

YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSION

Members:

Dr. John Richard
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster
Jennifer Kluchar
Dr. Ben McGee

Anthony J. Farris, Office of the Attorney General

YADC WORK SESSION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 ~ 8 A.M. - ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

- I. The Youngstown Academic Distress Commission work session was called to order at 8:02 a.m. via zoom video conference, <https://youngstown.zoom.us/j/3754434782> Meeting ID: 375 443 4782 Password: ycsd, One tap mobile:13126266799,,3754434782#,,,0#,,424512# US (Chicago)

II. Roll Call	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Dr. John Richard	x	
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	x	
Jennifer Kluchar	x	
Dr. Ben McGee	x	

III. Approval of July 22, 2020 Agenda

Motion by: M. Hoffmaster

Seconded by: B. McGee

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Dr. John Richard	x	
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	x	
Jennifer Kluchar	x	
Dr. Ben McGee	x	

- IV. The Commission entered into executive session at 8:05 a.m. in a separate video conference to consider the employment, promotion, demotion, compensation and/or discipline of public employees; as it relates to the Chief Executive Officer's performance evaluation.

Motion by: M. Hoffmaster

Seconded by: J. Kluchar

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Dr. John Richard	x	
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	x	
Jennifer Kluchar	x	
Dr. Ben McGee	x	

V. Return to open meeting via zoom video conference at 10:27 a.m.

Motion by: J. Kluchar

Seconded by: M. Hoffmaster

Roll Call:

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Dr. John Richard	x	
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	x	
Jennifer Kluchar	x	
Dr. Ben McGee	x	

(Notation: It was agreed that the improvement plan would be discussed first then the 2020-2021 plan for reopening)

VI. Discussion of the Improvement Plan

Dr. Richard opened the meeting stating that more information will be shared at the August 21 meeting regarding the CEO Annual performance review. It was stated that YADC members would like to view an actual document and proposed changes planned for the improvement plan/strategic plan. Within the plan they would like to see the integration of certain elements of the previous strategic plan within the modifications of the new plan with input from district stakeholders, staff stakeholders and community. CEO Jennings stated that the draft of the document is called “YOUPrint2030” plan and will have 2 (5) year increments and will include goal, strategy, objectives, resources, equity and evaluation. It was discussed to keep the plan comprehensive and simple with a primary focus in academics. The goal is for CEO Jennings to submit the draft of the plan to the YADC members prior to August meeting for review.

VII. Discussion of 2020-2021 Plan for Reopening

CEO Jennings shared that he made the decision for the district to go online approximately 3 weeks ago and based the decision after talking with district families and the community and conferring with medical guidance. In going online it was necessary to have a comprehensive plan to guide the district in the next phase of Remote Learning. Several members of the district leadership which included Christine Sawicki, Chief Academic Officer, Linda Yosay, Chief of Student Services, Ava Yeager, Chief of School Improvement and many others worked on the district Remote Learning Plan. *Please refer to meeting artifact (Remote Learning Plan).* CEO Jennings explained that an important factor is the equity of making sure all scholars have devices and internet connectivity with remote learning. Currently the district has partnered with both the Youngstown Foundation and Youngstown Rotary to insure that district scholars have what is needed during this time. The district is also finalizing the best method of connectivity for the scholars either through AT&T or Spectrum. Dr. Richard and CEO Jennings further discussed monitoring and planning for the transition back into the school buildings when it is a safe and also the COVID 19 plans of other local school districts.

The draft of the remote learning plan was given to the ADC members for their review and the plan was also sent to the Ohio Department of Education. CEO Jennings and members of the district leadership; which included Mrs. Sawicki, Mrs. Yosay and Mrs. Michelle McCaughtry, Curriculum Supervisor provided an overview of the district remote learning plan. YADC members, district leadership team and CEO Jennings discussed the following areas of the plan:

- Section I - Instructional needs
- Section II – Determining Competency, Granting Credit, & Promoting Students to a Higher Grade Level
- Section III – Attendance & Participation
- Section IV – Progress monitoring
- Section V – Equitable Access
- Section VI – Professional Learning

VIII. District Financial Update

Arthur Ginnetti, III Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer provided the June district financial reports and year end fiscal year report. YADC Members, Mr. Ginnetti and Mr. Jennings discussed the financial reports in detail, along with the 5 year forecast, possible renewal levy, budgetary effect/impact and savings of COVID19, and teacher’s union negotiation update, and efforts to continue being fiscally responsible in future spending.

Dr. Richard spoke on the behalf of the ADC and appreciated the way the financial report was given and also commending the leadership for taking the necessary steps to addressing staffing expenditures and the achievement of the district having a positive balance of \$2.4 million at the end of the fiscal year. YADC members provided closing remarks and thanked everyone for their hard work and insight.

IX. Adjournment 12:00 p.m.

Motion by: B. McGee

Seconded by: M. Hoffmaster

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Dr. John Richard	x	
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	x	
Jennifer Kluchar	x	
Dr. Ben McGee	x	