

YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session **February 14, 2019 – 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 Steve Conn at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Steve Conn, Aida Merhemic, Sylvia Ellison, Steve McQueen, TJ Turner

Absent: None

0219.01 Executive Session

Motion by TJ Turner to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. for discussion of:

Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.

Seconded by Aida Merhemic.

Vote: Yes – Aida, Sylvia, Steve M., TJ, Steve C.

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

0219.02 Approval of Minutes

Motion by TJ Turner to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 Organizational/Regular Meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Steve M., TJ, Steve C., Aida

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Persons Present – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Jack Hatert, Matt Housh, Donna First, Daniel Pelzl, Eli Hurwitz, Mel Marsh, Steffanie Marchese, Gary McBride

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Communications

Letter from Stacey Knemeyer, dated February 5, 2019.

Letter from Ed Knapp, February 11, 2019.

Community Comments

Eli Hurwitz – Thanked board for being willing to move negotiation dates. Thanked several teachers for the recent trips and lessons with the students.

Daniel Pelzl – Will be investigating what “innovation in schools” is. Will also be investigating the need for so much testing.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal

YSHS/McKinney Principal

Student Services Director

Mel Marsh, Acorn Consulting - Dialogued with the board regarding the process in which she is the consultant overseeing the community focus group who will narrow down what the community sees as an appropriate facility plan.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – January 31, 2019

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:

Bullying Report – Superintendent Basora presented the semi-annual bullying report.

MMS/YSHS Principal Search – We have 22 candidates who have applied. There will be a paper screening, phone screening, and face-to-face interviews. Lastly, each finalist will spend the day at McKinney/YSHS and end the day with a presentation to the community.

0219.03 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion by Aida Merhemic to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

Disciplinary Suspension of Certificated Employee

to approve a five-day disciplinary suspension of a certificated employee, as set forth in Superintendent’s February 4, 2019, suspension letter.

School Calendar

to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar, as presented and subject to change.

Disposal of Obsolete Fitness Room Equipment Resolution

to approve the motion to declare all current fitness room equipment to be of zero value allowing such equipment to be offered to staff and/or community members on a first come, first served basis. Several pieces of equipment have been deemed unstable for heavy and ongoing use. New equipment has been ordered using the District's banked wellness dollars, and will be available for use by all staff and student athletes in the fitness room. Principal Hatert will be taking pictures of the obsolete equipment and informing staff of what is available after several pieces of equipment are distributed to the other District buildings.

Seconded by Steve McQueen.

Vote: Yes – Steve M., TJ, Steve C., Aida, Sylvia,

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0219.04 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL

Motion by Aida Merhemic to approve the following personnel items with one vote:

Resignations:

Ed Knapp	Tech Advisor, Spring Musical
Effective:	February 11, 2019

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

**Administrative Personnel: 3-Year Limited Administrative Contract
(August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2022)**

Matt Housh	Mills Lawn Elementary Principal 221 day calendar
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Nate Baker	Director of Athletics / Student Leadership 210 day calendar
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Supplemental (Other): 1-Year Limited Contract (2018-2019 school year)

Staff:

Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp	One Acts Coordinator - \$982
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Eighth Grade Trip Advisors - \$196/person/night

Jaime Adoff
Courtney O'Connor
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp

MLS 5/6 Grade Camp Advisors as follows not to exceed \$3,528

Chasity Miller	Retroactive (September 17, 18 & 19, 2018)
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Non-Staff:

Suzanne Grote	Assistant Director, Spring Musical - \$2,525
Steve Bleything	Tech Advisor, Spring Musical - \$982

Volunteers:

James Johnston	Orchestra Conductor, Spring Musical
Mary Fahrenbruer	Accompanist, Spring Musical
Ed Knapp	Lighting Director, Spring Musical

Supplemental (Athletics): 1-Year Limited Contract (2018-2019 school year)

Non-Staff:

Ayanna Madison	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls' Track Coach – \$1,438
Austin Riddick	YSHS Assistant Baseball Coach – \$1,438
Joshua Mabra	YSHS Tennis Co-Coach – \$1,053
Stacey Kneymeyer	YSHS Tennis Co-Coach – \$1,123 (Previously approved as YSHS Tennis Coach at \$2,245)

Volunteers:

Sierra Lawrence	Softball
Chelsea Horton	Softball

Substitutes: 1-Year Limited Contract (2018-2019 school year)

Secretary (\$11.00/hour)

Lynda Love Highlander

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

John Blakelock
Isaac Haller
Luciana Lieff
Joseph Mullins
Aaron Zaremsky

Seconded by TJ Turner.

Vote: Yes – TJ, Steve C., Aida, Sylvia, Steve M.

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Greene County Career Center report

Steve McQueen – The GCCC had a lot of commendations for Steve Conn. The renderings of the new building look amazing.

Other Board members' items

Aida – Wanted to acknowledge some of our athletes and their success.

0219.05 Executive Session

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to go into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. for discussion of:

The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official.

Seconded by TJ Turner.

Vote: Yes – Steve C., Aida, Sylvia, Steve M., TJ

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:29 p.m.

0219.06 Adjournment

Motion by Aida Merhemic to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Seconded by TJ Turner.

Voice Call: All ayes.

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Steve Conn, President

Date

Dawn M. Bennett, Treasurer

Date

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