

YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

5:30 P.M.

CHOFFIN CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

COMMONS AREA

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
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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- VII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (Citizens Participation)**
- VIII. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATION**
 - **SECOND RESOLUTION OF OBJECTION AND CONCERN**
RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.2017 - 02
- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- XI. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (5 MINUTES)**
- XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - **DISTRICT RESTRUCTURING/CONCERNS**
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS**
- XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (As needed)**
- XVI. 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

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Youngstown, Ohio

Resolution No. 12.12.17 - 02

SECOND RESOLUTION OF OBJECTION AND CONCERN

WHEREAS, as enacted, Am. Sub. HB 70 had the express purpose of ceding complete operational, managerial, and instructional control of the Youngstown City School District to the Chief Executive Officer appointed by the Youngstown Academic Distress Commission; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the CEO involve adoption of a District budget, the expenditure of monies and the creation of contracts and obligations on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, as enacted, Am. Sub. HB 70 offers virtually none of the long-standing controls or restraints on spending, contracting or obligations otherwise imposed on school boards of education and school administrators, including accountability to District taxpayers and voters through the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, as enacted, Am. Sub. HB 70 does not modify the District's reliance on local property taxes for District funding or establish additional state funding for District operations, nor does it establish protections or indemnification of the taxpayers of the Youngstown City School District for the obligations, liabilities, or deficits created by the Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, prior to the CEO taking office, the District's budget was in the black through FY 2020, with a 21.85 million dollar balance at the beginning of FY 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that expenditures, and creation of contracts and obligations by the CEO, are leading to both short and long term fiscal instability for the District, which will degrade the education received by the children attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda for the September 20, 2017 CEO Public Update Meeting identified the appointment of approximately 72 management, supervisory, and/or administrative positions, including:

- 1 Superintendent
- 7 Chiefs and/or Deputy Chiefs
- 2 Directors
- 17 Principals and/or Assistant Principals
- 17 Deans
- 4 Supervisors
- 8 Coordinators

16 Specialists; and

WHEREAS, these contracts represent almost 6 million dollars in salaries alone that the District is obligated to pay; and

WHEREAS, the salary levels awarded in these contracts far exceed the salary levels awarded to managers, supervisors, and administrators prior to the CEO taking complete operational, managerial, and instructional control of the District; and

WHEREAS, the current number of managers, supervisors, and administrators employed by the CEO far exceeds the number employed by the District prior to the CEO taking complete operational, managerial, and instructional control of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda for the November 29, 2017 CEO Public Update Meeting identified the appointment of an additional 4 managers, supervisors, and/or coordinators, another \$316,478 in salary obligations to the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is believed to have briefly posted in early November a position entitled Deputy Chief Financial Officer, another new non-teaching position within the District, with no reference to the position currently appearing on the District's web site, and discoverable only by use of Google cached history pages, and with no salary level currently discoverable; and

WHEREAS, Board members were not informed of the creation, posting, filling, or funding of any of these positions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1). While the Board continues to challenge the constitutionality of Am. Sub. HB 70, the Youngstown City School District Board of Education is the duly elected voice of the residents of the Youngstown City School District;

2). Due to all managerial, operational, and instructional control having been statutorily wrested from the Board, the Board continues to disclaim responsibility or accountability for fiscal deficits created by the CEO, or for any obligations or liabilities created by the CEO that may later be deemed to be unnecessary, wasteful, exorbitant, or unlawful;

3). The Board continues to express its collective concern for and objection to the CEO's management of the District;

4). The Board continues to urge the CEO to exercise fiscal and educational prudence.

_____ moved and _____ seconded the Motion that the above Resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Yeas: ____, Nays: ____

T H E Y O U N G S T O W N B O A R D O F E D U C A T I O N

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TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS **TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** **December 12, 2017**

Treasurer Sherry Tyson presents the following item:

- 1: It is recommended that requests to travel out-of-state and all other allowable expenses for professional development according to board policy be approved for board members to attend the National School Boards Association annual conference in San Antonio, TX from April 7 to April 9, 2018.
- 2: It is recommended that new board members be approved to attend OSBA New Board Member 101: Survival Kit for you first 90 days in office being held in the month of January 2018.