

YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Organizational/Regular Meeting January 14, 2016 – 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 6:39 p.m.
(Steve Conn was named President Pro-Tem at the December meeting.)

Roll Call

Present: Aida Merhemic, Sylvia Ellison, Steve Conn, Sean Creighton, Evan Scott

Absent: None

Oath of Office – The Oath of Office was administered by Steve Conn to:
Sean Creighton
Sylvia Ellison

Persons Present – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Tim Krier, Matt Housh, Jacob Steberl, Dylan Taylor-Lehman, Aurelia Blake, Alima Musah

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

0116.01 Election of President

Evan Scott nominated Aida Merhemic as President of the Board.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison 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 – Sylvia, Steve, Sean, Evan, Aida

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0116.02 Election of Vice-President

Sylvia Ellison nominated Sean Creighton as Vice-President of the Board.

Seconded by Aida Merhemic 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 – Steve, Sean, Evan, Aida, Sylvia

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0116.03 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR - ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Appointments of Personnel

To appoint Sean Creighton as the 2016 Treasurer Pro-Tem

To appoint Evan Scott as the 2016 Student Achievement Liaison

To appoint Sean Creighton as the 2016 Legislative Liaison

To appoint Steve Conn as the 2016 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. Student Review Board Aida Merhemic
- b. YSEE Sylvia Ellison
- c. Insurance Sean Creighton
- d. Wellness Committee Sylvia Ellison
- e. YSSF Committee Evan Scott
- f. Faculty Advisory Committee Sean Creighton
- g. Crisis Plan Aida Merhemic
- h. Negotiations Committee Sylvia Ellison, Steve Conn, Alternate-Aida Merhemic

2. The following committee appointments are not required:

- a. Policy Committee Aida Merhemic & Sean Creighton
- b. Open Enrollment Steve Conn & Aida Merhemic
- c. 2020 Advisory Implementation Committee Evan Scott & Steve Conn

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 2016. Limitation of 24 paid Board meetings annually.

Mileage Rate

\$0.54 cents (2016 IRS Rate \$0.54 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 Sean Creighton.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Budget Hearing Presentation

0116.04 Adoption of Budget

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to adopt the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, as presented, and be submitted to the County auditor as per ORC5705.

Seconded by Steve Conn.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0116.05 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Evan Scott to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Communications

Letter from Demitria Hoad, dated December 29, 2015

Letter from Aurelia Blake, dated January 8, 2016

Community Comments

None

Schools In Action

Introduction of International Students – Tim Krier

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal

YSHS/McKinney Principal

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – December 31, 2015

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:

Board Member Recognition Month – Mario distributed “A Work of Heart” certificates.

Exhibition Nights – Each night is becoming more organized, we are learning from our mistakes and improving every time.

Advancement Director Interview Update – We interviewed five candidates and are down to two. The committee feels strongly about one of the two candidates. We need somebody who can do the job and not just settle. The committee feels good about making a recommendation to the board.

0116.06 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion by Evan Scott to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

Board Policy – First Reading

to approve the following policies for first reading:

New Policy 8452 Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

New Policy 2461 Recording of Meetings Involving Students and/or Parents

Board Policy – Technical Correction

to the technical correction of changing the name of one of the Compliance Officers on the following policies:

Policy 1422 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy 3122 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy 4122 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity

Policy 2260.01 Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability

Policy 3362 Anti-Harassment

Policy 5517 Anti-Harassment

Policy 1623 Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment

Policy 3123 Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment

Policy 4123 Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment

Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with GCCC

to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Yellow Springs Board of Education is an associate member of the Greene County Career Center (“GCCC”).

WHEREAS the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio amended the statutory requirements for appointing board members of joint vocational school district boards in Amended Substitute House Bill 59 (the “Budget Bill”).

WHEREAS the Yellow Springs Board of Education has reviewed a “Memorandum of Understanding” (“MOU”), attached hereto, among GCCC and its associate members setting forth the Budget Bill’s new legal requirements for appointments to the GCCC Board of Education under Section 3311.19 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREAS the Yellow Springs Board of Education is a party to the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yellow Springs Board of Education hereby approves the MOU and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute the MOU.

Donation

to accept the anonymous donation of \$1,009 to Yellow Springs Schools with great appreciation.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0116.07 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL

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

Leave of Absence

to approve Demitria Hoad’s leave of absence, approximately from April 11, 2016 through May 20, 2016, in accordance with 9.08 of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Resignation:

Administrative Personnel:

Aurelia Blake	MMS English/LA Teacher
Reason:	Retirement
Effective:	July 1, 2016

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

Classified Personnel: 1-Year Limited Contract (August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016)

Kelli Lewis	MLS Instructional Aide
	183 day contract, 6 hrs/day
	Classification III, Step 1 \$8,617.44
Effective:	December 15, 2015

Supplemental (Athletics): 1-Year Limited Contract (2015-2016 school year)

Staff:

John Gudgel Varsity Boys' Track Coach - \$4,294

Supplemental (Athletics): 1-Year Limited Contract (2015-2016 school year)

Non-Staff:

Ben Cooper Varsity Baseball Coach - \$2,360
Jim Delong Varsity Softball Coach - \$2,360
Isabelle Dierauer Varsity Girls' Track Coach - \$4,065
Peter Dierauer MMS Boys' Track Coach - \$1,246
Valerie Kirk MMS Girls' Track Coach - \$1,246
Donna Silvert Varsity Tennis Coach - \$1,967

Substitutes: 1-Year Limited Contract (2015-2016 school year)

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

Shannon Cox
J. Lynn Millar

Secretary (\$10.00/hour)

Terry Graham

Non-Renewal of Co-Curricular Contracts

to approve that the following 2015-2016 co-curricular contracts and supplemental contracts not be renewed for the 2016-2017 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
Brenda Ronnebaum 7th Grade Volleyball Coach

Yellow Springs High School:

Staff:

Jeff Collins Cross Country Coach

Yellow Springs High School:

Non-Staff:

Mark Breza Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach
Christine Linkhart Varsity Volleyball Coach
Christine Linkhart Reserve Volleyball Coach
John Phillips Head Golf Coach
Ben Van Ausdal Boys' Head Soccer Coach
Sarah Wallis Girls' Head Soccer Coach

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Work Session - January 19, 2016 @ 4:00 p.m.

Greene County Career Center report

The aerospace curriculum feasibility study is complete and there is interest and enthusiasm for the program. There is a need/demand. The next step is to find out if parents/students would be interested.

Other Board members' items

None

1116.07 Executive Session

Motion by Steve Conn to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, or licensee.

Seconded by Sean Creighton.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

The Board returned to open session at 8:56 p.m.

0116.08 Adjournment

Motion by Steve Conn to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Seconded by Sean Creighton.

Voice Call: All ayes.

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Aida Merhemic, President

Date

Dawn Weller, Treasurer

Date

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