

THE YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lock P. Beachum, Sr., President

Connie Hathorn, Ph. D, Superintendent

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2012

3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution #154-12
 - Resolution to Clarify and Ratify Board Resolution #152-12
- Update of candidates for Treasurer

ADJOURNMENT

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

Resolution No. 154-12

**RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY AND RATIFY
BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 152-12**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District (the "Board") adopted Resolution No. 152-12 on August 7, 2012 to assign temporarily its internal accountant, Brian Rella, additional duties to serve as Interim Treasurer from August 1, 2012 through August 15, 2012 subject to early termination as described in that Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer of the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, has been serving on assignment to the District in order to direct the day-to-day affairs of the District's Treasurer's Office, including but not limited to completing and successful filing the District's five (5) year forecast with the Ohio Department of Education, see attached letter from Blaise Karlovic dated August 6, 2012 and incorporated herein; and WHEREAS, this assignment was preceded by the administrative leave and subsequent retirement, effective July 31, 2012, of the District's prior Treasurer, William Johnson.

WHEREAS, the District was informed by Blaise Karlovic that his part-time assignment to the District could not be extended beyond July 31, 2012 because, effective August 1, 2012, the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center was expanding his Treasurer duties to include service as Treasurer for both the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center and the Mahoning Educational Service Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board's search for a successor Treasurer for the Youngstown City School District is ongoing and should be completed by early September 2012; and

WHEREAS, Blaise Karlovic recommended that, during the short interim from August 1, 2012 until selection of a new Treasurer, the District assign its internal accountant, Brian Rella who holds an Ohio School Treasurer license, to serve as Interim Treasurer as described in Board Resolution No. 152-12 adopted on August 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Blaise Karlovic expressed a willingness to consult from time-to-time with the Interim Treasurer as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed and accepted the recommendation of Blaise Karlovic that, since the District's 5-year forecast has been successfully filed, other financial issues have been clarified, and the Board is relatively close to selecting a fulltime Treasurer, Brian Rella serve as Interim Treasurer subject to Resolution No. 152-12 and the selection of a fulltime Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District that, in consideration of the premises, Board Resolution No. 152-12 adopted on August 7, 2012 is hereby ratified in all respects for the reasons set forth herein.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing Resolution was moved by _____, seconded by _____, and duly adopted on August ____, 2012, upon roll call further resulting in _____ yeas and _____ nays.

MAHONING COUNTY



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August 6, 2012

Youngstown City School District
Board of Education
20 West Wood Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44515

President Beachum, Vice President Mahone and other Honorable Board Members:

As of July 31, 2012 our contract with the Youngstown City School District to provide Assistant Treasurer services has ended. During my two-month tenure, I was able to spend significant time at the district especially with current members of the Treasurer's Office. We were able to finalize permanent appropriations, establish cost cutting measures, meet state-mandated reporting deadlines, establish a five year forecast and close out fiscal year 2012 with little to no issues arising. Staff members worked diligently and without regard to their personal time to ensure that projects were completed in the fashion that was expected.

The Mahoning County Educational Service Center Governing Board of Education has decided not to extend the contract past the July 31 deadline. During my time at the district I worked closely with Brian Rella, a long tenured member of the staff. Brian was my point contact at the district, and was able to work independently and efficiently in completing our work. In my professional opinion, Mr. Rella is capable, licensed and ready to assume the duties of Interim Treasurer of the Youngstown City School District during its transition period in hiring a permanent Chief Financial Officer to operate the district.

It has been an honor and a rewarding experience to service a district I once called home from 1999 through 2004. I hope I have served the Board, your tax payers, and the ESC well. We at the ESC will continue to assist Youngstown City in any capacity we can to ensure continued success in meeting your fiscal and academic goals. I will submit my final report to members of the Board on Monday August 13, 2012. If you have any questions or issues please feel free to contact me at 330-729-4111.

Professionally Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Blaise E. Karlovic'.

Blaise E. Karlovic

Treasurer/CFO

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center/Mahoning County Educational Service Center

**The Public Schools
Youngstown, Ohio
Office of the Superintendent**

RESOLUTION NO. 152-12

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT INTERIM TREASURER

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District (the "Board") is in the process of reviewing applications and interviewing applicants for the position of Treasurer, the selected applicant to *succeed* the Board's treasurer whose contract expired on July 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, during the interim, the Board desires to appoint Brian Rella, currently Accountant for the Board who is licensed as an Ohio School Treasurer, to serve also in the capacity of Interim Treasurer on a limited day-to-day basis; and

WHEREAS, Brian Rella, is willing to serve in such Interim Treasurer capacity in addition to his current duties as Accountant, subject to being paid an additional per diem amount for such additional Interim Treasurer duties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District that Brian Rella, Accountant for the Board, is hereby assigned additional duties to serve as Interim Treasurer of the Board on a day-to-day basis, effective August 1, 2012 and expiring at the end of the day on August 15, 2012, at his current daily rate of \$248.87 plus an additional per diem of \$75.00, all subject to early termination of such interim assignment and additional per diem amount of \$75.00 upon the Board's appointment of a Treasurer as referenced hereinabove or upon other Board action to terminate earlier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period in which he serves as Interim Treasurer of the Board as well as Accountant of the Board, Brian Rella shall perform the duties of the Treasurer as prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio and by the rules, regulations and position descriptions adopted by the Board.

_____ moved, seconded by _____ that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes:

Nays:

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