

Yelm Community Schools, District No. 2

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MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, May 8, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Edwards, Bill Hauss, Denise Hendrickson, Frank King

Excused – Casey Shaw

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Sofie Miera, Lucia Mohrweis

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Holly Ackerman, DeeDee Buckingham, Kaiya Burgess, Lisa Caderno-Smith, Curtis Cleveringa, Charles Cook, Craig Curry, Becky Fowler, Jodi Jarmin, Teri Melone, Starla Watson, Chris Woods

CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Denise Hendrickson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

AUDIENCE

Recognitions & Presentations

Volunteer of the Year

The School Board expressed sincere appreciation for the 2024-25 Volunteers of the Year, who were recognized at the meeting by their respective building principals. Each principal shared heartfelt remarks highlighting these individuals' outstanding contributions and dedication to their school communities.

- **Fort Stevens** – Kelsey O'Brien
- **Mill Pond** – Alanna Blankenship
- **Lackamas** – Amber Daniels
- **McKenna** – McKenna Booster Club
- **Prairie** – Cyndy Johnson
- **Southworth** – Chad Prante
- **Ridgeline Middle School** – Becca Cole
- **Yelm Middle School** – Tamari Lewis
- **Yelm High School** – Leslee Garvey

Prairie Elementary School Spotlight

Principal Holly Ackerman presented an overview of academic performance and school culture initiatives. Highlights included significant student growth across multiple grade levels in areas such as number sequencing, decomposing, aMath, and oral reading fluency (ORF). Kindergarten through 5th-grade students demonstrated measurable progress, with particular focus on literacy and numeracy skills. The school has set a goal for 90% of all students, including multilingual and special education students, to meet targeted growth benchmarks by June 2025.

The presentation also emphasized the importance of building a culture of belonging through school assemblies. Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Prairie continues the tradition of bi-monthly assemblies that foster community, celebrate student successes, and reinforce a positive school culture. Kara Clary, Prairie's music teacher, contributed to the presentation by highlighting how music plays a central role in these assemblies, helping to unite students and staff through shared

songs and performances. A video was shared to highlight the impact of these gatherings on student engagement and sense of belonging.

Community Comments

No community comments were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS – APPROVED

<u>NEW HIRES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Amanda Stumpf	SW Teacher LRC	9/3/2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Justin McNeil	YMS Teacher English Language Arts	9/3/2025 .40 FTE LOA
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RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS / TERMINATIONS

Rebecca Cook	SW Teacher Special Education	Resignation 6/30/2025
Timothy DeShazer	OSS ESA School Psychologist	Resignation 6/30/2025
Christina Folk	FS Para SPED Program PreK CLC	Resignation 6/16/2025
Michele Gill	SW OP II Attendance	Resignation 6/16/2025
Tiffany Hansen	SW Teacher Kindergarten	Resignation 6/30/2025
Genevieve Inungaray	YHS Teacher Special Education	Resignation 6/30/2025
Deanna Lopez	YHS Para SPED Program SITE	Resignation 5/2/2025
Debra Pridemore	YHS CTE Para Instructional	Retirement 8/31/2025
Kimberly Schley	PR Para Instructional	Retirement 8/31/2025
Georgia Skewis	SW Teacher Special Education	Resignation 6/30/2025
Lisa Todisco	YHS Teacher CTE	Resignation 6/2/2025
Laurie Trotter	YHS Para SPED LRC	Deceased 3/28/2025
Kelli Upton	Transportation Bus Assistant	Resignation 4/21/2025
Chelsea Watson	YMS OP II ASB/Athletics	Resignation 8/25/2025
Kalene Williams	OSS Behavior Support Assistant	Resignation 4/18/2025

STAFFING CHANGES

Kennedy Davis	OP III Food Service	OYO to Continuing 9/1/2025
Ashley Ellis	OP II Athletics to OP IV CTE YHS	9/1/2025
Rhondalee Maher	SPED Para 1:1 FS to RMS	4/17/2025
Debra Miles	OP III Counseling to OP V Principal YHS	9/1/2025
Catherine Mullins	OP III Asst. Principals	OYO to Continuing 9/1/2025
Shala Keen-Salter	Mail Courier	OYO to Continuing 9/1/2025
Emileigh Wilhelme	SPED Para 1:1 MP to MK	4/14/2025
Mayeli Zamudio	OP II Receptionist	OYO to Continuing 9/1/2025

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

POLICY REVISIONS – SECOND READING FOR APPROVAL - APPROVED

5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

5010 Procedure

3210 Nondiscrimination

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

BOARD COMMENTS

The board members shared appreciation for:

- Prairie Elementary's informative presentation

- The high caliber of students interviewed for Dollars for Scholars
- All district volunteers and their dedication!
- YCS teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week

Student Representatives shared:

- Appreciation for the volunteers and all they do for each of our schools
- Youth Legislature is at the capital this week.
- Ongoing collaboration with Superintendent Woods on the district's cell phone policy

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chris Woods reported on:

- Appreciation to Prairie Elementary for hosting the meeting.
- Thank you to our volunteers and teachers; it was a great week of celebration.
- Enjoyment of a recent dinner and games with student representatives.
- Update on the Strategic Planning Committee, which held its first meeting with over 30 participants. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

/S/ Chris M. Woods
Secretary to the Board

/S/ Denise Hendrickson
Board President