

March 21

2017

YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

5:30 P.M.

Board Room

I.L. Ward Building

THE YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Brenda Kimble, President
Michael Murphy, Vice-President
Jacqueline Adair
Dario Hunter
Corrine Sanderson
Ronald Shadd
Jerome Williams

Krish Mohip, CEO
Tyrone Olverson, CAO
Stephen Stohla, Interim Superintendent
Sherry Tyson, Treasurer
Joseph Nohra, COO

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 21, 2017 AGENDA

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 24, 2017
February 16, 2017
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITIONS
- VII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (Citizens Participation)
- VIII. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATION [Orange]
Ralph Meacham & Cheri Donofrio from Mahoning County Auditor Office (taxation/abatement)
- IX. TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS [Blue]
- X. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (5 MINUTES)
- XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
STUDENT ACHEIVMENT LIAISON
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
OSBA TRAINING
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS
- XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XV. ADJOURNMENT

YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION – Executive Sessions

Exhibit
Executive Sessions

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Board of Education was held on _____. The Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Ohio. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion of executive session of its meeting are as checked below:

1. _____ The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing;
2. _____ The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding;
3. _____ Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action;
4. _____ Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees;
5. _____ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;
6. _____ Specialized details of security arrangements.

This _____ day of _____, _____

Chair or Presiding Officer

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

20 West Wood Street

February 16, 2017

The Youngstown Board of Education met in a special session at the I.L. Ward Building on February 16, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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:

Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy

Sanderson (5:04pm), Shadd (5:05pm),

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

On call for discussion Mr. Hunter spoke about the agenda highlighting the resolution that was listed because he felt that the members of the board had not been informed properly nor had they had any opportunity to add input in creating the resolution to amend certain by-laws of the board. Mr. Hunter stated he would be voting no and he hoped the resolution would be withdrawn and discussed among members of the board for future potential consideration.

Ms. Adair had concerns about the last minute change of the regular board meeting. She said since she had not been contacted she assumed there would be no meeting. Ms. Adair questioned the need for a special meeting and asked the other members if they had been notified prior to the change and given enough time to deal with this meeting. Ms. Adair asked about agenda review and should there have been one to discuss the items on the agenda. She also wanted to know where the voice of the other board members was on the agenda and stated she agreed with Mr. Hunter that this was an undemocratic process and she would be inclined to vote no for the approval of the intended agenda.

Ms. Kimble then said that the resolution was put on the agenda so that the board could discuss it and see what changes need to be made to get the committees started. Mr. Kimble said the special meeting was called because a majority of the board members wanted a legal update and this was the day that the attorney could be present.

Ms. Sanderson said she felt that there could have been a regular meeting and agreed there was no need for a special meeting.

Mr. Hunter reiterated that he was not in agreement with the resolution or the idea of a special meeting; his statements suggested that he felt there was an ulterior motive for the meeting. Mr. Hunter ended by saying that leadership needs to look carefully at itself, its' actions and the way it is framing its connections with other board members.

Mr. Williams said that he agreed the resolution should say discussion and that every member of the board should have input, however let's move forward. Let's try this year to get something done as a team; everybody needs to have a voice in redesigning bylaws. Can we agree that she erred; this is bigger than we thought and we need to have a special meeting or another meeting to iron this out and can we make a motion to reschedule.

Mr. Shadd said that at any point anyone can bring anything to be voted on, that is in the bylaws and everyone knows that. He wanted to know: what was the point of making a motion when you know the plan?

Mr. Williams said he would make the motion but Ms. Kimble wanted to speak. Ms. Kimble said she was not going to allow people to say things about her that were untrue and once again stated that the resolution was just to get started aligning the committees if they are going to have committees.

Ms. Adair agreed with what Mr. Williams had previously said, but told the board there is a time for discussion and debate and it is necessary. She then said to the president that she would have appreciated knowing that this was a draft and then the resolution would have made plenty of sense, but that is not how it was presented in the agenda and that is what generated her response.

Mr. Shadd then said that every item on the agenda is debatable. Mr. Shadd said we have tabled things before to go back and review them and therefore he did not see the need to amend the agenda when the practice of how we operate would take care of the item. Mr. Williams addressed the board again telling them that the board needed to move on and he would make a motion to amend the agenda.

Mr. Hunter called a point of order to clarify what Mr. Williams's intentions were regarding the motion on the floor.

Mr. Murphy then said this resolution is just a draft and there would be no vote, but Ms. Adair countered that the item was on the agenda and required some form of a vote.

It was motioned by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Sanderson to amend the agenda, remove Item VII and set a special meeting to talk about the resolution to make sure all members fully understand and have a time to express themselves.

Roll call to amend the agenda:

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

Nays: Shadd

Motion passed.

It was motioned by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Adair to approve the revised agenda.

Roll call to approve the revised agenda:

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

Nays: Hunter

Before executive session Ms. Kimble asked to speak and she expressed to the board members that they should all have one common thread and that would be that every new board member should attend a new board members training. During her speaking time she stated that there were new members who had not done this and the training helps you understand your job. She went on to say that this year she felt that some board members were speaking to be heard and not because they have something to say. Mr. Hunter called a point of order because he felt the content of her speech was a personal attack against the two new members. Mr. Shadd called point of order stating none of this was on the agenda. The members ended the conversation to enter into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was motioned by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Adair to go into executive session for a legal update. Mr. Hunter asked that the motion be restated properly. Mr. Murphy restated the motion and Ms. Adair seconded to enter executive session for conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

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 5:35 pm.

Mr. Murphy left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Executive session ended at 6:48 pm.

The meeting ended with a unanimous all in favor.

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

Nays:

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

President

Treasurer

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TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

**TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 21, 2017**

RESOLUTION NO. 03.21.17-01

Item 1: It is recommended that the following resolution be approved:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
(CITY, VILLAGE OR LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION)
Revised Code Sections 5705.34-5705.35**

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Youngstown School District, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

THE YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Inside 10 Mill Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Outside 10 Mill Limit
	Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
General	\$2,177,938	\$19,281,967	4.20	42.40
Bonds Construction		\$2,022,371		3.90
Bonds TY26		\$518,557		1.00
Classroom Facilities		\$259,278		0.50
Emergency \$5.3M		\$6,015,528		11.60
Totals	\$2,177,938	\$28,097,431	4.20	59.40

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.