YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
April 13, 2017 – 7:00 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 Aida Merhemic at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call
Present: Aida Merhemic, Sean Creighton, Sylvia Ellison, Steve Conn, Anne Erickson
Absent: None

0417.01 Approval of Minutes
Motion by Sylvia Ellison to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, as presented.
Seconded by Anne Erickson.
Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Steve, Anne, Aida
No – None
Abstain – Sean
Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

Persons Present – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Tim Krier, Donna First, Dawn Boyer, Jacob Steberl, Dylan Taylor-Lehman, Ara Beal, Al Schlueter.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Communications
Letter from Brian Knostman, dated March 27, 2017
Letter from John Day, dated March 28, 2017

Community Comments
Al Schlueter – Part of the PBL visit/presentation. Students and staff were amazing.
Al Schlueter – Hoping that staff/students would step in if there are racist comments or discussions.

Schools In Action
Drama Club presentation – Ara Beal
Administrative Reports
Elementary Principal
YSHS/McKinney Principal

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Financial Report – March 31, 2017

0417.02 Acceptance of Amounts and Rates
Motion by Steve Conn to accept the amounts and rates, as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor, be adopted for the calendar year 2017, as presented.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Superintendent Updates:

*Levy Update* – Renewal levy on the May 2, 2017 ballot. No new taxes and same dollar amount. Come out and vote. There is some confusion between the renewal levy and a facilities levy. Facilities are just a discussion at this point.

*Facilities Update* – Facility discussions are one of the last pieces of the 2020 Plan that need tackled. We have done an Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an architectural firm. We chose Ruetschle Architects. Committees have met with Ruetschle and a community forum was held on March 27, 2017 and there is another forum on May 4, 2017. The high costs of doing nothing need to be considered. Maintenance costs are increasing and roof repairs and replacements are in the near future. We are currently looking at replacing the Mills Lawn gym floor which will be around $50,000. Doors need replaced around the district, each door can cost up to $8,000. These repairs/replacements can be funded by our $130,000 annual permanent improvement fund but that is not enough money, we may have to use general operating money for repairs at some point. Our buildings are full, we need more space and more storage.

*State Superintendent Visit* – State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria visited the district today! Our student panels were poised and impressive. We have been trying for years to get a State Superintendent to visit.
0417.03 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE
Motion by Anne Erickson to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

Resolution – Purchase of Real Property
WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District, Counties of Greene and Clark, Ohio (the “School District”), desires to ratify the actions and authorize certain members of the Board and officers of the School District to take further actions in pursuit of the purchase of real property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

Section 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary and in the best interest of the inhabitants and citizens of the School District, and the School District hereby agrees, to investigate and potentially purchase real property upon which to construct future School District facilities.

Section 2. The Treasurer, the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board, and the Superintendent of the School District, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, on behalf of the School District, such additional instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, and other papers as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this Resolution in such forms as the official executing the same may approve.

Section 3. The law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP be and is hereby retained as special counsel to the School District to assist in the investigation and prepare the necessary documents relating to the purchase of real property and, if appropriate, rendering its approving legal opinion in connection therewith in accordance with the necessary documents relating to the purchase of real property, which the President of the Board, the Treasurer of the Board, the Superintendent of the School District, or any of them, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the School District. The approval of such changes by such officers, and that the same are not substantially adverse to the School District, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such agreement by such officers. Such law firm shall be compensated by the School District for the above services in accordance with such written agreement.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in a meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ESC Contracted Services
to approve the attached contract and agreement for services for the 2017-2018 school year, with Greene County Educational Service Center in the estimated amount of $220,000.
School Forest Summer Program  
a. to approve the School Forest Summer Work Program for the summer of 2017.  
b. to approve that John Day be paid for up to 60-hours, at $14.78 per hour, to supervise 
the School Forest Summer Work Program.

Donations  
to accept the following donations to Yellow Springs Schools, with great appreciation.  
a. Anonymous donation of $1,000.00 to Yellow Springs Schools.  
b. Anonymous donation of $7,549.80 to Yellow Springs Schools.

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

0417.04 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL  
Motion by Sean Creighton to approve the following personnel items with one vote:

Resignation:  
Certified Personnel:  
Brian Knostman  
MMS Social Studies Teacher  
Effective:   End of the 2016-17 contract year

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

Administrative Personnel:  
1-Year Limited Administrative Contract  
(D August 1, 2017- July 31, 2018)  
Dawn Boyer  
Director of Advancement and Community Relations  
$72,450

Administrative Personnel:  
3-Year Limited Contract  
(August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2020)  
Jack Hatert  
.5 FTE Assistant to the Principal – $41,359.46  
191 @ ½ days and 12 full-time extended summer days

Substitutes:  
1-Year Limited Contract (2016-2017 school year)  
Secretary ($11.00/hour)  
Kimberly Kremer

Custodian ($11.00/hour)  
Mike Hittle

Long Term Substitute Teacher:  
Amanda Kinney  
MLS 1st grade long term substitute teacher  
(leave of absence)  
April 14, 2017 to the end of the 2016-17 school year
**Non-Renewal of Co-Curricular Contracts**

to approve that the following 2016-2017 co-curricular contracts and supplemental contracts not be renewed for the 2017-2018 school year, and that appreciation be expressed to those who provided their services.

**Tutors:**
- John Gudgel  Title I Tutor
- Nan Meekin  Title I Tutor
- Kelli Lewis  Title I Tutor
- Donna Haller  Homebound Tutor
- Jane Jako  Homebound Tutor
- Dave Johnston  Homebound Tutor

**Supplemental (Other):**

**District Staff:**
- Craig Carter  Custodial Supervisor
- Carol Culbertson  Gifted Coordinator
- Kristin McNeely  Title I Coordinator
- Sarah Amin  PBL Coach
- Megan Bennett  PBL Coach
- Jack Hatert  PBL Coach
- Heidi Hoover  PBL Coach
- Eli Hurwitz  PBL Coach
- Elisabeth Simon  PBL Coach

**Non-Staff:**
- Ara Beal  Theatre Arts Producer

**Mills Lawn:**

**Staff:**
- Sarah Amin  RE Mentor Teacher/Maggie Davis
- Sarah Amin  School Camp Advisor
- Dionne Barclay  School Camp Advisor
- Maggie Davis  School Camp Advisor
- Maggie Davis  MLS Safety Patrol
- Maggie Davis  First Lego League
- Robert Grote  School Camp Advisor
- Heidi Hoover  RE Mentor Teacher/Rob Grote
- Eli Hurwitz  School Camp Advisor
- Linda Kalter  RE Mentor Teacher/Jen Clark
- Linda Kalter  RE Mentor Teacher/Jessica Liming
- Linda Kalter  RE Mentor Teacher/Chasity Miller
- Cheryl Lowe  Girls on the Run
- Cheryl Lowe  LPDC Member
- Cheryl Lowe  School Camp Advisor
- Debra Mabra  Leadership Council
Chasity Miller  School Camp Advisor
Peg Morgan  Mentor Teacher/Shannon Wilson
Peg Morgan  Leadership Council
Jody Pettiford  Leadership Council
Jody Pettiford  MLS Student Council Advisor
Jody Pettiford  Mentor Teacher/Carrie Juergens
Jody Pettiford  School Camp Advisor

McKinney Middle School:
Staff:
Jaime Adoff  Power of the Pen
Jaime Adoff  Eighth Grade Trip Advisor
Jack Hatert  RE Mentor Teacher/Rebecca Eastman
Jack Hatert  RE Mentor Teacher/Jaime Adoff
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp  Eighth Grade Trip Advisor
Hilary Riepenhoff  MMS Student Council

Yellow Springs High School:
Staff:
Nate Baker  Fitness Room Supervisor
John Day  Leadership Council
John Day  School Forest Advisor
Jack Hatert  Lead Mentor Teacher/RE Coordinator
Donna Haller  Fitness Room Supervisor
Donna Haller  Detention Monitor
Donna Haller  Extended Detention Monitor
Eli Hurwitz  SPIDEE Advisor
Eli Hurwitz  Student Review Board Advisor
Eli Hurwitz  Video Club Advisor
Eli Hurwitz  Experienced Mentor Teacher/Kevin Lydy
Kevin Lydy  Leadership Council
Kate Lohmeyer  LPDC Member
Kate Lohmeyer  Leadership Council
Kate Lohmeyer  Fitness Room Supervisor
Brian Mayer  Band Director
Brian Mayer  Orchestra Director
MacKenzie Reynolds  LPDC Chair Person
Dave Smith  Experienced Mentor Teacher/Chris Sidner
Elisabeth Simon  First Lego League Jr.
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp  Fall Play Director
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp  Spring Musical Co-Director

Non-Staff:
Ara Beal  One Act Co-Coordinator
James Johnston  Spring Musical Assistant Co-Director
Carla Kinley-Davis  First Tech Challenge
Ed Knapp  Spring Musical Co-Director
Christy Lewis  Junior Class Advisor
Christine Linkhart  Freshman Advisor
Christine Linkhart  Senior Class Advisor
Nan Meekin  Sophomore Class Advisor
Ali Thomas  Choreographer
Corrie Van Ausdal  One Act Co-Coordinator
Jamie Wilke  Spring Musical Assistant Co-Director

Supplemental: Athletics
McKinney Middle School:
Non-Staff:
  Peter Dierauer  McKinney Boys’ Track Coach
  Valerie Kirk  McKinney Girls’ Track Coach

Yellow Springs High School:
Staff:
  John Gudgel  Varsity Boys’ Track Coach

Non-Staff:
  Brandon Bresler  Varsity Head Baseball Coach
  Ben Cooper  Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
  Jim DeLong  Varsity Softball Head Coach
  Isabelle Dierauer  Varsity Girls’ Track Coach
  Stephanie Harshaw-Butler  Assistant Site Manager
  Stacey Knemeyer  Varsity Co-Tennis Coach
  Roberta Perry  Site Manager
  Donna Silvert  Varsity Co-Tennis Coach
  Waring Worsham  Varsity Assistant Softball Coach

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

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS
Greene County Career Center report
Steve – nothing to report

Other Board members’ items
Aida/Mario – Aida attended late start Wednesday. The whole staff was together meeting with architect Mike Ruetschle to provide feedback on facility ideas.
Aida – Upcoming: school play, exhibition nights, graduations.
0417.05 Executive Session
Motion by Steve Conn to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for discussion of:

   The employment, dismissal, discipline of an employee or the investigation of complaints against an employee.

   The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding

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

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:56 p.m.

0417.06 Adjournment
Motion by Sylvia Ellison to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.
Seconded by Steve Conn.
Voice Call: All ayes.
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Aida Merhemic, President       Date       Dawn M. Bennett, Treasurer       Date

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