

YELLOW MEDICINE EAST ISD #2190
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 2025 - 6:00 pm
YME BOARD ROOM & YME YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy LeBlanc, Board Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Board Members in Attendance: Laurel Christianson, Jeremy LeBlanc, Amanda Lecy, Sonja Pederson, Abbey Richter, Ron Winter, Matt Zempel

Others in Attendance: Roberta Bjerkeset, Lisa Hansen, Stacy Hinz, Marlys Lacroix, Rich Schneider, Denise Streich

Motion by Matt Zempel, second by Amanda Lecy, and carried, to approve the amended meeting agenda.

Matt Zempel read the YME Mission Statement.

The opportunity to address the board received no response.

Motion by Sonja Pederson, second by Laurel Christianson, and carried, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- approval of the January 13, 2025 meeting minutes.
- payment for claims in the amount of \$397,527.21 with checks numbered 28035-28186. and wire transfers in the amount of \$314,647.17 numbered 202400203-202400223.
- finance reports, as submitted.
- enrollment report, as submitted.

Bert Raney Elementary Principal Lisa Hansen, reported on the following: preschool programming update, new ELA curriculum information, and staff development activities.

YME MS/HS Principal, Stacy Hinz, reported on the following: February newsletter, PLC goals, and Magic School - AI for schools.

YME Food Service Director, Marlys Lacroix, reported on the following: the new menu program and app, USDA guidelines that must be followed, and new supply companies used for food, bread and paper products.

YME Indian Education Director, Berta Bjerkeset, reported on the annual compliance overview. The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee issued a vote of concurrence in regard to educational offerings being extended by the district to American Indian students.

YME Superintendent, Rich Schneider, reported on the following: current staffing update, the MVCC joint powers agreement, a Legislative update, and the survey timeline.

A brief overview of the following committee meetings was given:

Technology Committee - February 4, 2025

Buildings & Grounds Committee - February 5, 2025

Motion by Matt Zempel, second by Laurel Christianson, and carried, with Amanda Lecy abstaining, to approve the employment of Shelly Schulz, Food Service Cashier.

Motion by Matt Zempel, second by Laurel Christianson, and carried, with Amanda Lecy abstaining, to approve the employment of Paige Lehrkamp, Industrial Technology Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Matt Zempel, second by Laurel Christianson, and carried, with Amanda Lecy abstaining, to approve the employment of Brett Almich, Volunteer Baseball Coach.

Motion by Matt Zempel, second by Laurel Christianson, and carried, with Amanda Lecy abstaining, to approve the employment of Mike Richter, Volunteer Baseball Coach.

Motion by Matt Zempel, second by Amanda Lecy, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adopt a resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions therefore.

Motion by Sonja Pederson, second by Ron Winter, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 512 - School-Sponsored Student Publications & Activities.

Motion by Sonja Pederson, second by Ron Winter, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 608 - Instructional Services - Special Education.

Motion by Sonja Pederson, second by Ron Winter, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 609 - Religion & Religious & Cultural Observances.

Discussion Items Included: Summary of Superintendent Goals for 2024-25; Review of Superintendent Evaluation for 2024-25; Survey Update

Upcoming Events:

Policy Committee Meeting - February 12, 2025 - 5:30 pm

No School - Inservice Day - February 14, 2025

No School - Presidents Day - February 19, 2025

Finance Committee Meeting - February 26, 2025 - 5:30 pm

Early Dismissal - Teacher PLC - March 7, 2025 - 1:00 pm

Board Meeting - March 10, 2025 - 6:00 pm

Second Board Meeting - Review Survey Results - March 24, 2025 - 6:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned by Jeremy LeBlanc, Chair.