

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

20 West Wood Street

January 24, 2017

The Youngstown Board of Education met in regular session at the I.L. Ward Building on January 24, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5.35 p.m. by President Brenda Kimble. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call was taken with the following board members in attendance:

Sanderson, Shadd, Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy

CEO Mohip was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call to approve the agenda as presented was called, the results were as follows:

Ayes: Sanderson, Shadd, Williams, Adair, Kimble, Murphy

Nays: Hunter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the minutes for 12/13/16 and 12/20/16.

Roll call to approve the minutes as presented was called, the results were as follows:

Ayes: Sanderson, Shadd, Williams, Kimble, Murphy

Nays: Hunter

Abstain: Adair

Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

The board recognized Mr. Thorpe for his public service during a robbery that took place at Taft School involving one of the district teachers

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Ms. Pauline Lucky stated that she was a district bus operator. She explained that she had been having some problems at the bus garage and she had been off from work since December 2016. She stated that she was put on investigative leave that Monday because a child was missed at a bus stop. She spoke to her supervisor about the issue and feels that she is being targeted because she stood up for what she believes to be right. She would like for someone to look into this matter

Shawnese Belcher stated the following: 1.) she believes her supervisor thinks the union is a joke; 2.) they have not been able to express themselves without worry of retribution and the supervisor has been very rude; 3.) she felt that the supervisor was taking jobs that drivers with more seniority should get and giving them to her friends who came from Austintown; 4.) there have been nothing but problems since the new supervisor came and many drivers have their concerns but will not speak because they are worried about what the outcome might be and if there will be any repercussion; 5.) the union representative has tried to speak to CEO Mohip but he does not return the phone calls or the emails. Ms. Belcher ended by saying she just wanted this information to be known and that she does not think that the bus drivers are being treated fairly.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Kimble stated that Hamilton Local School District could not attend and she would try to reschedule. This is a school district that turned their academics around and did not require an academic distress team. Ms. Adair asked which Hamilton school this was since there are two and Ms. Kimble replied that it was the school district with 3,000 students.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

1. It was motioned by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Adair to approve Resolution #01.24.17-02 – Appoint Delegate to National School Board Association – Brenda Kimble.

Roll call:

Ayes: Sanderson, Shadd, Williams, Adair, Kimble, Murphy

Nays: Hunter

Motion passed.

2. It was motioned by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Shadd to approve Resolution #01.24.17-03 – Resolution to Appoint Delegate to Ohio School Boards Association - Jackie Adair.

Roll call:

Ayes: Sanderson, Shadd, Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy

Nays:

Motion passed.

- 3. It was motioned by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Shadd to approve Resolution #01.24.17-04 – Resolution to Appoint Representative to the Youngstown Tax Incentive Review Council – Jerome Williams.**

Roll call:

Ayes: Shadd, Williams, Adair, Kimble, Murphy

Nays: Sanderson, Hunter

Motion passed.

- 4. It was motioned by Mr. Shadd and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Resolution #01.24.17-05 – Resolution to Appoint City Legislative Liaison – Michael Murphy.**

On discussion Mr. Hunter wanted to know where the appointments were coming from, who was making the decisions to appoint these members and what were their qualifications? Ms. Adair had two questions, she wanted to know what would the legislative liaison do and is there a conflict of interest and possible collusion since the person being voted on is an employee of the city? Ms. Kimble stated that the person who is appointed to the position would be working on the committee as it pertains to education.

Roll call:

Ayes: Shadd, Williams, Kimble, Murphy

Nays: Sanderson, Adair, Hunter

Motion passed.

- 5. It was motioned by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Sanderson to approve Resolution #01.24.17-06 – Resolution for Travel Related to Official Duties While Serving OSBA – Brenda Kimble.**

On discussion Mr. Hunter took issue with the spending of funds for travel and stated that he had not heard any report from Ms. Kimble that had ultimately helped the board or benefited students. Mr. Hunter said an amount should be on the resolution.

Ms. Adair wanted to know how much travel and agreed with Mr. Hunter that an amount needed to be added to the resolution. Mr. Shadd felt that travel to learn and gain knowledge was necessary and needed and did not feel the resolution needed to be held up waiting on an amount to be added to the resolution. Ms. Kimble stated that the district would pay no funds and that OSBA would be reimbursing all of her travel.

Ms. Adair recommended that the resolution be rewritten to state that the district will not pay out any district funds. Mr. Williams stated that we are seeking education and knowledge to save our kids and he encouraged all board members to attend conferences to find solutions. Ms. Kimble ended the discussion by stating the resolution is created by the Ohio School Boards Association and the same resolution goes out to every school board in Ohio.

Roll call:

Ayes: Sanderson, Shadd, Williams, Adair, Kimble, Murphy

Nays: Hunter

Motion passed.

TREASURERS RECOMMENDATIONS

The treasurer reported that all final expenditure reports for grants from fiscal year 2016 had been approved and she would report on the outcomes at the next meeting.

Ms. Adair asked about the related party request from the state auditors. Mr. Shadd and Ms. Sanderson commented about the request as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Adair asked what is the board doing about the other reorganizational pieces, section 1053 – policies and bylaws; subsection d – designate general legal advisor, subsection e – a legal advisor for specific projects / areas of practice with 5 areas listed and subsection f – a designee to attend public records access training required for board members for each term of office. Ms. Kimble agreed and said there were a few other items that were missing and they would have to be addressed in the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kimble told the members that as board president she was going to add some new committees, but she told the members that they have to understand that they under HB70 and even though they are not in control of the district they can still be strong and effective as a board.

The committees will be as follows:

- 1. Finance - Corrine Sanderson and Dario Hunter**
- 2. HB 70 – Jackie Adair and Ronald Shadd**
- 3. CEO – Jerome Williams and Michael Murphy**

Mr. Hunter said he would accept his assignment to the finance committee.

Ms. Kimble called for other new business and Mr. Hunter expressed that he was troubled with the statements he heard today during public comment and previously. He posed a question to the CEO in light of the serious concerns he has been hearing about allegations of workers' rights and union representation simply being cast aside by some of the new people being brought in under the leadership of the CEO; what are you going to do to improve the relationships of those who work for the district particularly those who are represented by a union?

CEO Mohip respectfully declined to answer but stated that he is working with all unions and addressing each situation out as it arises.

Mr. Hunter asked if the CEO felt he had the power to overturn union contracts through HB70 and the CEO said he did not feel that was something he could discuss at this time but he would continue to be collaborative with all employees whether they were union or not and to respect the law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was motioned by Ms. Sanderson and seconded by Ms. Adair to go into executive session for a complaint against an employee.

Roll call:

Ayes: Sanderson, Shadd, Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy

Nays:

Motion passed.

Ms. Kimble announced there would be no formal action taken after the session recessed.

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Executive session ended at 7:24 p.m. and the board returned to the regular board session.

Motion by Ms. Adair and seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor:

Ayes: Sanderson , Shadd, Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy

Nays:

Meeting adjourned 7:28 p.m.

President

Treasurer

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