

YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session **March 14, 2019 – 5:30 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 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Steve Conn, Aida Merhemic, Sylvia Ellison, Steve McQueen (5:33pm), TJ Turner

Absent: None

0319.01 Executive Session

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to go into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for discussion of:

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

Seconded by Aida Merhemic.

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

No – None

Absent – Steve M.

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:53 p.m.

10 Minute Break

0319.02 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Aida Merhemic to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, the February 23, 2019 Special Meeting, and the February 27, 2019 Special Meeting, as presented.

Seconded by TJ Turner.

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 Mario Basora, dated February 20, 2019.
- Letter from Suzanne Grote, dated March 7, 2019.
- Letter from Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp, dated March 8, 2019.
- Letter from James Waulk, dated March 12, 2019.
- Letter from Vicki Willis, dated March 13, 2019.

Community Comments

- Eli Hurwitz* – Thanked the board and administration for pushing back negotiations schedule. Hope to have an open and honest dialogue.
- Kate Lohmeyer* – Thanked the board and superintendent, worked on a health project with Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp and their students.

Schools in Action

- Presentation by Peg Morgan’s 3rd grade class on their PBL Mushroom Project.
- Presentation by Carrie Juergens’ 4th Grade class on their PBL Plastics Project.

Superintendent Search Presentation by K-12 Business Consulting, Inc.

Administrative Reports

- Elementary Principal
- YSHS/McKinney Principal

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – February 28, 2019

0319.03 Acceptance of Amounts and Rates

Motion by Aida Merhemic to adopt 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 2019, as presented.

General Fund			
Inside Mills	4.30	\$	592,000
Outside Mills	47.50	\$	2,306,000
Bond Retirement	2.05	\$	281,700
Emergency Levy	7.90	\$	1,060,000
Emergency Levy	6.47	\$	915,000
Permanent Improvement	1.20	\$	141,000

Seconded by TJ Turner.

Vote: Yes – Steve M., TJ, Steve C., Aida, Sylvia
No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:

Superintendent Employment – Very tough decision, really enjoyed living in the district, our students are amazing. My family is staying in YS and I will be working in the district until August 1st.

Principal Search – Several interviews that involved staff and community members. Would like to make offer to candidate tonight and have board approve next week.

School Facilities Task Force – Still working out some communication issues on the land use assessment. The track and field assessment report should be done by next month. Meeting with Fanning and Howey on the facility assessment next Thursday. The school facility task force is getting started on March 18, 2019 with consultant Mel Marsh.

0319.04 Superintendent Resignation

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to accept the resignation of the superintendent, Mario Basora, effective August 1, 2019 for reasons of other employment.

Seconded by Steve McQueen.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0319.05 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Bus Driver Physicals

to approve Community Mercy Occupational Health & Medicine and also Citran Occupational Health be approved as the two sources for bus driver physicals for the 2019-2020 school year.

GCESC Contracted Services

to approve the contract and agreement for services for the 2019-2020 school year, with Greene County Educational Service Center in the estimated amount of \$220,000, as provided.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

0319.06 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL

Motion by TJ Turner to approve the following personnel items with one vote:

Leave of Absence

to approve James Waulk’s unpaid leave of absence from approximately, March 5, 2019 through dates that are yet to be determined, in accordance with Article 9.08 of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement and the Family Medical Leave Act.

to approve Vicki Willis' leave of absence request from April 3, 2019 until approximately May 9, 2019, in accordance with Article 9.08 of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

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

Contract Amendment: Certified Personnel (Effective 2019-2020 school year)
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp from 0.5 FTE to 1.0 FTE

Homebound Tutor as needed at \$25.00 per hour: 1-Year Limited Contract
(2018-2019 school year)

Isaac Haller

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

Staff:

Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp Director, Spring Musical - \$1,801
John Gudgel Coordinator Stipend - \$2,000
(Strengthening Ohio's Teacher Pipeline Grant)

Non-Staff:

Brian Housh National Debate Team - \$3,122
Suzanne Grote Assistant Director, Spring Musical - \$1,742
James Johnston Assistant Director, Spring Musical - \$1,801

Volunteers:

Omar Durrani MMS/YSHS Chess Volunteer
Danielle Horton Softball

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

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

Makenzie Laipply

Miller Fellowships: Yellow Springs Community Foundation (2018-2019 school year)

Morgan Hayslip

Non-Renewal of Co-Curricular Contracts

to not renew the following 2018-2019 co-curricular contracts and supplemental contracts not be renewed for the 2019-2020 school year, and that appreciation be expressed to those who provided their services:

Supplemental: Athletics

Yellow Springs High School:

Staff:

Naomi Hyatt Cheerleader Advisor
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Olivia Dishmon Cheerleader Advisor

Yellow Springs High School:

Non-Staff:

Matt Cole	Bowling Coach
Sharon Miller	Assistant Bowling Coach
Nicholas Minnich	Reserve Girls' Basketball Coach
Bobby Crawford	Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
Phillip Renfro	Reserve Boys' Basketball Coach
Tim Minnich	Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
Bradley Martin	Swim Coach

McKinney Middle School:

Non-Staff:

Kerry Crouch	MMS 8th Grade Girls' Basketball
Troy Patterson	MMS 7th Grade Boys' Basketball
Steven Harshaw	MMS 8th Grade Boys' Basketball

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

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

No – None

Motion Carried: (5-0)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Greene County Career Center report

Steve M. – New security officer hired on staff. The weather has delayed the start of construction but they are trying to work through it. New driving simulator. New internet feature Securely; we use it here.

Other Board members' items

Set the special meeting to hire the new McK/YSHS principal for 3/21/19 at 8:00 a.m.

0319.07 Adjournment

Motion by Sylvia Ellison to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Seconded by Aida Merhemic.

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