

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

20 West Wood Street

April 11, 2017

The Youngstown Board of Education met in regular session at the I.L. Ward Building on April 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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:

Members present: Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy, Sanderson, Shadd

Members absent: None

APPROVE AGENDA

It was motioned by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Sanderson to approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion:

Ms. Adair said she had an issue about Roman numeral IX on the agenda. She said she did not recall the board members voting on 5 minutes each and she asked that it be stricken from the agenda until the members do the necessary motion, debate and vote.

Mr. Hunter then questioned Ms. Adair whether she was asking to strike from the agenda the idea that board members have comments at all or if she had qualms with the amount of time allotted?

Ms. Adair replied precisely the time allotted but stated that until the board could motion, debate, and vote she would ask that IX be stricken. Mr. Hunter repeated, so you are suggesting because of the timeline we should not have board members comments? Ms. Adair said yes, because 5 minutes is not enough time and there need not be any restrictions on the time and I am asking that this whole section be stricken.

Mr. Murphy then stated that he thought 5 minutes was enough for anybody and felt we needed the time limit to keep people from rambling on for an hour.

Mr. Hunter then spoke and said there is a section in the agenda for board members comments but there was no section for committee reports and since the two sections would represent two different types of reporting Mr. Hunter felt that was problematic.

Roll call vote results were as follows:

Ayes: Williams, Kimble, Murphy, Sanderson, Shadd

Nays: Adair, Hunter

Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

It was motioned by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Shadd to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2017 (corrected)

March 21, 2017

Discussion:

Ms. Adair said she was glad the minutes had more detail but would like them as soon as possible after the meeting. She also suggested to the board that maybe they should hire a court reporter type of person to prepare the minutes.

The treasurer explained to Ms. Adair and the members that she has no help to type the minutes that she has been preparing since June and she has to complete them at home in the evenings on her own time and she was doing her best to get the minutes out timely.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Williams, Kimble, Murphy, Sanderson, Shadd

Nays: None

Abstain: Adair, Hunter

Motion passed.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

None

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Ralph Meacham made a presentation to the board regarding taxation and abatement. 100% Tax Abatements must be approved by the board if they are a CRA – Community Reinvestment Act. The board is allowed to negotiate on abatements if they are above 75%. (This presentation is available on tape to all board members.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Tyson presented a cash flow analysis to the board members from July 1 to February 28, 2017 that showed current revenue and expenses.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Hunter talked about the finance committee meeting. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to determine the structure and focus of future meetings. Some issues were lawsuits, financial reports, announced departure of treasurer, monies paid to MCEC, duplicative administrators salaries for positions, hiring social workers, teacher salaries and transportation

were some of the areas mentioned by Mr. Hunter. The outcome was to narrow down the scope to the high priority issues which were the announced departure of the treasurer and more complete financial reporting. The committee decided to meet once a month during the remaining school year. They decided they would run the meetings informally and announce where the meetings would be held.

Mr. Shadd talked about the NSBA conference. He talked about a presentation he saw by Apple that showed how to use technology with children in a more interactive way. Another presentation was how a program out of Virginia Beach looked at why there were so many expulsions and suspensions for African American males. They took a holistic team approach for restorative justice. A team would talk to the child to find out all the problems that caused the expulsion or suspension and their data showed that once they fixed the problem they gained a reduction in suspensions and expulsions for all their children. The program was for K-5 students.

Ms. Sanderson said she was glad that Mr. Shadd was able to bring some information back about school safety and wanted to let the members know that she still intended on having the special meeting around discipline. She stated that she has someone who will attend and present, as well as, a couple of agencies that will be available afterward come and stay to talk to families, students, teachers and administrators about school safety, cyber bullying, harassment and school violence. Ms. Sanderson said the topics that Mr. Shadd covered behavior modification and school accountability is very important and the public needs to know we are tackling those issues. She then asked the president and the board members about days they would be available at the end of the month to have this meeting. She said she would gather all the information and get back to the board.

Mr. Murphy stated that he had a lot of questions about the new school calendar and he would like the board to meet with the CEO to have some questions answered. Ms. Kimble asked the CEO committee to arrange the meeting.

Mr. Williams wanted to thank the board members for having a good meeting on April 10, 2017. He felt the board worked together to come to a compromise and he said he hoped they could continue working in that way.

Ms. Adair said she had questions she would raise about the information she received from treasurer's report and her continued concern about special education issues. She would bring these issues back to the board once she had more information for the members to possibly vote and determine how to proceed.

Ms. Kimble said there are some concerns from parents about the new school configuration. She said parents need to know what is happening in the district so they know what to do with their children. She said she was concerned about the calendar too. Ms. Kimble said the NSBA conference was great and she commented about a district that had the state in their district for 11 years with no change to their academics. She said the CEO needs to hold a press conference or something to inform the parents what is going on in the district.

Ms. Adair said the state has been in our district since 2010 and Ms. Kimble said the board had no say in writing the plan for the district.

NEW BUSINESS

It was motioned by Mr. Shadd and seconded by Ms. Adair to add a line to the agenda for each board chair to have 3 minutes for committee reports.

Roll call vote results were as follows:

Ayes: Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy, Sanderson, Shadd
Nays: None

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was motioned by Ms. Adair and seconded by Mr. Hunter that the board would enter into executive session for complaints against an official.

On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Williams, Adair, Hunter, Kimble, Murphy, Sanderson, Shadd
Nays: None

Ms. Kimble stated there would be no formal action taken when the regular meeting resumed.

The board entered executive session at 6:30 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 6:47 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Shadd to adjourn the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting, all members were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

President

Treasurer