

**YELLOW SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Session** **July 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, Steve Conn, Anne Erickson

**Absent:** Sylvia Ellison

**0717.01 Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Anne Erickson to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting and the June 22, 2017 Special Meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Steve Conn.

Vote: Yes – Sean, Steve, Anne, Aida

No – None

Absent – Sylvia

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**Persons Present** – Mario Basora, Dawn Bennett, Eli Hurwitz, Jacob Steberl, Carol Simmons, Chelsee McFarland, Tamara Morrison, Dave Lampe (@ 8:00 p.m.).

**COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

**Communications**

Letter from Carol Culbertson, dated June 8, 2017

Letter from MacKenzie Reynolds, dated June 30, 2017

**Community Comments**

*Eli Hurwitz* – Recognized the many years of teaching for MacKenzie Reynolds. Acknowledged all of the teachers that are reading and doing professional development over the summer.

**Schools In Action**

Introduction of new staff:

Chelsee McFarland

Tamara Morrison

**TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Financial Report – June 30, 2017**

**0717.02 Advances and Transfers**

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

to approve the following advance at June 30, 2017, (the Treasurer was granted authority to advance up to \$4,000 to the lunchroom as well as any grant(s) or funds in the red at fiscal yearend at the June 8, 2017 Board Meeting):

From: General Fund	\$ 2,411.26
To: Miller Fellow Grant	\$ 2,411.26

to approve the following transfer at June 30, 2017, (the Treasurer was granted authority to transfer up to \$20,000 to the lunchroom and/or athletic funds at fiscal yearend, as necessary, at the June 8, 2017 Board Meeting):

From: General Fund	\$ 10,929.35
To: Athletic Fund	\$ 10,929.35

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Vote: Yes – Steve, Anne, Aida, Sean

No – None

Absent – Sylvia

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Superintendent Updates:**

*Semi-Annual Bully Report* – Mostly incidents in the middle school, which is typical.

*Summer Work Update* – Planning the pulse meetings; working on facilities; administrative evaluations; PBL Coaches meetings.

*Pulse Meeting* – We have had two. Great attendance, great conversations. The teacher panel did a great job. The next meeting is Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., probably in Jaime Adoff’s room.

*Gifted Law Changes* – We have always done an ILE program. But there is new law for testing requirements. Now we must write gifted students’ parents a letter saying that we do not offer a gifted program. To provide gifted, our teachers would have to train to be state sanctioned gifted teachers which requires a significant amount of professional development and classwork.

**0717.03 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ADMINISTRATIVE**

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

**K-6 Cross Categorical Special Needs Program**

to approve the creation of a K-6 Cross Categorical Special Needs Program at Mills Lawn School, effective the 2017-2018 school year.

**Board Policy – First Reading**

to approve the following policies for first reading:

Revised Policy 7540	Technology
Revised Policy 7540.01	Technology Privacy
Revised Policy 7540.02	Web Content
Revised Policy 8500	Food Service
Revised Policy 2464	Gifted Education and Identification
Revised Policy 3217	Weapons
Revised Policy 4217	Weapons
Revised Policy 7217	Weapons
Revised Policy 5610	Removal, Suspension, Expulsion and Permanent Exclusion of Students

**Board Policy – Second Reading & Adoption**

to approve the following policies for second reading and adoption:

Revised Policy 5460	Graduation Requirements
Revised Policy 6423	Use of Credit Cards
Revised Policy 6700	Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
Revised Policy 8510	Wellness

**Resolution – Complimentary Passes**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the Board of Education offers certain benefits to our employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education offers certain benefits to community residents and other individuals; and

WHEREAS, the District and community benefit through the presence of District faculty, staff, and others identified in this resolution at school sponsored athletic and cultural events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yellow Springs School District Board of Education as follows:

The Board of Education provides complimentary passes and waives payment of any entry fee to the events listed below for all full time and part time employees and Board of Education Members

Complimentary passes/payment waiver applies to the following District events:

1. Home Athletic Events

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Vote: Yes – Anne, Aida, Sean, Steve

No – None

Absent – Sylvia

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**0717.04 ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – PERSONNEL**

Motion by Anne Erickson to approve the following personnel items with one vote:

**Resignations:**

**Certified Personnel:**

Carol Culbertson ILE Teacher at Mills Lawn  
Effective: End of the 2016-17 school year

MacKenzie Reynolds Math Teacher at YSHS  
Effective: June 30, 2017

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

**Certified Personnel: 1-Year Limited Contract** (July 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018)

Chelsee McFarland Mills Lawn 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Level I, Step 1 - \$38,941

Tamara Morrison YSHS Math Teacher  
Level III, Step 10 – \$61,610

**Classified Personnel: 1-Year Limited Contract** (July 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018)

Lauren Mikesell Mills Lawn Special Education Aide  
Classification III, Step 1 - \$14.15 per hour  
3 hours/day, 5 days/week

**Long Term Substitute Teacher**

Amanda Kinney MLS 1<sup>st</sup> grade long term substitute teacher  
(leave of absence)  
August 21, 2017 to Mid- October 2017  
(continues from April 14, 2017)

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

**Staff:**

Jaime Adoff Power of the Pen Advisor - \$1,344  
Rebecca Eastman MMS Leadership Council - \$1,573  
Dee Ann Holly Extended Detention Monitor - \$49/session  
Dee Ann Holly Detention Monitor - \$10.78/per 30 min session  
Elizabeth Lutz Spring Musical Choreographer - \$590  
Brian Mayer Pep Band - \$590  
Brian Mayer Orchestra Director - \$2,098  
Brian Mayer Band Director - \$2,098  
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp Fall Play Director - \$2,098  
Lorrie Sparrow-Knapp Spring Play Director - \$2,524

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

**Non-Staff:**

Nan Meekin Junior Class Advisor - \$1,344  
(Correction to sophomore class advisor at 6-8-17 meeting)

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

**Non-Staff:**

Isabelle Dierauer      Cross Country Coach - \$2,754

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

**Teacher (\$90.00/day, \$45.00/half)**

Mary Graham

Mark Holder

**Custodian (\$11.00/hour)**

Christina Williams

Seconded by Sean Creighton.

Vote: Yes – Aida, Sean, Steve, Anne

No – None

Absent – Sylvia

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**Greene County Career Center report**

Steve – the Take Flight initiative has been vetoed.

**Other Board members' items**

Aida – The STEM Public-Private Pilot Program Grant was awarded to Clark State and Yellow Springs Schools, as well as area businesses and two other school districts.

**0717.05 Executive Session**

Treasurer Pro Tem – Sean Creighton (Treasurer Dawn Bennett left at 8:18 p.m.)

Motion by Steve Conn to go into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. for discussion of:

The investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or student.

Seconded by Anne Erickson.

Vote: Yes – Sean, Steve, Anne, Aida

No – None

Absent – Sylvia

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:16 p.m.

**0717.06 Adjournment**

Motion by Anne Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Seconded by Steve Conn.

Voice Call: All ayes; Sylvia, absent.

Motion Carried: (4-0-1)

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Aida Merhemic, President

Date

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Dawn M. Bennett, Treasurer

Date

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