

**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 **July 8, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.** in the District Administration Office, 450 West Sixth Street, Yuma, Arizona.

Members Present **Mr. Keith Ware, President; Mr. David Ibarra, Member; and Mr. Jeff Stoner, Member**

Members Absent **Mrs. Cori Rico, Member**

Others present **Mr. Denis Ponder 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 4:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Adoption of Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Jeff Stoner, seconded by Mr. David Ibarra. There was no discussion, the motion carried with a vote of 3-0 with votes being as follows; Keith Ware, aye; David Ibarra, aye; Jeff Stoner, aye.

Consent Agenda - *Approval of these items is routine 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.*

Mr. Ware asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was moved by Mr. Jeff Stoner and seconded by Mr. David Ibarra, with a vote of 3-0 with votes being as follows; Mr. Keith Ware, aye; Mr. David Ibarra, aye; and Mr. Jeff Stoner, aye. There was no discussion.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting that was held on June 17, 2025 for Yuma Elementary School District Number One.

Approval/Ratification of Salary Adjustments/Coaching Contracts

The following are requests for additional duties/working days to be approved by the Governing board.

INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS

Name	Position	Location	Rate	Fund	Dates	Additional Duties
Garcia, Monika	School Secretary	Rolle	\$18.00 Hourly	Site M&O	7/01/25 - 7/20/25	Office work- registrations
Guerra, Lizbeth	Office Technician	Rolle	\$17.25 Hourly	Site M&O	7/01/25 - 7/20/25	Office work- registrations
Mendoza, Ana	School Secretary	Gila Vista	\$18.00 Hourly	Site M&O	6/12/25 - 6/20/25	Front Office Organization
Terrazas, Karynsia	Coaching	Fourth Avenue	\$800 Stipend	M&O	3/3/25 – 5/9/25	Volleyball Coach

GROUP REQUESTS

CPR Training

Names of nurses, health assistants, and paraprofessionals that will be doing CPR training due to their card expiring through the 2025-2026 school year. Will be paid their regular hourly rate. Paid out of Medicaid Fund.

Additional Assignments

Please see attached staff list with additional duties.

Approval/Ratification of Hiring for Certified, Support Staff and Substitute Personnel: (139) Certified Staff, (50) Support Staff, (56) Transfers. Listing can be viewed in the Human Resource Department.

Approval/Ratification of Resignations for Certified, Support Staff and Substitute Personnel: (1) Certified Staff, (5) Support Staff.

Approval/Ratification of Release of Contract

It is the administration recommendation that the release of contract request be approved due to extenuating circumstances and not to collect liquidated damages.

Colburn-Bulinski, Christine, Teacher ESS Comprehensive Support at Pecan Grove Elementary School, request for release of contract for 2025-2026 school year effective June 30, 2025.

Diaz, Jennifer T., Teacher Kindergarten at Dorothy Hall Elementary School, request for release of contract for 2025-2026 school year effective June 18, 2025.

Kindergarten Admission - D. Sheppard

EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

A student is eligible to enter Kindergarten if s/he is five (5) years of age prior to September 1 of the school year. ARS 15-821c and Governing Board Policy JEB permit an extension of the enrollment period to December 31, if it is in the best interest" of the child and with appropriate consultation with the principal, school professionals and the parent. The rationale for establishing a specific date is that students within similar age spans will interact socially and be able to perform tasks physically and academically with success. No matter when the date of eligibility is set, there will always be children whose birthday falls outside the parameters. These are some issues that impact admission to Kindergarten:

- ▶ Parent requests for the child who has missed the eligibility date
- ▶ Parent requests for the "bright" or "ready" child
- ▶ Parent and Charter School pressure
- ▶ Migrant children who move between states with differing entry ages can be placed in two different grade levels during the same year
- ▶ Military children who will be moving to other states with differing entry ages

Kindergarten Admission History in Yuma School District One

Spring 2010	Exception granted to student based on Sept. 1 st birthday.
June 2011	Request for Early Admission denied.
April 2012	Request for Early Admission denied.
June 2012	(2) Requests for Early Admission denied
August 2012	Request for Early Admission denied.
August 2013	Request for Early Admission denied.
June 2014	Request for Early Admission denied.
August 2014	Request for Early Admission denied.
June 2015	Admin recommendation to approve 1 student.
June/August 2016	Admin recommendation to approve 4 students. (10 total students screened)
June 2017	Admin recommendation to approve 4 students. (10 total students screened)
June 2018	Admin recommendation to approve 5 students. (12 total students screened)
June 2019	Admin recommendation to approve 3 students. (8 total students screened)
July 2020	Admin recommendation to approve 8 students. (9 total students screened)
June 2021	Admin recommendation to approve 2 students. (9 total students screened)
June 2022	Admin recommendation to approve 3 students. (13 total students screened)
June 2023	Admin recommendation to approve 3 students. (20 total students screened)
June 2024	Admin recommendation to approve 3 students. (12 total students screened)
June 25, 2024	Admin recommendation to approve 1 student. (1 student screened)
June 2025	Admin recommendation to approve 5 students. (16 total students screened)
July 2025	Admin recommendation to approve 1 student. (2 total students screened)

Current Research:

No new evidence suggests that students will benefit from early admission. Student learning levels will be accommodated when a child enters school, whether the child is above level, on level, or below level. Studies indicate that students who are placed with age level peers tend to be academically successful and tend to maintain positive social interactions with other students.

*Attached are the recommendations.

Action Items:

Consideration to Adopt 2025-2026 Proposed Budget – J. Walden

Districts are statutorily required to annually prepare a Proposed Budget no later than July 5, or the publication date of the notice of public hearing and board meeting if earlier, and furnish it to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the County School Superintendent.

A.R.S. 15-905(E): The district must also publish or mail a copy of the proposed Budget or Summary and a notice of the public hearing and board meeting no later than 10 days prior to the meeting to adopt the budget. The governing board shall adopt the budget, which shall not exceed the general budget limit or the unrestricted capital budget limit, making such deduction as it sees fit but making no additions to the proposed budget total for Maintenance and Operations or District Additional Assistance, and shall enter the budget as adopted in its minutes.

It is recommended that the Governing Board Adopt the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. After hearing the recommendation, Mr. David Ibarra moved to *Adopt the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget* and it was seconded by Mr. Jeff Stoner. The motion carried 3-0 with votes as follows: Mr. Keith Ware, aye; Mr. David Ibarra, aye; and Mr. Jeff Stoner, aye.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Navarro, Secretary to the Board

Keith Ware, President

TBD, Clerk

Cori Rico, Member

David Ibarra, Member

Jeff Stoner, Member