

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

20 West Wood Street

March 3, 2015

The Youngstown Board of Education met in special session at the I.L. Ward Building on March 3, 2015. President Brenda Kimble called the work session to order at 5:02 p.m. 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, Kimble, Murphy, Shadd, Williams
Members absent: None

PERSONNEL

Mr. Murphy asked Karen Green to report on OTES and OPES and teacher attendance. Ms. Haire-Ellis asked about minority recruiting and visits to historically black colleges. Karen also presented on Big 8 common problems with recruiting. Mr. Murphy commented that the board has no problem hiring teachers on the spot during recruiting trips.

Mr. Williams stated that use of sick leave must be addressed.

EXTRA CURRICULARS/SPORTS

Mr. Atkinson reported that the undefeated 7th grade basketball team has been asked to attend the 3/10/15 board meeting.

FINANCE

Ms. Haire-Ellis commented on the editorial that appeared in this morning's Vindicator. She asked Mr. Reinhard to respond to it. Mr. Reinhard indicated that the need for \$2,000,000 in budget reductions was for numerous reasons (see attachment to the minutes) but not because there is an immediate fiscal crisis. The board asked Mr. Reinhard to arrange a meeting with the editorial board or respond in writing to the Vindicator so that they can better understand the situation.

A brief discussion regarding possible reductions presented by the administration took place.

At this time Ms. Adair had some questions regarding bills for legal services that the district receives.

POLICY

Ms. Adair gave an overview of the importance of board policy. She reported that she is working with a group of urban districts through OSBA regarding Academic Distress Commissions and other urban issues. Judy Hatchner asked if, work sessions can count as one of the three readings for drafted policies.

CURRICULUM

Mr. Shadd gave the curriculum report which included the following topics:

- Evaluation of programs supported by state and federal grants
- Quaglia-annual report in August.
- Literacy Collaborative
- Carnegie Math
- D & E interventions
- 20th Century grant and a review of after school programs
- White House Executive Order.
- Black History courses,
- Career portfolios

BUSINESS

Mr. Evans reported that the district plans to purchase 2 new buses. He also gave update on leaking roofs throughout the district. He was asked by the Board to check with Mr. Roberts on the status of the Rayen Foundation in relation to selling or renting the administration building.

Dr. Hathorn informed the Board that the sponsorship agreement with the Mahoning Valley Opportunity Center is up for renewal. The board asked for a presentation from MVOC before acting on the renewal.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Haire-Ellis to adjourn the March 3, 2015 Special Meeting. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

President

Treasurer