The Youngstown Board of Education met in special session at the I.L. Ward Building on April 29, 2013. President Richard Atkinson called the meeting to order at 5:04 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: Beachum, Haire-Ellis, Hanni, Kimble, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson
Members absent: None

Board members had a general discussion regarding the Retire/Rehire of the superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Haire-Ellis offered a motion to place Resolution No. 77-13 through Resolution No. 78-13 on a Consent Agenda. Ms. Hanni seconded the motion, and on roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Beachum, Haire-Ellis, Hanni, Kimble, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Atkinson then entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Ms. Haire-Ellis moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Hanni which included Resolution No. 77-13 through Resolution No. 78-13 summarized as follows:

Ayes: Beachum, Haire-Ellis, Hanni, Kimble, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson
Nays: None

Motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS

The Public Schools
Youngstown, Ohio
Office of the Superintendent

RESOLUTION NO. 77-13

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OPPOSITION TO ANY
LEGISLATION THAT SEeks TO TRANSFER PUBLIC DOLLARS TO
SUPPORT PRIVATE EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Governor Kasich's biennial budget (HB 59) proposes to expand the
Educational Choice Scholarship Program through two new programs that will
significantly increase the number of publicly-funded vouchers for students to attend
private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS, one of the programs provides private or parochial school tuition
vouchers to any entering kindergarten student of a family with a household income less
than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, to be used at the parent's choice of
participating private or parochial school; and

WHEREAS, the following year, such vouchers would be expanded to include
students in both kindergarten and first grade, totaling $25 million over the biennium; and

WHEREAS, such vouchers would be granted without regard to the academic
performance or quality of the public school that the student is assigned to attend; and

WHEREAS, the second voucher expansion proposed by the Governor offers
EdChoice vouchers to students enrolled in schools that fail to meet the Third Grade
Reading Guarantee for two successive years; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the proposed programs would effectively reduce
funds from the already financially beleaguered local public school districts, resulting in
fewer resources for the education of remaining students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the
Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District does hereby express its
opposition to these provisions in HB 59; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Youngstown
City School District expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer
public dollars to support private education; and
Resolution No. 77-13 continued

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

Ms. Haire-Ellis moved, seconded by Ms. Hanni that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Beachum, Haire-Ellis, Hanni, Kimble, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 78-13

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE MATHIS GROUP

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Superintendent recognize that the district student enrollment has decreased over the past years; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has designed programs of choice for students beginning the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, it is the district’s expectation that these programs will retain and recruit students back to our district; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the district advertise the programs of choice with face-to-face contact throughout the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District does approve hiring of The Mathis Group to coordinate efforts to strengthen the overall relationships throughout the community.

Fund 001 – Not to exceed $4,000.00

Ms. Haire-Ellis moved, seconded by Ms. Hanni that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Beachum, Haire-Ellis, Hanni, Kimble, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Haire-Ellis moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy that board members adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing; and to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Beachum, Haire-Ellis, Hanni, Kimble, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The executive session adjourned at 5:47 p.m., and there being no further business requiring board action at this time Mr. Beachum moved that the meeting adjourn. It was seconded by Ms. Kimble, and on roll call the vote was unanimous. Mr. Atkinson announced the meeting adjourned.

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President                              Treasurer