

**YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting** **April 14, 2016 - 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.**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by President Aida Merhemic at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Aida Merhemic, Sylvia Ellison, Steve Conn, Evan Scott

**Absent:** Sean Creighton

**0416.01 Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Evan Scott to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Steve, Evan, Aida

No – None

Absent – Sean

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**Persons Present** – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Donna First, Tim Krier, Matt Housh, Jacob Steberl, Elizabeth Smith, Dylan Taylor-Lehman, Elisabeth Simon, Eli Hurwitz, Jody Chick, Keegan Chlanda, Windom Mesure, Hailey Qualls, Annabel Welsh, Aza Hurwitz, Monika Werling, Beth Rubin, Brian Potts, Jaime Adoff, Mike Kremer, Greta Kremer, Kim Kremer, Juno Shemano, Weymar Osborne.

**COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

**Communications**

Letter from John Day, dated April 11, 2016

Letter from Karleen Materne, dated April 13, 2016

**Community Comments**

Mario introduced new teacher Jaime Adoff.

**Schools In Action**

Global Connections Presentation – Students and Teachers

**Administrative Reports**

Elementary Principal  
YSHS/McKinney Principal

**TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Financial Report – March 31, 2016**

**0416.02 Acceptance of Amounts and Rates**

Motion by Evan Scott 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 2016:

Emergency Levy	8.05	\$1,060,000.00
Emergency Levy	7.15	\$915,000.00
Bond Retirement	2.90	\$314,000.00
Permanent Improvement	1.20	\$135,000.00
<u>General Fund</u>		
Inside	4.30	\$530,000.00
Outside	47.50	\$2,025,000.00

Seconded by Steve Conn.

Vote: Yes – Steve, Evan, Aida, Sylvia

No – None

Absent – Sean

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Superintendent Updates:**

*PBL Coaches Training in Nashville* – This was a higher level of training with a deeper dive in to Project Based Learning (PBL) concepts.

*Negotiations Update* – Start with YSEA in May and are planning to use Interest Based Bargaining. Will start negotiations with OAPSE around the same time.

*Scheduling* – Matt Housh already covered in his reporting.

*Report Card* – The last scores came in nine months after tests! There has been a complete overhaul of the testing system yet the same letter grade measurement is being used. Yellow Springs did pretty well, this was the first time our scores were better than all of Greene County.

*PBL Training Center Update* – Things are underway. We have talked with a consultant who may be able to help us get started.

*PBL Ohio Presentation* – Yellow Springs is a keynote speaker at the annual symposium. We present on the third day of the conference which runs July 26-28, 2016.

**0416.03 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE**

Motion by Steve Conn to approve the following administrative items with one vote:

**ESC Contracted Services**

to approve the attached contract and agreement for services for the 2016-2017 school year, with Greene County Educational Service Center in the estimated amount of \$260,000.00.

**YSHS Summer Learning Program**

to approve a YSHS Summer Learning Program, from May 31, 2016 through July 18, 2016, for 3.5 hours/day, 4 days/week.

**Title I Summer School Reading and Math Program**

to approve a Title I Summer Intervention Reading and Math Program at Mills Lawn Elementary, from July 25, 2016 through August 5, 2016, for 2.5 hours per day.

**School Forest Summer Program**

- a. to approve the School Forest Summer Work Program for the summer of 2016.
- 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.

**Global Citizen School Trip**

to approve the Global Citizen School Trip to Peru (Lima, Cuzco & the Sacred Valley and Mashu Picchu), during spring break of the 2018 school year.

Seconded by Evan Scott.

Vote: Yes – Evan, Aida, Sylvia, Steve

No – None

Absent – Sean

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**0416.04 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL**

Motion by Evan Scott to approve the following personnel items with one vote:

**Reduction in Force:**

- I. In accordance with Article XIII of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Yellow Springs Education Association and Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.17, this Board is hereby declaring a Reduction in Force for the reason of decreased pupil enrollment. The following position is hereby abolished, effective for the 2016-17 school year.

- 1) The abolishment of .75 FTE Intervention Specialist position at Mills Lawn School

- II. In further accordance with Article XIII of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Yellow Springs Education Association and Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.17, the employment contract of the following individual is hereby suspended, effective for the 2016-17 school year, such individual also to be

placed on the District’s Recall list for consideration in the event that openings occur in which the individual is appropriately licensed:

- 2) Chasity Miller, suspension of total (.75FTE) employment contract.

**Contract Amendment: Certified Contract** (Effective 2016-2017 school year)

Jo Frannye Reichert Music teacher contract increased from  
.6 FTE to 1.0 FTE, Level III, Step 7- \$53,144

**Leave of Absence**

to approve Karleen Materne’s leave of absence request, from approximately May 2, 2016 through the end of the school year, in accordance with 8.012 of the YSEA Negotiated Agreement.

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

**Certified Personnel: 1 - Year Limited Contract** (August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017)

Jaime Adoff MMS English/Language Arts Teacher  
Level III, Step 4 - \$46,635

**Title I Tutor: 1-Year Limited Contract** (2015-2016 school year)

Tamsin Trelawny-Cassity MLS Title I Paraprofessional Tutor  
6/hours/day, 3/days/week, \$15.35/hour  
Effective: April 15, 2016

**Long Term Substitute Teacher:**

Elizabeth Gilbert Intervention Specialist long term substitute  
(leave of absence)  
Effective: Approximately April 14, 2016 – May 20, 2016

**Long Term Substitute Bus Driver:**

Robert Libecap 20 hour/week long term substitute driver  
(leave of absence)  
Salary: \$16.84/hour  
Effective: April 5, 2016 through May 26, 2016

**ALPHA Grant: (\$25.00/hour)**

Elisabeth Simon ALPHA Project Advisor – \$300  
(Approximately 12 hours)  
Eli Hurwitz ALPHA Project Advisor - \$800  
(Approximately 32 hours)  
Brandon Lowry ALPHA Project Advisor – \$456.25  
(Approximately 18.25 hours)

**Supplemental (Athletic) – 1-Year Limited Contract (2016-2017 school year)**

**Staff:**

Jeff Collins                      Cross Country Coach - \$4,294

**Supplemental (Athletic) – 1-Year Limited Contract (2016-2017 school year)**

**Staff:**

Christine Linkhart      Varsity Volleyball Coach - \$2,360  
Ben Van Ausdal          Varsity Mens' Soccer Coach - \$4,065

**Substitutes: 1-Year Limited Contract (2015-2016 school year)**

**Bus Drivers (\$13.43/hour)**

Sarah Rice  
Tim Sandlin

**Aides (\$10.00/hour)**

Linda Sikes  
Ana Maria Vasconez

**Secretary**

Linda Sikes

**Non-Renewal of Co-Curricular Contracts**

to not renew the following 2015-2016 co-curricular contracts and supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 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  
Nacim Sajabi                      Title I Tutor  
Tamsin Trelawney-Cassity      Title I Tutor  
Donna Haller                      Homebound Tutor  
Jane Jako                         Homebound Tutor  
Dave Johnston                    Homebound Tutor

**Supplemental: Other**

**District:**

**Staff:**

Craig Carter                      Custodian Supervisor  
Carol Culbertson                Gifted Coordinator  
Kristin McNeely                 Title I Coordinator  
Elisabeth Simon                 PBL Coach  
Jack Hatert                        PBL Coach  
Eli Hurwitz                        PBL Coach  
Sarah Amin                        PBL Coach  
Heidi Hoover                      PBL Coach

Eli Hurwitz	SPIDEE Advisor
Karleen Materne	BCDC Coach
Kate Lohmeyer	Fitness Center Monitor
Nate Baker	Fitness Center Monitor

**Non-Staff:**

Ara Beal	Theatre Arts Producer
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**Mills Lawn:**

**Staff:**

Vickie Hitchcock	MLS Safety Patrol Advisor
Jody Pettiford	MLS Student Council Advisor
Sarah Amin	Mentor Teacher/Brian Knostman
Sarah Amin	RE Mentor Teacher/Maggie Demarse
Linda Kalter	RE Mentor Teacher/Jessica Liming
Linda Kalter	RE Mentor Teacher/Jennifer Clark
Linda Kalter	RE Mentor Teacher/Chasity Miller
Jeff May	Mentor Teacher for Jackie Pohl
Cheryl Lowe	LPDC Member

**McKinney Middle School:**

**Staff:**

Aurelia Blake	Power of the Pen
Jack Hatert	RE Mentor Teacher/Rebecca Eastman
Hilary Riepenhoff	MMS Student Council Advisor

**Yellow Springs High School:**

**Staff:**

John Day	School Forest Advisor
MacKenzie Reynolds	LPDC Member
Jack Hatert	Lead Mentor Teacher
Eli Hurwitz	Student Review Board Advisor
Brian Mayer	Band Director
Brian Mayer	Orchestra Director
Dee Ann Holly	Detention Monitor
Dee Ann Holly	Extended Detention Monitor
Cameron McCoy	Detention Monitor
Cameron McCoy	Extended Detention Monitor
Desiree Nickell	Spectrum Advisor
Dave Smith	Mentor Teacher/Lynne Wooten-Mitchell
Elisabeth Simon	Mentor Teacher for Kate Lohmeyer

**Non- Staff:**

Christy Lewis	Senior Class Advisor
Christine Linkhart	Junior Class Co- Advisor
Christy Lewis	Sophomore Class Advisor

Stacey Knemeyer	Junior Class Co-Advisor
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp	YSHS Musical Director
Edward Knapp	Musical Tech Advisor
Alison Thomas	Co-Assistant Musical Director
James Johnston	Co-Assistant Musical Director

**Supplementals: Athletics**

**McKinney Middle School:**

**Non-Staff:**

Kevin Lydy	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
Kathy Patterson	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
Peter Dierauer	MMS Boys' Track Coach
Valerie Kirk	MMS Girls' Track Coach

**Yellow Springs High School:**

**Staff:**

Nate Baker	Tournament Site Manager
Jody Chick	Swim Co-Coach
John Gudgel	Varsity Boys' Track Coach

**Non-Staff:**

Stephanie Harshaw-Butler	Assistant Site Manager
Roberta Perry	Site Manager
Paula Fry	Reserve Girls' Basketball Coach
David Hardwick	Swim Co-Coach
Roberta Perry	Tournament Ticket Taker
Stephanie Harshaw-Butler	Tournament Ticket Seller
Ben Cooper	Varsity Baseball Coach
Jim DeLong	Varsity Softball Coach
Isabelle Dierauer	Varsity Girls' Track Coach
Donna Silvert	Varsity Tennis Coach

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

Vote: Yes – Aida, Sylvia, Steve, Evan

No – None

Absent – Sean

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**Greene County Career Center report**

*Steve* – The Board is in the process of making a difficult choice about the one remaining adult education class for Peace Officer Training.

**Other Board members' items**

*Aida* – Graduation is May 26, 2016. Community needs to pay attention to the busy calendar!

**0416.05 Executive Session**

Motion by Steve Conn to go into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. for the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee.

Seconded by Evan Scott.

Vote: Yes – Sylvia, Steve, Eva, Aida

No – None

Absent – Sean

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

The board returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.

**0416.06 Adjournment**

Motion by Evan Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Seconded by Sylvia Ellison.

Voice Call: All ayes; Sean, 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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