

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

**20 West Wood Street**

**February 10, 2015**

The Youngstown Board of Education met in regular session at the I.L. Ward Building on February 10, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice President Michael Murphy. 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:

Members present: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams (arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

Members absent: Kimble

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Atkinson, seconded by Haire-Ellis to approve the agenda as presented.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Atkinson, seconded by Haire-Ellis to approve the following minutes:

Regular

January 13, 2015

January 27, 2015

Special

January 6, 2015

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams

Nays: None

Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

James Courim , head coach for the Chaney Speech and Debate Team spoke on the return of speech and debate to Chaney and introduced team members.

Susan Koulianos, Harding Principal, gave a presentation on test scores and community partnerships.

Mr. Ellis from YEC introduced Mr. and Mrs. Bansal. Mrs. Bansal is also a Teacher at YEC and was President of the India Association of Greater Youngstown that donated scholarship monies to assist with summer classes.

Tryvan Leech, East Campus Principal reviewed academic goals and progress and answered questions from the board.

Tracy Vivo presented Speech and Debate Certificates to members of the Chaney Speech and Debate Team.

## **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Pamela Collins addressed the board regarding respect during meetings and student dress code.

Clarence Boles spoke about Rev. Charles Hudson's charter school, a Cleveland engineering firm, Bishop Norman Wagner and Jimma McWilson.

Jacob Gama, education advocate, distributed information to the board for their review. He will return in March to retrieve the materials.

Janet Bonner spoke on the NAACP and Dr. Hathorn, the importance of teaching cursive writing, discipline, computer literacy and prayer.

Jessica Gonzalez, member of My Town Y-town, offered volunteers to help the schools. Another member, Michelle, touched on some of the goals and offerings of this group.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATION**

Tom Hetrick of the Youngstown Development Corporation presented on the Safe Routes to School program and grant through ODOT.

## **RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT**

### **Resolution# 02.10.15.01**

The following resolution is enacted by the Youngstown City School District, located in Mahoning County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the District, in the matter of the stated described project.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has set aside monies for Safe Routes to School Projects through the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities can apply for these monies and be selected for funding by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taft Elementary School Travel Plan is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal funding; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by Youngstown City School District, State of Ohio, that:

**SECTION ONE:** The District supports the City of Youngstown's application for monies through the Safe Routes to School project;

**SECTION TWO:** The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$ 390,305.28, to be paid through the Safe Routes to School monies.

This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage to meet the Safe Routes to School application deadline.

Ms. Adair moved, seconded by Ms. Haire-Ellis that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams

Nays: None

Motion passed.

#### **TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion by Shadd, seconded by Williams to table the Depository Agreement with the Home Savings and Loan Company effective February 11, 2015 to August 21, 2016.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams

Nays: None

Motion tabled.

Motion by Haire-Ellis, seconded by Adair to approve the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 02.10.15-02**

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, ORC 3313.36 provides that boards of education must record the acceptance of any gift, contribution or bequest in the minutes of the board; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has received the following donations:

To: Youngstown Early College

From: **India Association of Greater Youngstown**, a non-profit organization, with its President for the year 2014, Mrs. Neena Bansal, who is also a Teacher at YEC, wishes to make a one-time donation of \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to create a scholarship fund.

This scholarship will be of the amount \$500.00 per year for 5 years to be awarded to a current YEC student to pay for a summer course needed to meet the credit requirements for the said associates degree. It will be awarded to a student who:

- is on track to graduate from YSU with an Associate Degree,
- demonstrates financial need, and meets the GPA requirements
- demonstrates good work ethics, follows school curriculum and discipline.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in so doing the Youngstown Board of Education hereby accepts and expresses its deepest appreciation to the above-listed donors.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams  
Nays: None

Motion passed.

Motion by Haire-Ellis, seconded by Adair to table a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 for the OSFC Maintenance Fund (034) to bring the annual appropriation for FY 2015 to \$623,247.00.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams  
Nays: None

Motion tabled.

Ms. Adair asked about a cost benefit analysis of renovating the Ward building. Dr. Hathorn and Mr. Evans indicated they would have information at the next meeting.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion by Atkinson, seconded by Haire-Ellis to approve the following personnel recommendations:

#### **CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENTS for the 2014-2015 School Year:**

**Tutors** Fund 001 – **McGuffey Elementary**- \$22.35 per hour for YEA Members, \$15.50 per hour for Non-YEA Members, to be used on an as needed basis, not to exceed 25 hours per week, effective February 11, 2015:

Margaret Palma

**Tutors** Fund 001 – **Chaney Campus**- \$22.35 per hour for YEA Members, \$15.50 per hour for Non-YEA Members, to be used on an as needed basis, not to exceed 25 hours per week, effective February 11, 2015:

Barry Monroe

**Spring Sports Supplemental Contract** Fund 001 – Percentages are based upon teacher's base salary per YEA Agreement:

East High School

Tressa Scahill                      Assistant Softball Coach                      \$1,865.58 (6%)

**Substitute Teachers** - (Fund 001)-To be used on an “as needed basis” not to exceed 25 hours per week, effective 2/11/15

\$75.00 a day or from day 1 to day 10 in the same position

\$80.00 a day from day 11 to day 60 in the same position

\$168.98 a day from day 61 to day 183 in the same position

Jacob Smith

**CERTIFICATED RESIGNATION for the 2014-2015 School Year:**

**Adult Education Part-time Instructor**

Stanley Jones                      Personal Reasons                      Eff. 12/31/2014

**Teacher**

Lisa L. Francis                      Personal Reasons                      Eff. 02/05/2015

**CERTIFICATED LEAVES OF ABSENCE 2014-2015 School Year**

**Administrators:**

John T. Allen                      FMLA-Medical      Eff.01/05/15 through 03/09/15

**Teachers:**

Beth C. Myers                      Medical                      Eff. 01/20/15 through 02/18/15

Pursuant to the agreement with Youngstown Education Association (YEA) and the Board of Education, the following leave of absence will be concurrent with the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993:

Annetta M. Graham                      Maternity                      Eff. 02/03/15 through 04/02/15

Patrella Lightfoot                      Family Medical      Eff. 02/17/15 through 06/10/15

Erica R. Sofranko                      Maternity                      Eff. 04/01/15 through 06/09/15

**CLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS for the 2014-2015 School Year:**

**Full-time Educational Assistant ELL** (Fund 572)

Maria Diaz                      \$11.24 per hour                      Eff. 02/11/2015

**Full-time Educational Assistant** (Fund 001)

Raenell Allen                      \$11.24 per hour                      Eff. 02/11/2015

***For the Record:***

**Ramona Rivera's** start date will be effective 02/11/2015 and the rate of pay will be \$11.24 per hour and the Fund Code is (572)

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams  
Nays: None

Motion passed.

Vice-President Murphy thanked all the speakers.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Reinhard gave an update on the governor's budget proposal.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Hathorn reported that various assessment tests will begin in the district February 18 and conclude May 20. He also gave an update on Project Pass. He will be meeting with Mr. Leech and YSU at East to discuss teaching in urban schools.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:44 p.m. it was moved by Adair, seconded by Haire-Ellis to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, 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.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams  
Nays: None

Motion passed.

The board exited executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Shadd, seconded by Atkinson to adjourn the February 10, 2015 regular meeting.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Murphy, Shadd, Williams  
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer

