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 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 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call by Treasurer Pro-Tem Sean Creighton:
Present: Aida Merhemic, Sean Creighton, Sylvia Ellison, Steve Conn, Steve McQueen
Absent: None

0318.01 Executive Session
Motion by Sylvia Ellison to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. for discussion of:
  a. Employment or compensation of an employee

Seconded by Steve Conn.
Vote: Yes – Sean, Sylvia, Steve, Steve, Aida
     No – None
Motion Carried: (5-0)

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:56 p.m.

The regular meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

0318.02 Approval of Minutes
Motion by Sean Creighton to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 Regular Meeting, as presented.
Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.
Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Steve, Steve, Aida, Sean
     No – None
Motion Carried: (5-0)

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Communications
Letter from Shannon Wilson, date January 10, 2018
Letter from Valerie Kirk, dated February 26, 2018
Letter from James Waulk, dated March 1, 2018

Community Comments
Eli Hurwitz – Discussed the March 2, 2018 professional development day and the upcoming trip to Peru.

Schools In Action
Introduction of new staff:
Steffanie Marchese
Presentation from the Statistics class (Dee Ann Holly) – PBL project on AP/CC+ weighting

Administrative Reports
Elementary Principal
YSHS/McKinney Principal

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – February 28, 2018

0318.03 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – FINANCIAL
Motion by Steve Conn to approve the following financial items with one vote:

GAAP Preparation
to approve Fraunfelter Accounting Services for the preparation of the District’s financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 to assist Yellow Springs Schools in complying with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), at a cost not to exceed $4,500 per year.

Resolution – Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program
to adopt the Plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program administered by the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board for participation by “eligible employees” of the Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District, as presented.

The Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District hereby adopts the Plan under the Program, and shall properly contract with any Eligible Employee who desires to participate in the Plan. The Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District’s Plan shall be the uniform Plan as promulgated by and as amended from time to time by the Board.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.
Vote: Yes – Steve, Steve, Aida, Sean, Sylvia
No – None
Motion Carried: (5-0)
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:
March 2nd Professional Development Day – Mario echoed what Eli Hurwitz already presented. The Cost Of Poverty Experience (COPE) training was great.
Facilities Update – Input from the community has been incorporated in to the plan. The plan was presented at a community forum at the high school on March 1, 2018.
School Safety – Safety is a top priority. The district has a safety plan, has safety training and safety drills. The buildings do not have vestibules which would guide all visitors through the office first. The middle school/high school building has first, second, and third floors which makes it difficult to run during a “run-hide-fight” situation.

0318.04 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE
Motion by Sylvia Ellison to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

Bus Purchase
to approve the purchase of one (1) standard 72 passenger bus from Rush Truck Centers through the EPC, at the quoted cost of $90,385.00.

Bus Driver Physicals
to approve Community Mercy Occupational Health & Medicine and also Citran Occupational Health as the two sources for bus driver physicals for the 2018-2019 school year.

GCESC Contracted Services
to approve contract and agreement for services for the 2018-2019 school year, with Greene County Educational Service Center in the estimated amount of $240,000, as provided.

OAPSE Negotiated Agreement
to approve the tentative agreement between the Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees / AFSCME/AFL-CIO, Chapter #644, as provided.
(Final year of the 3-year agreement 2016-2019)

Policy Employee Compensation
to approve the salary increase for Policy employees of 2.32% for the 2018-19 school year, plus one (1) step and one (1) step restoration if/when applicable.

Board Policy – Second Reading and Adoption
to approve the following policies for second reading and adoption:

Revised Policy 2464 Gifted Education and Identification
Revised Policy 5136 Personal Communications Devices
Revised Policy 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
Revised Policy 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
Revised Policy 7540.05 District-Issued Staff E-Mail Account
New Policy 7540.06 District-Issued Student E-Mail Account
Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.
Vote:   Yes – Steve, Steve, Aida, Sean, Sylvia
      No – None
Motion Carried: (5-0)

0318.05 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL
Motion by Sylvia Ellison to approve the following personnel items with one vote:

Leave of Absence
to approve Shannon Wilson’s leave of absence request from approximately March 14 through April 26, 2018, in accordance with Article VIII (8.012) of the YSEA Negotiated Agreement.

Extended Leave of Absence
to approve the extended leave of absence for James Waulk, from approximately March 1 - June 6, 2018, in accordance with 9.08 of the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement, be approved.

Resignation:
  Supplemental Personnel:
  Valerie Kirk  MMS Girls’ Track Coach
  Effective:    February 25, 2018

Employments: (Contingent upon completion of all O.R.C. & O.D.E. Employment requirements)
  Steffanie Marchese  Executive Assistant to Superintendent/EMIS Coordinator
      Step 5 - $26.84/hour
      5 days/week, 8 hours/day
  Effective:        April 2, 2018

Long Term Substitute Teacher:
  Sheila Kruse  MLS long term substitute teacher
    (Leave of absence)
    March 14 – April 26, 2018

Supplemental (Other): 1-Year Limited Contract (2017-2018 school year)
  Staff:
  Eli Hurwitz  Heritage Advisor - $2,754

  Non-Staff:
  Elaina Cromer  MMS Girls’ Track Coach – $1,246

  Staff:
  John Gudgel  Assistant Cross Country Coach - $2,245
  Kate Lohmeyer  Head Girls’ Soccer Coach - $4,349
Non-Staff:

- Isabelle Dierauer  Cross Country Head Coach - $3,122
- Christine Linkhart  Head Volleyball Coach - $3,683
- Margaret Swanson  JV Volleyball Coach - $1,824
- Ben Van Ausdal  Head Mens’ Soccer Coach - $4,595

Volunteers:  (2017-2018 school year)

- Christina Burks  Drama Department / Spring Musical
- Austin Riddick  Baseball Coach

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

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

Elaina Cromer

Non-Renewal of Co-Curricular Contracts

to approve that the following 2017-2018 co-curricular contracts and supplemental contracts not be renewed for the 2018-2019 school year, and that appreciation be expressed to those who provided their services.

Supplemental:  Athletics

Yellow Springs High School:

Non-Staff:

- Matt Cole  Bowling Coach
- Bobby Crawford  Head Boys’ Basketball Coach
- Phil Renfro  JV Boys’ Basketball Coach
- Tim Minnich  Head Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Nicholas Minnich  JV Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Bradley Martin  Swim Coach
- Alyson Hamilton  Varsity Cheerleader Coach
- Alyson Hamilton  JV Cheerleader Coach

McKinney Middle School:

Non-Staff:

- Troy Patterson  8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Kathy Patterson  7th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Steven Harshaw  8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach
- Matthew Wallace  7th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach

Seconded by Steve Conn.

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

No – None

Motion Carried:  (5-0)
BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:
Board Work Session for pertinent updates
March 20, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

Cash Carryover for discussion
Treasurer Dawn Bennett presented different fund balance and budget reserve options

Greene County Career Center report
Steve C. – Discussed the after effects of the Parkland, FL school tragedy on the GCCC. The GCCC has engaged a criterion architect who will present the what, when, where of the Take Flight offering.

Other Board members’ items
Sylvia – The high school musical opens this Friday for two weekends.
Sean – Aida and Sean met with Marianne MacQueen and Brian House from Village Council to discuss the expectations of the Council/School relationship.
Aida – Recognized Wally Sikes for being a great supporter of the schools and extended sympathies to his family.
Aida – Acknowledged how wonderful the upcoming trip to Peru is.

0318.06 Executive Session
Motion by Sylvia Ellison to go into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for discussion of:
   a. The investigation of charges or complaints against a student.

Seconded by Steve Conn.
Vote: Yes – Sean, Sylvia, Steve, Steve
      No – None
      Aida recused herself from Executive Session
Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:43 p.m.

0318.07 Adjournment
Motion by Steve Conn to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.
Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.
Voice Call: All ayes; Aida, absent.
Motion Carried: (4-0-1)