

Yelm Community Schools, District No. 2

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MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, December 18, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Holly Ackerman, Mark Bowden, Kaiya Burgess, Lisa Cadero-Smith, Ellen Cavanaugh, Chris Clark, Curtis Cleveringa, Craig Curry, Becki Fowler, Jodi Jarmin, Kendall McNutt, Teri Melone, Starla Watson, Chris Woods.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

Superintendent Chris Woods administered the oath of office to the newly elected District 1 school board director, Frank King. Mr. King was elected during the November 4 general election and will serve a four-year term.

Director Debbie Edwards administered the oath of office to the newly elected District 4 school board director, Ryan Jewell. Mr. Jewell was elected during the November 4 general election and will serve a four-year term.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Casey Shaw was elected to a one-year term as president of the board of directors.

M/Frank King; S/Ryan Jewell

Role Call Vote: Ryan Jewell/Yes; Denise Hendrickson/Yes; Bill Hauss/Yes; Casey Shaw/Yes; Frank King/Yes

Bill Hauss was elected to a one-year term as vice president of the board of directors.

M/Denise Hendrickson; S/Casey Shaw

Role Call Vote: Ryan Jewell/Yes; Denise Hendrickson/Yes; Bill Hauss/Yes; Casey Shaw/Yes; Frank King/Yes

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Yelm Middle School

Yelm Middle School Principal Mark Bowden, Assistant Principal Kaiya Burgess, and multiple students presented an update focused on **Learning, Belonging, and Community**. The presentation highlighted instructional priorities centered on increasing student engagement, effective lesson closures, and providing multiple access points to learning for all students, supported through teacher-led professional development. Student learning and engagement indicators were shared, including strong belonging survey results and high attendance at school events such as the band concert.

The school reported implementing YMS 101, a new program that supports 6th-grade students with foundational academic and organizational skills, and noted significant improvements in student behavior data, including reductions in suspensions, referrals, tardies, disruptive conduct, and dangerous behavior.

Efforts to strengthen student and staff belonging were outlined through leadership opportunities, clubs, assemblies, surveys, and the new 8th Grade Academy, which features monthly guest speakers focused on future planning and decision-making.

Community initiatives included recognition programs, yearbook engagement, and a new 6th-grade technology policy limiting phone and Chromebook use during the school day, which has received positive feedback from parents. Future goals include exploring a schoolwide no-phone policy, reducing reliance on one-to-one technology, and developing a technology course to support responsible technology use.

AUDIENCE

Board Recognition

Building Principals recognized the following individuals:

<u>Outstanding School Office Professional Award</u>		
<i>Recognizing office staff who excel in delivering exceptional administrative support, maintaining smooth school operations, and creating a positive, welcoming environment for students, staff, and families.</i>		
Silvia Saldana – FS	Brittni Bracamonte – LK	Marjean Peterson - MK
Tonya Marlowe – MP	Andrea Villegas – PR	Dorine Hunt - SW
Kim Gosney – RMS	Susanne Miller – YMS	Mayeli Zamudio - YHS
Deborah Jumper - YES		

Superintendent’s Comments

The Superintendent reported that the recent 8th-grade Comprehensive Sexual Health Education parent night was attended by two families. He also shared that he and a board member attended binding conditions meetings with ESD and OSPI and that he continues to meet with both agencies as this work progresses.

Community Comments

Comments were presented by Andrea Hall and Meridee Hill.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES - APPROVED

Nov 20, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
 M/Bill Hauss; S/Ryan Jewell; Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS – APPROVED

New Hires		
Name	Position	Effective Date
Korey Arnold	RMS SPED Para CLC	12/2/2025
Terry Burnham	Facilities – PR	11/7/2025
Jennifer Horne	Transportation Bus Driver	11/25/2025
Neona Jones	PR SPED Para Student Specific	11/7/2025
Courtney Lee	Transportation Bus Driver	11/24/2025
Vivita Rabo	SW Teacher Special Education CLC/SELF	1/5/2026
Anecia Wright	MP SPED Para SELF/CLC	12/1/2025
LEAVE OF ABSENCE		

Name	Position	Effective Date
No Report		
RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS		
Name	Position	Effective Date
Vanessa Chenvert	YHS Para SPED	11/30/2025 Resignation
Angela Clooney	Food Service Cafeteria	12/9/2025 Termination
Samantha Fisher	Transportation Bus Driver	11/19/2025 Rescinded Offer
Richard Flores	YHS Coach Assistant Boys Basketball	11/17/2025 Resignation
Scott Gallup	Transportation Dispatcher	1/9/2025 Resignation
Marjorie Hyatt	SW Para Instructional	12/19/2025 Resignation
Kristel Rex	Food Service Cafeteria	12/19/2025 Resignation
Tami Sadler	FS SPED Para LRC	12/1/2025 <i>Retirement</i>
REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS FOR TEACHING OUT OF ENDORSEMENT		
Name	Location/Out of Endorsement Subject	Date
Shon Torres	YHS – Spanish	11/12/2025 Long Term Sub until filled
STIPENDS/SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS		
\$939.89		

M/Frank King; S/Denise Hendrickson; Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS – APPROVED

Jim Blodgett, YCS M&O aluminum bleacher FMV \$1,000.00
 Megan Farnam, LK ASB \$100.00

M/Denise Hendrickson; S/Frank King; Motion carried unanimously.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRAVEL - APPROVED

1. YHS Sports Medicine to Pasadena, CA, 3/12-3/15/26, to participate in the AACI Regional Sports Medicine competition; 12 students and 1 chaperone.
2. YHS Careers in Education to Portland, OR, 6/20-6/23/26, to participate in Educator Rising Nationals; 8 students and 1 chaperone.

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

POLICY REVISIONS AND REPLACEMENTS - APPROVED

Second Reading – For Approval

Category	Policy Number and Title	Revision or Replacement
Critical	2161 Procedure Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Services	Revision
Critical	3143 Notification and Dissemination of Information Student Offenses	Revision
Critical	4260 Use of School Facilities	Revision
Critical	3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation	Revision
Critical	3207 Procedure	Revision
Important	2420 Grading and Progress Reports	Replacement
Important	2420 Procedure	Replacement

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

EARLY LEARNING PRESENTATION

Director of Student Learning Kendall McNutt presented an overview of the district’s *Supportive Start* early learning initiative, outlining YCS’s ongoing commitment to early learning through all-day kindergarten, PK instructional materials, structured play, transition-to-kindergarten supports, peer modeling, and the Supportive Start program itself. The presentation highlighted key developmental

differences among young learners and described three instructional shifts emphasized by Supportive Start: development of fine motor skills, social-emotional skills, and play-based learning to support executive functioning and in-context academics. Implementation components include collaborative development, immersive training, a customized scope and sequence, adapted play-based lessons, and ongoing coaching support. Kendall McNutt reported that the program began as a pilot in SY 2024–25 with seven classrooms across three schools and expanded in SY 2025–26 to 22 classrooms (all kindergarten and five first-grade classrooms) across all six schools. The presentation concluded with examples of classroom practices and recognition of early learning educators for their work.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL - APPROVED

A. General Fund	# 7015269 – 70153378	
	#70153399 - 70153440	\$1,349,570.29
B. ASB Fund	# 70409984 - 70410003	\$45,262.33
C. Capital Projects Fund	# 70501864 - 70501867	\$47,849.55
D. Comp Tax	# 112300024 – 202100171	\$348.34
E. General ACH	# 9000000017- 9000000040	\$3,943.69
F. TVF	#70700044 – 70700044	\$178,618.17
G. November Payroll		\$6,596,046.48

M/Bill Hauss; S/Ryan Jewell; Motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Director of Operations Teri Melone presented the December 18, 2025, Operations Update. The District Safety Committee was reviewed, noting that it meets quarterly with representation from all schools and departments, along with two community members, to review safety issues, accident trends, and make recommendations. The committee approved the submission of a grant application to the ESD 113 Workers’ Compensation Program for the purchase of new ladders in the amount of \$3,734.60.

An update was provided on the Organic Waste Plan, with districtwide implementation scheduled for January 5, 2026. Fort Stevens has piloted the program with positive results, and Lackamas has implemented a student-led “Trash Team.” Teri Melone shared that materials are being used creatively to remain cost-neutral in the first year and that a communication and education campaign is underway.

Teri also reviewed the purpose and work of the Wellness Committee, which evaluates implementation of Wellness Policy 6700 and will present an assessment and plan to the Board and community. Efforts are underway to expand committee representation to include students, community members, and staff, with meetings planned four to six times per year.

Public Works: APPROVED

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor/Reason</u>
30.25	\$958.13	Drain Pro – Emergency Septic Service Call – YES
35.25	\$1,314.00	Wood & Link Fence Co – Fence Repair – MP
36.25	\$750.02	Hermanson Co LLP - Walk In Cooler Temp Troubleshoot – RMS
37.25	\$750.02	Hermanson Co LLP - Walk In Cooler Leak Troubleshoot – RMS
38.25	\$750.02	Hermanson Co LLP - Walk In Cooler Temp Troubleshoot – YMS
39.25	\$2,833.87	Hermanson Co LLP - Walk In Freezer Walk In Freezer Service Valve & Dual Pressure Switch Replacements – YHS
44.25	\$3,442.59	Drain Pro – Septic Pump Service Call – LK

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

No additional report, board members received in their packets

STUDENT ENROLLMENT REPORT

Dec 2025	5347 HC	5226.19 FTE (191.42 < 5443.00)
Nov 2025	5391 HC	5268.07 FTE (186.25 < 5443.00)
Dec 2024	5535 HC	

BOARD COMMENTS

Board members welcomed Ryan as a new member of the board, thanked YMS for hosting the meeting for the presentation provided, and congratulated the office professional award nominees for their recognition.

Student Representative Comments:

Student representatives welcomed the new board member and shared that they enjoyed the middle school presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The superintendent thanked outgoing board member Debbie Edwards for her 41 years of service.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

/S/Chris M. Woods
Secretary to the Board

/S/William Hauss
Board President