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:


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)

  Kelli Lewis  MLS Instructional Aide
    183 day contract, 6 hrs/day
    Classification III, Step 1 $8,617.44
  Effective: December 15, 2015
Staff:
  John Gudgel          Varsity Boys’ Track Coach - $4,294

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.