

YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session **December 14, 2017 – 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Absent*: Sylvia Ellison

* Sylvia Ellison arrived at 6:05 p.m.

1217.01 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steve Conn to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Vote: Yes – Sean, Steve, Anne, Aida

No – None

Absent - Sylvia

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

Persons Present – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Matt Housh, Tim Krier, Donna First, Dawn Boyer, Eli Hurwitz, Malte Von Matthiesen, Richard Lapedes, Maureen Lynch, Rose O’Brien, Daniel Pelzl, T.J. Turner, Thor Sage, Steve McQueen, Jacob Steberl, Carol Simmons, Mike Ruetschle.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Communications

Letter from Linda Kalter, dated December 5, 2017

Community Comments

Rose O’Brien – Read letter written by David Roche

Eli Hurwitz – The teachers and students are very proud of their hard work. Eli, Kevin Lydy and Debra Mabra went to Cleveland this week to train other teachers.

Malte Von Matthiesen – Support for agenda items 4.2 and 4.3

Richard Lapedes – Supports Malte’s statements. Would like to see a maintenance schedule that will sustain the building as long as possible.

Schools In Action

None

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal
YSHS/McKinney Principal
Director of Advancement

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – November 30, 2017

Resolution 1217.02 Acceptance of Amounts and Rates

Motion by Steve Conn to accept the amounts and rates, as determined by the budget commission, and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for the calendar year 2018.

Emergency Levy	7.50	\$1,060,000
Bond Retirement	2.05	\$277,000
Emergency Levy	6.60	\$915,000

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:

Enrollment – Current and historical enrollment was presented.

Facilities update and recommendation – Presented final plan for grades 7-12 addition/renovation to the current 7-12 building.

Resolution 1217.03 Resolution Requesting Fiscal Officer to Certify Maximum Maturity of Bonds

Motion by Sylvia Ellison:

WHEREAS, this board of education contemplates the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$12,688,963 for the purpose of implementing a comprehensive plan through renovation and partial replacement of existing 7-12 facilities, including demolition, site improvements, furniture, utilities and equipment, together with all necessary appurtenances; with such question to be presented to the electors of this school district at the election to be held on May 8, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District (hereinafter called the "Board of Education"), Counties of Greene and Clark, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the treasurer of this Board of Education, as fiscal officer thereof, is hereby requested to certify to this Board of Education the estimated life of the improvements, assets

and/or property to be made and/or acquired with the proceeds of the sale of the bonds referred to in the preambles hereof and the maximum maturity of said bonds as provided in Sections 133.19 and 133.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. 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.

Seconded by Steve Conn.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Resolution 1217.04 Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Levying an Annual Tax on School District Income and the Necessity of Issuing Bonds and Submitting the Questions to the Electors of the School District

Motion by Steve Conn:

WHEREAS, this board of education wishes to declare that it is necessary to levy a tax on the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in division (E)(1)(a) and (2) of Section 5748.01 of the Ohio Revised Code in order to raise \$381,375 annually for permanent improvements, beginning January 1, 2019, with such question to be presented to the electors of this school district at the election to be held on May 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this board of education proposes to submit to the electors of this school district at the election to be held on May 8, 2018, the question of issuing bonds of this board of education in the amount of \$12,688,963 for the purpose of implementing a comprehensive plan through renovation and partial replacement of existing 7-12 facilities, including demolition, site improvements, furniture, utilities and equipment, together with all necessary appurtenances; and the question of levying an annual direct tax on all of the taxable property in this school district outside of the ten-mill limitation to pay the interest on and to retire said bonds, under authority of the Uniform Public Securities Law of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, this board of education desires to adopt a resolution declaring the necessity of said tax levy on the taxable income of individuals and estates, said bond issue and said direct tax to pay the interest on and retire said bonds, and said election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 5748.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, this board of education wishes to submit the tax levy on income of individuals and estates and the bond issue to the electors of this school district as a single ballot question;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District (hereinafter called the "Board of Education" and the "District"), Counties of Greene and Clark, Ohio, two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That it is necessary that a tax on school district income, specifically taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in division (E)(1)(a) and (2) of Section 5748.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, be levied for a period of thirty (30) years for the purpose of providing \$381,375 annually for permanent improvements and the financing thereof.

SECTION 2. If approved by the electors, said tax levy shall begin January 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 5748.02 of the Act, this Board of Education hereby applies to the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation to estimate the property tax rate that would have to be imposed by the School District in the current year to produce the amount set forth in Section 1 hereof and to estimate the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year as a school district income tax to produce the amount set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 4. That the Treasurer of this Board of Education is hereby directed to certify immediately to the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation a copy of this resolution.

SECTION 5. That it is necessary to issue bonds of this Board of Education in the principal amount of \$12,688,963 for the purpose described in the Preambles hereof. Said bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2018, shall bear interest at the rate now estimated at four and three quarters per centum (4.75%) per annum, and shall mature in substantially equal annual or semiannual installments over a period not exceeding thirty-seven (37) years after their issuance.

SECTION 6. That it is necessary that there shall be annually levied on all of the taxable property in this school district, (the entire territory) a direct tax outside the limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to pay the interest on and to retire said bonds, and any anticipatory securities. Said tax shall be first levied in tax year 2018 and first collected in calendar year 2019.

SECTION 7. That the question of levying a tax on the taxable income of individuals and estates for permanent improvements, issuing bonds and levying a direct tax to pay the interest on and retire the bonds shall be submitted to the electors of this school district (and the entire territory thereof) as a single ballot question at the election to be held on May 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 5748.08 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 8. That the Treasurer of this Board of Education be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor for the calculation of the average annual levy that will be required to pay the interest on and retire said bonds. The County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to this Board of Education the total current tax valuation of this school district and the number of mills required to generate an amount of revenue sufficient to pay the interest on and retire said bonds.

SECTION 9. That this Board of Education shall apply pursuant to Section 133.06(C) of the Ohio Revised Code to the Ohio Department of Taxation and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for consents to submit to popular vote at the election to be held on May 8, 2018, the question of issuing the bonds described herein.

SECTION 10. That this Board of Education hereby declares this School District to be a special needs district by determining hereby both of the following: (1) The student population is not being adequately serviced by the existing permanent improvements of the School District; and (2) The School District cannot obtain sufficient funds by the issuance of securities within the limitation of division (B) of Section 133.06 of the Ohio Revised Code to provide additional or improved needed permanent improvements in time to meet its needs.

SECTION 11. That the Treasurer, on behalf of this Board of Education, shall certify a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction with a statistical report as required by Section 133.06(E) of the Ohio Revised Code to request approval for special needs certification for consent to submit to popular vote at the election to be held on May 8, 2018, the question of issuing the bonds described herein.

SECTION 12. 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.

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Resolution 1217.05 YSEA Negotiated Agreement

Motion by Aida Merhemic to approve the tentative agreement between the Board of Education and the Yellow Springs Education Association, as provided.

(Final year of the 3-year agreement 2016-2019)

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

1217.06 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL

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

Leave of Absence

to approve Linda Kalter’s leave of absence request from approximately January 9 through February 28, 2018 , in accordance with Article VIII of the YSEA Negotiated Agreement.

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

Long Term Substitute Teacher

Amanda Kinney MLS long term substitute teacher

(Leave of absence)

January 9 – February 28, 2018

Supplemental (Other): 1-Year Limited Contract (2017-2018 school year)

Non-Staff:

Jennifer Snyder	Freshman Class Advisor - \$328
Kayla Graham	Fall Play Co-Director - \$1606.45 (paid by YSEE Grant)
Edward Knapp	Assistant Director Spring Musical - \$2,524

Supplemental (Athletic): 1-Year Limited Contract (2017-2018 school year)

Staff:

John Gudgel	Men's Track Coach - \$3,442
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Non-Staff:

Brandon Bressler	Head Baseball Coach - \$2,524
Mitch Larson	Assistant Baseball Coach - \$1,246
James DeLong	Head Softball Coach - \$2,524
Waring Worsham	Assistant Softball Coach - \$1,344
Isabelle Dierauer	Head Girls' Track Coach - \$3,442
Peter Dierauer	McKinney Boys' Track Coach - \$1,344
Valerie Kirk	McKinney Girls' Track Coach - \$1,344
Stacey Knemeyer	Head Tennis Coach - \$2,098

Volunteer Coaches:

Shannon Delong-Cox – Softball
Chelsea Horton – Softball
Jessica Worsham – Softball
Kerry Crouch – Girls' Basketball
Franklin Halley – Swimming
Margaret Swanson – Swimming
Sharon Miller – Bowling
Donna Silvert – Tennis

Substitutes: 1-Year Limited Contract (2017-2018 school year)

Aide (\$11.00/hour)

Tamatha Parker

Bus Driver (\$15.00/hour)

Tim Whetsel
Craig Carter (\$17.27/hour)
Paul Comstock (\$17.27/hour)

Custodian (\$14.15/hour)

Jane Jako

Indoor/Outdoor Maintenance (\$14.51/hour)

Tim Sandlin

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Set the date for the Organizational Meeting and Budget Hearing (immediately following the Organizational Meeting) – January 11, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Resolution 1217.07 Appoint President Pro Tem for Organizational Meeting

Sylvia Ellison nominated Steve Conn.

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Anne, Aida, Sean

No – None

Abstain – Steve

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

January Agenda discussion items

- a. Board Leadership
- b. Board Committees
- c. Calendar

Greene County Career Center report

Steve – Enrollment numbers are ticking up. Community Survey coming up. There are building needs at the GCCC as well. Still discussing the aerospace program.

Other Board members' items

Sean – Met with Marianne MacQueen. Discussed the positive impact of Cresco Labs. Final version of property assessment report coming out in January. Discussed school property, village affordability, village wi-fi is still on the table, and the difference between how a school board operates in comparison to village council.

Anne – This time on the board has been a very rewarding experience. Mario and the board members thanked Anne profusely for stepping in and filling the vacancy.

Sylvia – We need to reflect on how the building process has gone and some of the counter productivity that came with the communications.

1217.0 Adjournment

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Voice Call: All ayes.

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Aida Merhemic, President

Date

Dawn M. Bennett, Treasurer

Date