

**Yuma Elementary School District No. One
Governing Board
Public Hearing**

The Governing Board for Yuma Elementary School District No. One held a Public Hearing **June 17, 2025**, at **5:30 p.m.** in the District Office Board Room, 450 West Sixth Street, Yuma, Arizona

Members present: **Mr. Keith Ware, President; Mrs. Cori Rico, Member; Mr. David Ibarra, Member; Mr. Jeff Stoner, Member**

Members absent: **Mr. Anthony Gier, Clerk**

Others present: **Mr. James Sheldahl, Superintendent and other members of the District Administrative Staff**

Mr. Keith Ware called the Public Hearing to order at 5:33 PM. He explained that the purpose of the hearing was to present the Budget Proposal for FY 2025-2026. Mrs. Jamie Walden then provided a brief overview of the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget to the community and the Governing Board.

- **ADM (Average Daily Membership)** – Enrollment is projected to decline by 1.5% for FY26, which will impact overall funding. Enrollment figures will be reevaluated after the first days of school.
- **Group B Funding** – Budget amounts remained unchanged, with allocations for special populations (ESS, ELL) held steady due to uncertainty about next year’s enrollment.
- **Impact M&O** – The budget decreases from \$82.7 million (FY25 Revision 3) to \$72.95 million, reflecting a reduction of \$9.78 million. This decline is attributed to the expiration of ESSER grants and rising costs in transportation, staffing, specialized ESS services, and maintenance.
- **DAA (Capital/District Additional Assistance)** – The budget is reduced by \$4.4 million. Key planned investments include:
 - Technology refresh (computers, iPads)
 - New buses and furniture
 - ESS classroom furnishings
 - Campus security cameras
 - Asphalt and flooring replacements
- **Total Budget** – Carryover funds will be finalized in October with the Annual Financial Report. The budget was set conservatively below the statutory limit, leaving reserves of \$1million for M&O and \$1.5 million for DAA for future years.

Public Comments: There were no comments or discussion. Board President, Mr. Keith Ware adjourned the Public Hearing.

Adjourn: The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Navarro, Secretary to the Board

Keith Ware, President

Anthony Gier, Clerk

Cori Rico, Member

David Ibarra, Member

Jeff Stoner, Member