

**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 8, 2014, in the YUHSD Governing Board Room, 3150 South Avenue A, Yuma, Arizona, with Mr. Bruce Gwynn presiding.

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

Members absent: Ms. Teri Brooks

Others present: Mrs. Toni Badone, Superintendent; Mr. James Sheldahl, Associate 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. Gwynn 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. Gwynn opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Mr. Gwynn nominated Mr. Townsend and Mrs. Hoffmann seconded the nomination. Mr. Gwynn closed nominations. Voting results: Mr. Townsend was elected Board President unanimously.

**Election of President and Vice President**

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

Mr. Gwynn stated it had been a pleasure serving as Board President and thanked everyone for their support.

**Board Member Reports**

Mrs. Badone reported that the next JTED Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. A Special Board Meeting will convene on January 22, 2014 to hear the JTED Plan by both Antelope and Yuma Union High School Districts. If both districts approve the plan then it will be submitted to the Arizona State Board of Education.

**Superintendent's Report Recognition**

Mr. Cristian Torres, Cibola High School Student Body President and Ms. Alley Jeffers, Student Body Vice President; reported on events at Cibola High School.

**Educational**

- ✓ February 12- Cibola will be hosting the semi annual A-Team Breakfast.
- ✓ The annual Holiday door-decorating contest was held and the 6<sup>th</sup> hour classes were in charge of constructing their plans for the door. The winning classes were in 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Guidote, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Loveless, and 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Broschat. The top three classes were either ice cream or Chili Pepper food!
- ✓ Cibola's Choir had their annual winter concerts December 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at the Cibola Auditorium
- ✓ Cibola Student Council will be sending 12 students to the state conference at Sabino High School in Tucson. Advisor Mr. Zarbock is finishing his term as an AASC board member and his 6<sup>th</sup> year as board president, but will not running for re-election this year.
- ✓ Ten Art Students will have their work displayed at Mohave State Bank January 10<sup>th</sup> through February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ CHS Academic Decathlon team was the district winner in December.

**Student Council Current Events Reports**

**Cibola High School**

#### Community Service

- ✓ Interact Club volunteered their time for the Kammann Sausage Fry and for holiday shopping for the Adopt-a-Family program.
- ✓ STUCO volunteered to take underprivileged kids Christmas shopping for new clothing necessities and shoes at JC Penney's. .
- ✓ STUCO donated \$100 to The Ronald McDonald House, and \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society.
- ✓ Cibola Student Council applied for Outstanding Council of Distinction award, which highlighted the community service and school service they provided throughout the year. They have received the award 8 times since 2000 and hope to get it again this year! They will receive the results at the state convention this month.
- ✓ Cibola Student Council will be receiving the Gold Level Status for Community Service for donating \$1000 to the American Cancer Society
- ✓ The semi annual blood drive was held on November 13th and collected 91 units of blood for United Blood Services, which beat the goal of 78 set for us by UBS. All blood donations stay here in Yuma.

#### Athletics

- ✓ Boys Basketball hosted the annual Southwest Rotary Classic Basketball Tournament in December and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 16 teams
- ✓ Wrestling team won the Shark Tank Invitational in Corona, California and will be aiming to win a state championship this year!
- ✓ Bernie Montoya was listed as the number one local sports story of 2012 by the Yuma Sun for his outstanding achievements in running during both cross country and track seasons.

Mr. Steven Quintana, Gila Ridge High School Student Body Vice President and Ms. Megan Cordery, Freshmen Class Treasurer, reported on events at Gila Ridge High School.

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

#### Special Recognition

- Congratulations to FFA members Madison Mellon and Melissa Galate for placing in the top 5 at the Mid-Winter Career Development Event. Congratulations to Megan Cordery for placing 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Novice Extemporaneous Speaking Category.
- GRHS Band earned 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Winter Light Parade held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Academics

- 125 students made the A-Team Honor Roll for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. There were over 40 new students registered over the winter break.
- February 7 - Administrators will be meeting with all Seniors to discuss graduation procedures.
- Guidance Office was happy to report that Gila Ridge Hawks had earned \$581,200 in scholarship money. The amount is only from those students that had earned a scholarship from the University of Arizona & Arizona State.
- Guidance Counselors will be visiting middle schools to discuss upcoming Freshmen Registration and Bridge to the Ridge on February 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### Athletics

- The Hawk Wrestlers extended their longest win streak in the history of our program to 24-0 record.

#### School Activities and Upcoming Events

- The CTE Department will be hosting the CTE Elective Fair on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, during both lunches.
- FFA will be participating in Lettuce Days on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- GRHS will be hosting their Winter Pep Assembly on Friday, January 31, 2014 and asked that all board members go out and participate. GRHS provided a card with upcoming events.
- Drama will be having their Lockdown Performance at the GRHS auditorium on February 13<sup>th</sup>; doors open at 7pm.
- The Class of 2016 invited all members of the community to the Annual Talent Show, which will begin at 7pm at the GRHS Auditorium on February 19, 2014.
- The GRHS & Yuma Big Band Jazz Concert will be held of February 20 at 7pm.
- Class of 2014 will be hosting a Dodgeball Game on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Denisse Delgado, Vista Alternative High School Student Body President reported on events at Vista.

- Vista's first Winter Graduation ceremony that took place on December 17; they were pleased with the special event. There were a total of 28 graduates. The graduation was well-attended with almost every seat being filled with proud parents, family and friends of graduates. Teachers and district officials in attendance, as well as, Mrs. Badone and Mr. Gwynn who took part in congratulating graduates on stage. The event was a true collaborative effort that included their Ed Professions class setting up and decorating for the event. Culinary Arts class provided and served several desserts and refreshments. The Fine Arts Class created a fun photo area for everyone to take pictures in. It was a wonderful and meaningful. They are looking forward to the graduation in May.
- Vista's main office is getting a well-needed face-lift. Over break, the office was painted and new furniture has been ordered. To better serve our students and Vista families a Guidance Center was created, as well as, a Parent Resource Center that will be ready by the end of the month. The community is welcomed to come by and see some of the new changes.

#### **Vista Alternative High School**

Ms. Anderson stated that the featured program would be the Construction Technologies Program and the NCCER Certification, which is a part of the Construction Technologies Program. The team of instructors who were present included Mr. Graham, KHS; Mr. Hurt, YHS; and partners, Mr. Barajas, AWC; and Mr. Lebsock, AWC. Mr. Lebsock reported that NCCER, National Center for Construction Education and Research, had basically done some research with businesses and industry and had decided what competency an individual would need in order to go out and get employment in any of the construction fields. NCCR is a nationally recognized entity for certifications. For example, a person who goes through the construction program at one of the high schools would have a transcript on record with NCCER. The student could then go to the employer and give them the NCCER number. The employer could go online and find out what talent that student may or may not have. It is a standardized process in

#### **Construction- NCCER Certification**

which the student needs to earn a minimum of a 70% on the written test for each module and a Pass/Fail on the performance part of the test. The YUHSD Instructors have gone through a training process to learn how to operate under the NCCER rules and regulations. After students have completed classes, instructors file paperwork with Mr. Lebsock who then files it with Florida for approval. This is a great opportunity for students. Current YHS, KHS, and SLHS Construction Trades students would be eligible to take the Core Class for NCCER through Arizona Western College and receive dual enrollment credit. Goodwill Industries will pay the tuition for all students. When students finish the program, they will have something that is recognized by businesses and industries. Career people, businesses, and industries are looking for industry-recognized credentials and certifications.

Mrs. Cordery gave an overview on the 2013-2014 YUHSD budget. She stated that the district is in a good place as far as expenditures and doing well under the circumstances. Maintenance and Operations budgets were at an overall 46% and Capital was at 6%.

Mrs. Thompson introduced the District Guidance Directors, Cesar Castillo, SLHS; Nancy Dolezal, Vista; Cathy Johnston, GRHS; Christie McMorris, YHS; Teresa Garcia, KHS; and Rebecca Garcia, CHS. She stated that there were recent developments in the Ready Now Yuma initiative relevant to how students are supported by counselors and teachers regarding their college and career readiness. Mr. Castillo explained the online college readiness tools which students have available and which they are expected to update and use as they plan their high school coursework. The AZCIS (Arizona Career Information System) and the ECAP (Arizona Education and Career Action Plan) are part of an overall online planning system for students in Arizona. Counselors have been active in the development since the inception of the system.

YUHSD Counselors have played a significant part in the Ready Now Yuma evolution of thinking about how students choose courses during high school and how they set goals for post-high school college and career readiness. Counselors now refer to their “future oriented conversations” with students about all of the opportunities available during high school for career and college preparation.

No requests to address the Governing Board.

The following items were on the Consent Agenda:

**Minutes**

- Regular Meeting, November 13, 2013
- Executive Session, November 13, 2013
- Regular Meeting, December 4, 2013
- Special Meeting, December 17, 2013
- Executive Session, December 17, 2013

**Routine Personnel**

Administrator/Certified – Employment – New Hire and Rehire  
Keith M. Oppelt, Aileen E. Toler, Luis Acle, David A. Barrios,  
Marco Medrano, Dominick Salafia, Kathy Rule, Matthew J.  
Truckenmiller

Classified – Employment – New Hire and Rehire  
Maria Llamas

Part-Time Classified – Employment – New Hire and Rehire

**2013-2014 Internal  
Budget Update**

**Ready Now Yuma Update**

**Call to the Public**

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes**

**Routine Personnel**

Karla Isabel Holguin Espinoza, Roberto Escalante, Daniel Vazquez

Out of District Coach – Employment – New Hire and Rehire

Jeff Sanderson, Nicholas Jeffrey Johnson, Chris Brett McDowell,  
Stephen D. Robinson

Certified – Change – Transfer, Promotion

Thomas D. Ess, Faith Hall, Laura K. Hardy, Maura L. Huntington

Certified – Extra Assignment

Jarod Rocco, Theron J. Thrower

Volunteers

Theresa C. Johnson, Antonio Rivera, Gladysbell Rivera, Walter A.  
Johnson

Certified – End of Employment – Resignation, Retirement, Request  
Release from Contract, Termination

Christine A. Perez, Georgette F. LeTourneau

Classified – End of Employment – Resignation, Retirement, Request  
Release from Contract, Termination

Sergio Esquivel, Adilene Esquivel, Georgia J. Zimmerman, Maria J.  
Lopez

Out of District Coach – End of Employment – Resignation,  
Termination

Edward Amon, John H. Blabe, Edward F. Robinson

Vouchers circulated since the last meeting.

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. Gwynn and  
seconded by Mrs. Hoffmann. The motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended that the Governing Board accept the following  
donations:

Cibola High School

Mr. Mike Suba, Jr. donated (4) Used Lawn Mowers to Cibola  
High School. The value of the donation is unknown.

Cali Pro Nails donated \$100 to the Cibola High School  
Fashion Club. The donation will be used towards club events.

Kofa High School

Kofa High School, Class of 1973, donated \$50 to the Kofa  
High School Student Council. Donation will be used toward  
the many activities at Kofa.

Yuma High School

Pepsi donated (5) Cases of Pepsi products to Yuma High  
School for their staff Christmas Party. The value of the  
donation is \$60.

Ware Farms, Inc donated \$150 to the Yuma High School  
Travel Club. Donation will be used for scholarship funds for  
EF Tours earmarked for Christopher Patch.

**Vouchers**

**Approve Statement of  
Assurance of Teacher  
Evaluation System  
Verification for 2014-2015**

**Approve Consent Agenda**

**Accept Donations**

Mrs. Nancy Woodhouse donated a ComSTAR PRO 4 with Wireless Communication Headsets to the Yuma High School Football Team. The value of the donation is \$2,346.50.

A motion to accept the donations was made by Mrs. Munk 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.

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

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

It was recommended that the Governing Board adopt the policies in Policy Advisories 493-496: BCB, CBI, DJE and JICH.

**Adopt Board Policies: BCB, CBI, DJE, JICH**

A motion to adopt the policies was made by Mrs. Munk and seconded by Mrs. Hoffmann. The motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended that the Governing Board authorize the district to move forward to negotiate a possible bond refunding. At the Special Meeting of the Governing Board on December 17, 2013, information regarding the possible opportunity of refunding, refinancing or restructuring of the 2005 Bond in order to target a net present value savings and/or shorten the life of the debt. Doing so may be in the best interests of the District and the community, saving funds in the long run. The District seeks to be a good steward of the investment approved by voters in 2005.

**Authorize District to Negotiate Possible Bond Refunding**

A motion to authorize the recommendation was made by Mrs. Munk and seconded by Mr. Gwynn. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Governing Board meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Gila Ridge High School, 7150 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona.

**Next Meetings**

Regular Governing Board meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in the Governing Board Room, 3150 South Avenue A, Yuma, Arizona.

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

**Adjournment**


The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Board signature:

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Mrs. Gina Olivas  
Secretary to the Board



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Mr. Phillip D. Townsend  
Board President