

YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session **February 9, 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 Aida Merhemic at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call (by Treasurer Pro-Tem Sean Creighton)

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

Absent: None

0217.02 Executive Session – Treasurer Pro-tem Sean Creighton

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to go into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. for discussion of the Superintendent’s contract.

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

The Board returned to open session at 6:53 p.m.

Persons Present – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Matt Housh, Tim Krier, Donna First, Dawn Boyer, Jacob Steberl, Kathy Kleiser, Brenda Mueller, Josh Welhener, Mark Ruetschle, Heather Christle, Eli Hurwitz, Dylan Taylor-Lehman.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS (continued)

0217.03 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Anne Erickson to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting and January 25, 2017 Work Session, as presented.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Communications

Letter from Kelly Dunn, dated January 23, 2017

Community Comments

Eli Hurwitz – Recognize the great work of some of the staff and two students for organizing the Day of Empowerment.

Heather Christle – Questions regarding Governor Kasich’s new budget

Schools In Action

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Donna First, Kathy Kleiser, Brenda Mueller, and Josh Welhener.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal

YSHS/McKinney Principal

Student Services Director

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – January 31, 2017

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:

Semi-Annual Bullying Report – Mario presented the first semester bullying report.

Surveys – Still compiling the results of the staff survey. Student and parent surveys are being administered right now.

Levy – No new taxes, it is a renewal. Mario distinguished between this and the work about to begin on a potential building levy that would not be on the ballot until May of 2018.

0217.04 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

Resolution selecting design professional to provide master planning services

The Superintendent recommends selection of Ruetschle Architects to provide master planning services for District facilities and programs as part of the planning process to participate in the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) and requests authority to enter into an agreement for these services.

Rationale:

1. The Board has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to address facilities needs through a master planning process that will provide a planning tool for future improvements and has also determined to explore the options for participating in the OSFC ELPP for qualifying improvements that will be eligible for credit in the future if and when the Board participates in a co-funded OSFC program.
2. The Superintendent, following the process outlined in the Ohio Revised Code for selecting a design professional, requested qualifications from interested design professionals; six (7) firms submitted qualifications; and three (3) firms were

interviewed, which resulted in the following ranking, based upon qualifications (with the firm(s) ranked no. 1 being the most qualified):

- (1) Ruetschle Architects and SHP Leading Design
 - (3) Annette Miller Architects, with Fielding Nair International
3. Price proposals were requested from Ruetschle Architects and SHP Leading Design; and following further discussion, the Superintendent recommends Ruetschle Architects as the most qualified firm to provide planning services in the amount of \$28,000.

The Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board selects Ruetschle Architects to provide master planning services to prepare a District-wide facilities and educational plan working in consultation with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission for improvements to be constructed through the OSFC ELPP, which will qualify for credit for qualifying improvements as part of a future co-funded classroom facilities project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to work with legal counsel to prepare an agreement for master planning services and to enter into a contract, on behalf of the Board, with Ruetschle Architects in the amount of \$28,000 for planning services.

Resolution to participate in OSFC ELPP for school facility improvements

The Superintendent recommends exploring the benefits of participating in the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) for school facility improvements.

Background Information:

1. The Board wishes to participate in the OSFC ELPP as outlined in S.B. 272, which is overseen and managed by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) and allows a school district to fund qualifying classroom facility improvements that qualify for credit in the future toward the costs of a co-funded OSFC program project.
2. The Board plans to expend local resources to design and construct a separate and distinct part of an overall master plan of the school district facility needs, as prepared in conjunction with the OFCC, that is either new construction or major repairs.

The Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board declares its intent to participate in ELPP and directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to submit this resolution to the OFCC within 10 days of its adoption and to do whatever else is required by the OFCC related to participate in ELPP.
2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board 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.

Board Policy – First Reading

to approve the following policies for first reading:

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| Revised Bylaw 0169.2 | Open Meetings/Sunshine Law |
| Revised Policy 9700 | Relations with Special Interest Groups |

Board Policy – Second Reading and Adoption

to approve the following policies for second reading and adoption:

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| 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 |

School Calendar

to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar, as presented and subject to change.

Donations

to accept the donation of equipment from Dan Rudolf to Yellow Springs Schools, with great appreciation.

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Seconded by Anne Erickson.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0217.05 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL

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

Resignation

Supplemental Personnel:

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| Kelly Dunn | Assistant Baseball Coach |
| Effective: | 2016-2017 school year |

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

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

Non-Staff:

Spencer Glazer Spring Musical Technical Director - \$918

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

Non-Staff:

Ben Cooper Assistant Baseball Coach - \$1,344

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Greene County Career Center report

Pursuit of aerospace training facility, there is now some legislation that could help fund it.

Other Board members' items

Sylvia – Girls' swim team won MBC championship for 2nd year in a row.

Mario – Sean Creighton is being recognized by the Ohio School Boards Association on March 14, 2017 for ten years of service.

Mario – The security systems are being installed right now.

Aida – We had a meeting lastnight for a 2020 strategic plan update. It was well done and much appreciated.

0217.06 Adjournment

Motion by Steve Conn to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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.