,  
at 5:15 p.m. in the Governing Board Room, 3150 South Avenue A,  
Yuma, Arizona.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mr.  
Gwynn. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

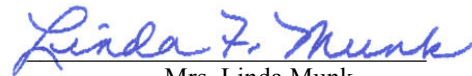
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Board signature:

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Mrs. Gina Olivas  
Secretary to the Board



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Mrs. Linda Munk  
Board President