

YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Organizational/Regular Meeting January 12, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Our Vision:
Becoming a school district of creativity and innovation

Our Mission:
Helping all of our students become successful learners and responsible citizens

We welcome you to this meeting of the Yellow Springs Board of Education. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct business before the Board. We are very interested in hearing from you and have set time aside for community comment. So that we may do our work productively and effectively, public comments, statements and concerns are welcomed in the Community Comments portion of the agenda.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Steve Conn at 6:30 p.m.
(Steve Conn was named President Pro-Tem at the December meeting.)

Roll Call

Present: Aida Merhemic, Sean Creighton, Sylvia Ellison, Steve Conn, Anne Erickson

Absent: None

Persons Present – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Shannon Morano, Tim Krier, Matt Housh, Dawn Boyer, Donna First, Jacob Steberl, Dylan Taylor-Lehman

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

0117.01 Election of President

Sylvia Ellison nominated Aida Merhemic as President of the Board.

Seconded by Sean Creighton to close the nominations and that the treasurer be instructed to cast a ballot for Aida Merhemic for the position of President of the Board.

Vote: Yes – Sean, Sylvia, Steve, Anne, Aida

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0117.02 Election of Vice-President

Aida Merhemic nominated Sean Creighton as Vice-President of the Board.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison to close the nominations and that the treasurer be instructed to cast a ballot for Sean Creighton for the position of Vice-President of the Board.

Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Steve, Anne, Aida, Sean

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0117.03 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion by Steve Conn to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

Appointments of Personnel

- To appoint Sean Creighton as the 2017 Treasurer Pro-Tem
- To appoint Anne Erickson as the 2017 Student Achievement Liaison
- To appoint Sean Creighton as the 2017 Legislative Liaison
- To appoint Steve Conn as the 2017 YS Village Council Liaison

Appointment of Board Members to Committees

1. The following committee appointments are required by Board Policy, Negotiated Agreement, or by external organizations:
 - a. Aida Merhemic Student Review Board
 - b. Sylvia Ellison YSEE
 - c. Sean Creighton Insurance
 - d. Sylvia Ellison Wellness Committee
 - e. Anne Erickson YSPSF Committee
 - f. Sean Creighton Faculty Advisory Committee
 - g. Aida Merhemic Crisis Plan (every 3 years)
2. The following committee appointments are not required:
 - a. Aida Merhemic & Sean Creighton Policy Committee
 - b. Aida Merhemic & Steve Conn Open Enrollment
 - c. Anne Erickson & Steve Conn 2020 Advisory Implementation Committee

Time and Place of Meetings

- Day/date of month – 2nd Thursday
- Time – 7:00 p.m.
- Place – E. John Graham Conference Room

Board Compensation

\$125.00 per meeting for each Board Member for each Board meeting of 2017. Limitation of 24 paid Board meetings annually.

Mileage Rate

\$0.535 cents (IRS Rate \$0.535 cents) per mile for school district business.

Board Affiliations

- a. South West Ohio School Boards Association
- b. OSBA Membership
- c. Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce

Civil Rights Compliance Officer (as per Board Policy 2260) – Mario Basora

Standing Authorizations for Superintendent

- a. To employ temporary personnel and accept resignations.
- b. To appoint negotiating personnel.
- c. To enter into contractual agreements for services as needed in emergency situations.

- d. To approve applications for professional meetings which conform to established Board policies and are within the appropriations for such activities.

Reading of the Minutes

To authorize the Board President to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, providing that they have been submitted in advance.

Banks of Depository

- a. US Bank
- b. Fifth/Third Bank

Position Bonds

To set the bonds for the Superintendent, Treasurer and Board President at \$20,000 and purchased by the District.

Federal, State, Private Fund Reports & Applications

- a. To authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign and file reports on behalf of the District for Federal, State and private funds.
- b. To authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign and file applications on behalf of the District for all other Federal, State and private funds and authorize the Treasurer to appropriate funds for the grants awarded, subsequent to Board approval, if required.

That the Treasurer and Superintendent be authorized to employ the services of the following attorneys, as needed.

- a. Bricker & Eckler LLP
- b. Peck, Shaffer & Williams.
- c. Dinkler & Pregon LLC
- d. John A Podgurski

Board Leadership Operating Protocols

That the members of the Board publicly commit collectively and individually to the board leadership operating protocols.

Board Bylaws and Policies

To adopt existing Bylaws and Policies for its own operation and the operation of the school system.

Designate official newspaper of the District

- a. Yellow Springs News

Board Service Fund

The Board shall establish a Board Service Fund (per policy 6231) which shall not exceed the greater of two dollars (\$2.00) per enrolled student or \$20,000. Appropriations from this fund shall not exceed the sum specified by R.C. 3315.15.

Standing Authorizations for Treasurer

- a. To request advances of Tax Settlements
- b. To authorize to sign district checks and the use of signature plates.
- c. To invest inactive funds.
- d. To pay all bills, provided that funds are available and report such payments monthly to the Board.
- e. Modify appropriations throughout the year without increasing total fund appropriations.
- f. To advance cash from fund to fund to alleviate cash flow difficulties
- g. To issue blanket purchase orders not to exceed \$500,000.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

Vote: Yes – Steve, Anne, Aida, Sean, Sylvia

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Budget Hearing Presentation

0117.04 Adoption of Budget

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to adopt the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, as presented, and be submitted to the County auditor as per ORC5705.

Seconded by Steve Conn.

Vote: Yes – Anne, Aida, Sean, Sylvia, Steve

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

The Board took a 10 minute recess before starting the Regular Meeting.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS - continued

0117.05 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Anne Erickson to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Steve Conn.

Vote: Yes – Aida, Sean, Sylvia, Steve, Anne

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Communications

None

Community Comments

Eli Hurwitz – Recognized and appreciated the hard work of the staff during the first half of this school year.

Schools In Action

Introduction of new staff - Shannon Morano

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal
YSHS/McKinney Principal
Director of Advancement

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – December 31, 2016

0117.06 Emergency Tax Levy Renewal \$915,000 – May 2, 2017

Motion by Anne Erickson:

YELLOW SPRINGS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A
TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District, Counties of Greene and Clark, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the amount of revenue which may be raised in this school district by all tax levies which this school district is authorized to impose, when combined with all revenues to be received from the State of Ohio and the Federal Government, will be insufficient to avoid an operating deficit in the school district.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.194 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that a tax be levied in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of this school district for the purpose of avoiding an operating deficit in the amount of \$915,000 per year for an eight (8) year period.

SECTION 3. That the question of the passage of said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at an election to be held on May 2, 2017. If approved by the electors, said tax levy shall first be placed upon the 2017 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2018.

SECTION 4. That the treasurer of this board of education be and is hereby directed to certify forthwith a copy of this resolution to the county auditor at least ninety-five (95) days prior to said election as required by law requesting that said county auditor certify to this board of education the total current tax valuation of the school district and to calculate and certify the annual tax levy which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in Section 2 hereof, in accordance with Section 5705.195 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this board of education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this board of education, and that all deliberations of this board of education, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the rules of this board of education adopted in accordance therewith.

Seconded by Steve Conn.

Vote: Yes – Sean, Sylvia, Steve, Anne, Aida

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:

Levy Renewal – The emergency levy on the agenda is a no new tax renewal for the May 2, 2017 ballot. The reason it is an eight (8) year levy is so that it expires at the same time as the other emergency levy. We need to convene the levy committee.

Board Member Recognition Month – Mario thanked this great board and distributed certificates from the Ohio School Board Association.

Facilities Update – We have been discussing facilities and are in the process of hiring an architect firm to lead a year-long community engagement process. We have moved forward by having a committee review the RFQ’s and choose the top three firms to take to the board. The board will interview the top three on January 25, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. Other facilities concerns are roof leaks and roof replacements. Mills Lawn has some leakage issues. We will need new roofs at MLS and the high school within the next 5-7 years. Both roofs could cost over \$2 million. Renovating vs. replacing our buildings will be a big part of the community survey. There is a cost associated with doing nothing. Aida stated that the three architect firms’ RFQ materials have been scanned and emailed to members. Aida also stated that she will be attending a workshop with Mario and Dawn and any other board members that would like to attend regarding updated new building methods, as presented by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). Lastly, we have selected a contractor to install the building security systems.

0117.07 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion by Sean Creighton to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

Board Policy – First Reading

to approve the following policies for first reading:

Revised Bylaws 0100	Definitions
Revised Policy 0167.1	Use of Electronic Mail/Text Messages
New Policy 1619	Group Health Plan
New Policy 3419	Group Health Plan
New Policy 4419	Group Health Plan
Revised Policy 1619.02	Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans
Revised Policy 3419.02	Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans

Revised Policy 4419.02	Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans
New Policy 1619.03	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
New Policy 3419.03	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
New Policy 4419.03	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Revised Policy 2460	Special Education
Revised Policy 5830	Student Fund-Raising
New Policy 6605	Crowdfunding
Revised Policy 8330	Student Records

Donation

to accept the anonymous donation of \$500 to Yellow Springs Schools, with great appreciation.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Steve, Anne, Aida, Sean

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0117.08 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL

Motion by Steve Conn to approve the following personnel items with one vote:

Employments: (Contingent upon completion of all O.R.C. & O.D.E. Employment requirements)

Administrative Personnel: 3-Year Limited Administrative Contract

(August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2020)

Donna First Student Services Director
180 day calendar

Certified Personnel: Long Term Substitute (2016-2017 school year)

Shannon Morano HS/MS Long Term Substitute Guidance Counselor
Level III, Step 3 - \$45,615
Effective: January 9, 2017

Supplemental (Other): 1-Year Limited Contract (2016-2017 school year)

Staff:

Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp Spring Musical Co-Director - \$1,262

Supplemental (Other): 1-Year Limited Contract (2016-2017 school year)

Non-Staff:

Ed Knapp Spring Musical Co-Director - \$1,180
James Johnston Spring Musical Assistant Co-Director - \$1,262
Jamie Wilke Spring Musical Assistant Co-Director - \$1,180
Ali Thomas Choreographer - \$656

Substitutes: 1-Year Limited Contract (2016-2017 school year)

Teacher (\$90.00/day, \$45.00/half)

Sam Cottle
Lydia McBride
Amanda Stevenson

Aide (\$11.00/hour)

Florence Randolph

Custodian (\$11.00/hour)

Chris Hudson
Ashleigh Crall

Non-Renewal of Co-Curricular Contracts

to approve that the following 2016-2017 co-curricular contracts and supplemental contracts not be renewed for the 2017-2018 school year, and that appreciation be expressed to those who provided their services.

Supplemental: Athletics

McKinney Middle School:

Non-Staff:

Alan Ronnebaum 8th Grade Volleyball Coach

Yellow Springs High School:

Staff:

Nate Baker Girls' Assistant Soccer Coach
Jeff Collins Cross Country Coach

Yellow Springs High School:

Non-Staff:

Christine Linkhart Varsity Volleyball Coach
Chelsee McFarland Reserve Volleyball Coach
Mark Breza Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach
Ben Van Ausdal Boys' Head Soccer Coach
William Houchins Girls' Head Soccer Coach

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Vote: Yes – Steve, Anne, Aida, Sean, Sylvia

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Facilities presentation/interviews

January 25, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

2020 Update

February 8, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Greene County Career Center report

Steve Conn – The GCCC had their organizational meeting lastnight. They are having facilities discussions as well. The timing is not good with the aeronautical curriculum on the horizon.

Other Board members' items

Sylvia – The spring musical is “Oklahoma!”

Tim – There are 75 students already involved with “Oklahoma!”

Aida – We need to schedule an executive session for the discussion of personnel. The board decided to start the February 9, 2017 regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. with an executive session at the beginning of the meeting.

0117.09 Adjournment

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Voice Call: All ayes.

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Aida Merhemic, President

Date

Dawn M. Bennett, Treasurer

Date

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE AVAILABLE IN A PERMANENT FILE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.