

Yelm Community Schools, District No. 2

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MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, May 9, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Edwards, Bill Hauss, Denise Hendrickson, Mark Rohwedder, Casey Shaw

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Damian Aalona, Mason Embrey, Lucia Morhweis

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Erin Bayer, Dee Dee Buckingham, Kaiya Burgess, Lisa Cadero-Smith, Jennifer Carrouger, Ellen Cavanaugh, Curtis Cleveringa, Sandy Conradi, Charles Cook, Lisa Crowell, Craig Curry, Becky Fowler, Jodi Jarmin, Shannon Powell, Chris Woods

CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Debbie Edwards called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She announced the floor was being given to Director Mark Rohwedder. Director Mark Rohwedder announced he was resigning his position as Director of District 1 effective immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS – APPROVED

<u>NEW HIRES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
No Report		

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No Report

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

Susan Buchmiller	MK Teacher Title/LAP	Resignation 8/31/2024
Kay Caldwell	MP Teacher Reading Intervention	Retirement 8/31/2024
Chris Fowler	MP Paraeducator Instructional	1 Year Only 4/19/2024
Cynthia Freshour Johnson	PR Teacher 3 rd Grade	Retirement 8/31/2024
Cyrus Platt	YHS Coach Assistant Football	Resignation 4/24/2024
Michael Riley	YMS Coach Head Boys Basketball	Correction 3/28/2024
Eric Salter	RMS Teacher Special Ed	Resignation 6/30/2024
Amy Ziesemer	PR Teacher Kindergarten	Resignation 6/30/2024

STAFFING CHANGES

Holly Ackerman Assistant Principal to PR Principal 7/1/2024 Position Change
M/Denise Hendrickson; S/Bill Hauss; Motion carried unanimously.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRAVEL – APPROVED

1. YHS Drama Club to Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, June 23-28, 2024, to participate in workshops and competition, 2 students and 1 chaperone.
2. YHS Band to Forest Grove, OR, May 23=25, 2024, to participate in Music in May, 10 students and 1 chaperone.
3. YHS FBLA to Orlando, FL, June 28-July 2, 2024, to participate in FBLA Nationals, 2 students and 1 chaperone.

M/Bill Hauss; S/Casey Shaw; Motion carried unanimously.

STUDY SESSION

RIDGELINE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Ridgeline Principal, Craig Curry and AVID Teacher Daryn Walter and 4-7th grade AVID students presented on what AVID is and the positive impacts it is having.

INTERVIEWS FOR STUDENTS ON GOVERNING BOARDS

School board members interviewed 6 candidates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:53 p.m.

President Debbie Edwards recessed the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m. for an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to the school board. She said the executive session would last approximately 15 minutes, and would return to the regular session upon their return from the executive session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 7:08 p.m.

President Debbie Edwards call the meeting back to order at 7:08 p.m. She announced that the board was returning from an executive session where they evaluated the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to the school board.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS ON GOVERNING BOARDS – APPROVED

Superintendent Chris Woods announced the students to serve on the board as follows:

Hannah Hiiva – Junior Representative

Sofie Miera – Junior Representative

Kailey Slevin - Junior Representative

M/Denise Hendrickson; S/Casey Shaw; Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE

Community Comments – Comments were presented by Kathryn Cullum, Cassandra Rorie, Malinda Poirer and Tasha Johnson.

RESOLUTION 08-23-24 – REDUCED EDUCATION PLAN – REDUCTION IN FORCE FOR YEA AND PSE – ADDENDUM ADDED AND APPROVED

Addendum A – During the creation of the Reduced Education Plan, we had conversations with PSE union leaders with a goal of classifying staff in accordance with the CBA Schedule A (salary schedule). This was intentional in order to impact as few staff as possible throughout this process of reductions. We could not come to an agreement prior to the board meeting, so we are adding an additional 15 transportation staff and 47 paraprofessionals to the list. The additional list of staffing that will be impacted without this agreement was attached to the addendum.

M/Denise Hendrickson; S/Bill Hauss; Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution approval - *M/Bill Hauss; S/Casey Shaw; Motion carried unanimously.*

BOARD COMMENTS

Board members commented on:

- We need to stand together, this division is not something we ever expected to see.
- Thank you, Mark Rohwedder for your years of service to Yelm Community Schools

Student Representative commented on:

- Congratulations to the new student representatives.
- We have a very strong community and will get through this.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chris Woods commented on:

- Thank you to all the student representative candidates.
- Thank you, Mark Rohwedder, you have always been an advocate for kids.
- The budget cutting process is difficult and I am not an expert. I appreciate all your comments and honesty.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/S/ Chris M. Woods
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

/S/ Debbie Edwards
Board President