

Yelm Community Schools, District No. 2

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MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, October 9, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Hannah Hiiva, Sofie Miera, Rebecca Rankin, Kailey Slevin, Cali Stein, Ayden Williams

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Chris Clark, Curtis Cleveringa, Ali Jacobson, Felecia Stenbakken, Chris Woods

CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AUDIENCE

Superintendent's Comments

The Board received a presentation outlining recent policy revisions and the district's policy adoption process. Updates included new legislative requirements for the Oath of Office, as affirmed in House Bill 1296, which now requires board directors to swear an oath to both the U.S. and Washington State Constitutions before assuming duties.

Policies were categorized as **Critical**, **Important**, or **Discretionary** based on legal requirements, best practices, and local priorities.

The presentation also reviewed how additions and deletions are identified within policy documents.

Community Comments

Heather Warsaw presented comments.

NEW BUSINESS

INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS – APPROVED

<u>NEW HIRES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Jared Cullum	SW Paraeducator SPED LRC	9/29/2025
Bronte Hardison	SW Paraeducator Instructional	OYO Title/Lap 10/7/2025
Ashley Ilar	SW Paraeducator Instructional	OYO Title/Lap 9/17/2025
Brytin Powers	SW Paraeducator SPED SELF	9/29/2025
Kristi Struna	OSS Speech, Language Pathologist	10/1/2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No Report

RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS / TERMINATIONS

Jennifer Carrougher, Business Office CFO

Resignation 12/1/2025

Skylah Keeler, PR Paraeducator SPED 1:1

Resignation 9/23/2025

Sarah Karnuth, Transportation Bus Driver
Heather Smith, RMS Paraeducator SPED
M/Debbie Edwards; S/Bill Hauss; Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation 9/30/2025
Resignation 9/25/2025

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS - APPROVED

The Geo Group, YHS Girls Basketball \$500.00
Brett Vanslyke, YHS CTE Auto FMV \$420.00
YHS Connects Booster, YHS Choir.....\$7,519.00
M/Frank King; S/Debbie Edwards; Motion carried unanimously.

YAEOP SALARY SCHEDULE 2025-2026 - APPROVED

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

YELM HIGH SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Yelm High School Principal Curtis Cleveringa, Assistant Principals Chris Clark and Ali Jacobson, and Dean of Students Felecia Stenbakken presented the 2025–26 School Improvement Plan, highlighting the school’s continued focus on *Learning, Belonging, and Community*. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and trust—“walking together”—as the foundation for progress. Key areas of focus include improving attendance, strengthening Tier I instruction, enhancing student engagement, and supporting graduation and postsecondary pathways. Efforts to foster a sense of belonging center on building a culture of dignity, expanding student leadership opportunities, and celebrating achievements. Community goals emphasize two-way communication, shared ownership, and increased family partnership in student learning. The presentation concluded with an overview of upcoming leadership priorities.

YELM EXTENSION SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Principal Ali Jacobson and Dean of Students Felecia Stenbakken presented the 2025–26 School Improvement Plan for Yelm Extension School, outlining goals centered on *Learning, Belonging, and Community*. The school aims to increase the on-time graduation rate from 56% to at least 67% through personalized graduation plans, credit recovery, and academic advising. Efforts to strengthen belonging include fostering a culture of dignity and increasing student survey results measuring feelings of acceptance and inclusion. To enhance community connection, YES will focus on family engagement through monthly events and bi-weekly newsletters designed to build two-way communication and shared ownership in student success.

BOARD COMMENTS

The board members shared appreciation for the YHS and YES administrators for their presentations, the YHS choir for their performance, and Heather Warsaw for her thoughtful comments. They noted that transparency remains a frequent topic of discussion and emphasized that communication is a two-way process—the community must also be open to receiving information. Board members encouraged attendees to reach out with questions and to share with others that the board is approachable and available for conversation. They also reminded everyone that, as a school board, they are prohibited from endorsing any candidates. The board expressed appreciation to the YHS staff for their efforts and contributions.

Student Representatives shared that they are noticing differences with the new cell phone policy and acknowledged that it has been an adjustment for many students. They thanked Ms. Mathis for organizing the successful CARE Night event, expressed appreciation to the YHS choir and the booster organization for their ongoing support, and complimented the presenters for their excellent presentations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chris Woods reported on:

The Superintendent congratulated Southworth Assistant Principal Traci Schultz on being named Assistant Principal of the Year by the Washington Association of School Principals. He noted that the CARE event was a great success and well attended. He shared that he recently attended the Special Education Parent Advisory meeting and the YMS Booster Club meeting, both of which provided valuable engagement with families and the community. The Superintendent also thanked community member Shannon for reaching out with questions and emphasized his openness to meet with anyone at any time. He concluded by noting that his latest bus ride took him to Clearwood, where he rode the elementary and secondary routes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

/S/Chris M. Woods
Secretary to the Board

/S/Denise Hendrickson
Board President