

**YELLOW MEDICINE EAST ISD #2190  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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

Motion by Sonja Pederson, second by Matt Zempel, and carried, to approve the meeting agenda.

Jeremy Leblanc read the YME Mission Statement.

Vicki Bakken addressed the board regarding the purchase of school property near her home.

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

- approval of the June 9, 2025 meeting minutes.
- payment for claims in the amount of \$190,976.10 with checks numbered 28718-288787.
- payment for claims in the amount of \$373,388.30 with checks numbered 29000-29048.
- wire transfers in the amount of \$420,127.19 numbered 202400305-202400337.
- finance reports, as submitted.

**Board Organization 2025-2026**

Motion by Zempel, second by Christianson, and carried, to approve board meeting dates for 2025-2026 as follows: July 14, 2025 - August 11, 2025 - September 8, 2025 - October 13, 2025 - November 10, 2025 - December 8, 2025 - January 12, 2026 - February 9, 2026 - March 9, 2026 - April 13, 2026 - May 11, 2026 - June 8, 2026. Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm in the YME Board Room.

Motion by Zempel, second by Christianson, and carried, to approve committee meeting dates for 2025-2026 as follows:

Buildings & Grounds Committee - Jeremy LeBlanc, Amanda Lecy, Ron Winter  
August 20, 2025 - September 11, 2025 - November 6, 2025 - December 4, 2025 - February 5, 2026

Policy Committee - Laurel Christianson, Abbey Richter, Matt Zempel  
September 16, 2025 - November 13, 2025 - February 12, 2026 - May 21, 2026

Finance Committee - Laurel Christianson, Sonja Pederson, Matt Zempel  
October 2, 2025 - November 20, 2025 - February 19, 2026 - April 16, 2026

Meet & Confer - Board Members Assign on a Per-Meeting Basis  
September 8, 2025 - December 8, 2025 - March 9, 2026 - June 8, 2026

MRVED Board Meeting - Amanda Lecy, Sonja Pederson (alternate)  
September 17, 2025 - December 17, 2025 - February 18, 2026 - April 15, 2026 - June 17, 2026

Motion by Zempel, second by Richter, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adopt a resolution to hold meetings and conduct business on Indigenous Peoples Day, October 13, 2025.

Motion by Pederson, second by Lecy, and carried, to designate the YME website - [www.isd2190.org](http://www.isd2190.org) - as the official publication site for the district.

Motion by Christianson, second by Richter, and carried, to designate the Advocate Tribune as the official newspaper for the district.

Motion by Zempel, second by Christianson, and carried, to authorize Jeremy Wilcox, Finance Officer, and Tara Miller, Director of Human Resources & Payroll, to complete and authorize electronic fund transfers as necessary to pay board bills and payroll and to complete investments for the District in secured accounts to yield the greatest potential return on investments.

Motion by Zempel, second by Lecy, and carried, to designate school depositories for the 2025-26 school year, as follows: FM Bank of Clarkfield - Payroll, Citizens Alliance Bank Granite Falls - Board Account, Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund – Receiving Federal funds/state aid and levy revenue, MN Trust - received Federal funds/state aid and levy revenue, investments, and provide electronic fund transfers for payroll and board checks.

Motion by Pederson, second by Christianson, and carried, to authorize facsimile use of board signatures.

Motion by Zempel, second by Richter, and carried, to designate the law firms of Squires, Waldspurger & Mace, P.A. – Kristin C. Nierengarten and Holmstrom, Kvam, & Blackwelder – Spencer Kvam as school attorneys & legal counsel.

Superintendent Schneider reviewed his written report which included a staffing update, surplus property information, and legislative update.

A brief overview of the following committee meetings was given:

Facilities Meeting & Tour - June 10, 2025

MRVED Board Meeting - June 18, 2025

Activities Committee - July 2, 2025

Community Referendum Meeting - Echo Community Center - July 8, 2025

Community Referendum Meeting - Clarkfield City Hall - July 9, 2025

Superintendent Schneider gave an update on the building referendum process. Meetings were recently held in Echo and Clarkfield and meetings will be held in Hanley Falls and again in Granite Falls.

Motion by Pederson, second by Christianson, and carried, to accept the resignation of elementary teacher, Megan Smallman.

Motion by Pederson, second by Christianson, and carried, to accept the resignation of MS/HS Teacher, Lucas Damm.

Motion by Pederson, second by Christianson, and carried, to accept the resignation of BRE Paraprofessional, Sami Halvorson.

Motion by Pederson, second by Christianson, and carried, to accept the resignation of MS/HS Teacher, Robyn Aslesen.

Motion by Lecy, second by Zempel, and carried, to approve the employment of Rhonda Buysse, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher.

Motion by Lecy, second by Zempel, and carried, to approve the employment of Felix Amato, MS/HS Teacher.

Motion by Lecy, second by Zempel, and carried, to approve the employment of Tammy Carruth, Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher.

Motion by Lecy, second by Zempel, and carried, to approve the employment of Michelle Vavricka, Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher.

Motion by Lecy, second by Zempel, and carried, to approve the employment of Michelle Vavricka, BRE Paraprofessional.

Motion by Lecy, second by Zempel, and carried, to approve the employment of Megan Canatsey, BRE Paraprofessional.

Motion by Zempel, second by Winter, and carried, to recognize donations received during the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted.

Motion by Zempel, second by Christianson, and carried, to accept the bid received from Prairie Farms, Sioux Falls SD to supply milk and milk products for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Pederson, second by Lecy, and carried, to approve the Fees and Rates Schedule for 2025-2026, leaving the price for seconds at \$2.00.

Motion by Zempel, second by Christianson, and carried, to approve the Credit Card Use and Procurement Procedure for 2025-2026.

Motion by Zempel, second by Pederson, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adopt a resolution designating Rich Schneider, Superintendent as the District's IOwA for 2025-2026.

Motion by Christianson, second by Richter, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adopt a resolution approving an amended Fiscal Host Agreement with Minnesota Valley Cooperative Center for the 2025-2026 through 2029-2030 school years.

Motion by Lecy, second by Richter, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adopt a resolution to serve as the official paymaster for all employees hired under Minnesota Valley Cooperative Center (0978-52), in accordance with the existing Joint Powers Agreement and Fiscal Host Designation.

Motion by Richter, second by Zempel, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, to adopt a resolution approving the FY27 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Plan.

#### Upcoming Events:

Community Referendum Meeting - Hanley Falls Fire Hall - July 16, 2025 - 6:00 pm  
Community Referendum Meeting - Facebook Live - YME FB Page - July 22, 2025 - 5:30 pm  
Community Referendum Meeting - YME Auditorium - July 22, 2025 - 7:00 pm  
Board Meeting - August 11, 2025 - 6:00 pm  
Election Day - August 12, 2025  
MRVED Paraprofessional Workshop Conference - Benson - August 13, 2025  
New Teacher Workshop - August 19-21, 2025  
Staff Development - August 25-28, 2025  
Back to School Open House - August 27, 2025

First Day of the 2025-2026 School Year - September 2, 2025  
Board Meeting - September 8, 2025 - 6:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned by Jeremy LeBlanc, Chair.