

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

20 West Wood Street

January 6, 2015

The Youngstown Board of Education met in special session at the I.L. Ward Building on January 6, 2015. Mr. Atkinson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members present: Adair, Atkinson, Haire-Ellis, Kimble, Murphy, Shadd, Williams

Members absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:36 p.m. Ms. Kimble moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy that board members adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:20 p.m.

At this time the board discussed the following recommendations from consultant Mark Freeman. After the discussion of each item decided upon the best plan of action.

- Improved communication between the Superintendent and Board Members. The superintendent will continue to prepare and distribute Friday Notes and In the Know. Dr. Hathorn will give a State of the District address on January 22, 2015. He will also draft a standard information fact book by March 6 for the board's review. Various types of information can be added to this book as needed.
- Board meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. and caucus will be eliminated on a trial basis for the first few months.
- Board committees will be eliminated and replaced with work sessions (no board action). The board will hold two regular meetings and one work session.
- Superintendent attendance at board meetings and executive sessions except when the board is discussing his evaluation. More discussion is needed on this item.
- Addendums to the agenda will be used only as needed.
- Only agenda items will be discussed or acted on at regular board meetings. Work sessions will be used for discussion for old, new and unfinished business.
- Board will govern through policy.
- Policies will have three readings before formal action is taken. Policy work will be ongoing.
- Oversee personnel through policy and goals.

- To keep the board informed of ADC actions, the superintendent will provide the board with monthly reports on the Tuesday before the monthly ADC meeting. Any new information added after will be emailed to the board.
- Resolutions can be adopted at the Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Williams exited at 6:49 p.m.

Dr. Hathorn announced that a visit is scheduled on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with the Midland PA VPA School.

Board members were in agreement with the agenda attachments of policy 0150. No changes were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Haire-Ellis to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Williams

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

President

Treasurer