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
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:


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
   Nate Baker       Director of Athletics / Student Leadership
                    210 day calendar

Supplemental (Other): 1-Year Limited Contract (2018-2019 school year)
Staff:
   Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp One Acts Coordinator - $982

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)

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

**Non-Staff:**
- Ayanna Madison 7th & 8th 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


**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