

**YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Session** **March 8, 2018 – 6:30 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 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)

**Persons Present** – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Matt Housh, Donna First, Dawn Boyer, Eli Hurwitz, John Day, Juno Shemano, Hannah Lawson, Michael Olesko, Sam Wildenhaus, Aza Hurwitz, William Gregor, Peter Day, David Walker, Steffanie Marchese, Dee Ann Holly, Matt Huelsman, Jacob Steberl, Carol Simmons.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

**Policy Personnel:** 1-Year Limited Contract (April 2, 2018 – July 31, 2018)

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

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

**Non-Staff:**

Elaina Cromer MMS Girls’ Track Coach – \$1,246

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

**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	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
Kathy Patterson	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
Steven Harshaw	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
Matthew Wallace	7 <sup>th</sup> 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* – Recognized Richard Lapedes and Maureen Lynch for obtaining and hosting John Merrow.

*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)

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Aida Merhemic, President

Date

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Dawn M. Bennett, Treasurer

Date

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