

**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.

Emergency Levy	7.90	\$1,060,000
Bond Retirement	2.00	\$256,000
Permanent Improvement	1.20	\$138,000
<u>General Fund</u>		
Inside	4.30	\$547,000
Outside	47.50	\$2,121,000

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**

(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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
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**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
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**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)

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Aida Merhemic, President

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Date

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Dawn M. Bennett, Treasurer

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Date

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