

# Yelm Community Schools, District No. 2

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## MINUTES

*of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors*

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Debbie Edwards, Bill Hauss, Denise Hendrickson, Frank King, Casey Shaw

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Sofie Miera, Lucia Mohrweis

### **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Holly Ackerman, Jeff Adams, Erin Bayer, Mark Bowden, Dee Dee Buckingham, Lisa Cadero-Smith, Jennifer Carrougher, Curtis Cleveringa, Charles Cook, Lisa Crowell, Craig Curry, Becky Fowler, Jodi Jarmin, Jonathan Maynard, Jason Roberts, Traci Schultz, Starla Watson, Chris Woods

### **CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Denise Hendrickson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **AUDIENCE**

#### **Board Recognition**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Excellence in Information Technology and Services Award</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Honoring the technology and student information professionals who ensure seamless, reliable, and efficient technology support and data management, fostering a positive and productive environment for students and staff across the district.</i></p>
<p>Jacob Vaughan &amp; Nike Victory</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Excellence in Transportation Services Award</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Honoring the transportation professionals who ensure safe, reliable, and efficient transportation services, fostering a positive and supportive environment for students and staff across the district.</i></p>
<p>Jason Mai</p>

### **Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Chris Woods updated the board on the following:

- Strategic Plan process: The application will close on March 28, 2025. Thirty applications have been received so far. Applicants will be selected after Spring Break, with work beginning in April.
- Thank you to the Technology and Transportation departments. Both departments are vital to daily operations.
- Provided a legislative update.
- The district audit is scheduled to begin on March 28, 2025. Previous audits are available on the district website.

### **Community Comments**

No Comments

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES – APPROVED**

February 13, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

February 27, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS – APPROVED**

<b><u>NEW HIRES</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE</u></b>
Dylon Easley	Facilities YHS Custodian Evening	3/10/2025
Camden Gubser	YHS Coach Assistant Baseball C Team	3/17/2025
Hailey Herman	Facilities YMS Custodian Evening	3/24/2025

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

No Report

**RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS**

Arla Dahlberg	RMS Teacher History	Retirement 6/30/2025
Kathi Hicks	YHS CTE Para Instructional	Retirement 8/31/2025
Xavier Jones	YMS Coach Assistant Track	Resignation 3/5/2025
Joshua McCracken	YMS Coach Assistant Track	Resignation 3/5/2025
Debora McLean	YHS Office Professional V	Retirement 8/31/2025
Taylor Pizzo	SW Para SPED Program 1:1 Revised	Resignation Date 3/25/2025
Julie Ruger	MK Teacher SPED LRC	Resignation 4/11/2025
Ka Ki Tse	OSS ESA School Occupational Therapist	Resignation 6/30/2025

**STAFFING CHANGES**

Leia Blankenship PR Cafeteria 2.25 hr to YMS Cafeteria 4.0 hr

**STIPENDS/SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

\$103,372.50

*M/Debbie Edwards; S/Frank King; Motion carried unanimously.*

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS – APPROVED**

Margaret & Fred Ogden, Art & Music, Food ..... \$3,000.00

Funds For Kidz, Powerlifting Donation ..... \$700.00

*M/Frank King; S/Bill Hauss; Motion carried unanimously.*

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRAVEL – APPROVED**

YHS FBLA to Bellevue, WA, April 23-26, 2025, to compete in the FBLA State Competition, 9 students and 2 chaperones.

*M/Frank King; S/Bill Hauss; Motion carried unanimously.*

**VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL - APPROVED**

A. General Fund	# 70151659- 70151808	\$1,201,840.87
B. ASB Fund	# 70409789 - 70409813	\$49,286.92
C. Capital Projects Fund	# 70501799 - 70501805	\$130,375.01
D. Comp Tax	# 112300015 – 202100165	\$3,719.72
E. February Payroll		\$6,486,268.85

*M/Bill Hauss; S/Debbie Edwards; Motion carried unanimously.*

**FACILITIES REPORT – APPROVED**

**Public Works:**

Project #	Amount	Vendor/Reason
27.24	\$745.89	Advanced Classroom Technologies – Gym Speaker Repair – MK
29.24	\$1,409.37	Food Service Equipment – Steam Dishwasher Repairs – YHS
55.24	\$638.58	Pape Machinery – Emergency Generator Service – RMS
74.24	\$2,221.76	Hermanson Co LLP - Failed Venter Motor, Capacitor, and Fan Wheel Replacement – YHS
77.24	\$3,193.07	Lake Tapps Construction Ultd. – Brick Wall Repair – YHS

*M/Casey Shaw; S/Frank King; Motion carried unanimously.*

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

No additional report. Chief of Finance Jennifer Carrouger was available to answer questions.

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT REPORT**

March 2025	5524 HC	5389.78 FTE (120.22 < 5510.00)
Feb 2025	5549 HC	5415.11 FTE (94.89 < 5510.00)
March 2024	5664 HC	

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Board members commented on:

- Expressed the importance of all district staff working together to navigate the budget challenges.
- Congratulations to our Technology and Transportation Department award winners!

Student Representatives commented on:

- Appreciate the Transportation and Technology departments and the roles they play in student success.
- YHS Art Walk – April 11

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Chris Woods commented on:

- District labor groups have inquired about the budget cuts that will be implemented for next year. Before cuts are made, these things are being considered:
  - Rolling over cuts made this year to next year
  - Monitoring legislative developments
  - Staffing allocations based on CBA’s & a prototypical model
  - Building budget analysis
  - Consideration of in/out of district transfers
  - Maximizing revenue streams
  - Revisiting rules surrounding revenue streams and their utilization.
  - Engaging with school and district administration on areas where we can improve efficiency.
  - The board has held 3 Study Sessions and will hold the next on April 28
  - There is not an urgency this year, as a reduction in force is not planned.
  - Decisions will not be made until all the information is available.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

/S/Chris M. Woods  
Secretary to the Board

/S/Denise Hendrickson  
Board President