The Yellow Springs Board of Education seeks applicants to fill the unexpired term of board member Sylvia Ellison, who resigned November 11, 2021.

The board will begin accepting letters of interest and must name a replacement within 30 days of the resignation. The newly appointed member will serve until December 31, 2023. If the appointed member desires to continue serving, he or she must run in the next general election.

Sylvia Ann Ellison, MA, MPH, is an epidemiologist, currently working as a community data coordinator with OSU Wexner Medical Center. From 2007-2019 she was research faculty at Wright State University’s Master of Public Health program, with a joint appointment at Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County (2013-2017) facilitating the Infant Mortality Coalition. Prior to moving to Yellow Springs, Ms. Ellison was a Health Statistician and Social Science Analyst at the National Center for Health Statistics (CDC), and National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH). Ms. Ellison is serving her third term, which expires on December 31, 2023. Sylvia and her husband, Craig, have two sons who attended Yellow Springs public schools. Ms. Ellison will be joining the Greene County Board of Health.
Board President Steve Conn stated: "It has been a real pleasure to work with Sylvia. She has been dedicated, thoughtful, and her public health expertise has been particularly valuable to us during this pandemic. More than that, though, she has been the best kind of cheerleader for our students and therefore the best kind of steward for our schools."

Dr. Terri Holden stated: “Sylvia Ellison has been a dedicated board member who took her responsibility seriously. During my time in the district, she fulfilled her primary role as a board member in helping the district craft health and safety policies as we navigated the most significant challenge public schools have seen in decades: the COVID-19 pandemic. She has been a tireless supporter of the school system. Her absence on the board will be deeply felt. I would like to thank Ms. Ellison for her dedicated service to Yellow Springs Schools.”

Those interested in serving on the Yellow Springs Board of Education should email Tammy Emrick, Treasurer, at temrick@ysschools.org with a statement of interest, and a list of qualifications by November 19, 2021.

According to Ohio law, people serving on Ohio school boards must be at least 18 years old, district residents and registered voters.

Steve Conn, Board President said the board will review all applicants and decide on the replacement at its November 23, 2021 meeting.