The Youngstown Board of Education met in special work session at the I.L. Ward Building on August 4, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by President Brenda Kimble. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll call was taken with the following board members in attendance:

Members present: Adair, Atkinson, Kimble, Murphy, Shadd (arrived at 4:40 p.m.), Williams (exited at 5:26 p.m.)
Members absent: Haire-Ellis

The following items were presented and discussed by the board:

**Business**

- Harry Evans gave an update on the purchase of the new chiller at East.
- Transportation has purchased 2 new school buses and will enter service once cameras and radios have been installed.
- 52 buses have passed inspection; 18 others are under repair.
- St. Christine’s has asked the district for a proposal for lunches for their students.

**Curriculum**

- There will be an ad hoc meeting tomorrow with United Methodist to discuss their services and goals. The Performance Program for Inspiring Minds will not be included on the next agenda in order to allow the board time for review.

**Athletics**

- Tickets and parking passes for the 5 home games for varsity football will be distributed to the board next week.
- Ms. Adair asked about having the team mascot displayed on the locker room walls. Mr. Atkinson remarked that would be a good project for the booster club. Superintendent Stohla will speak with Mr. Matey.

**Personnel**

- Lilly Greco distributed reports on minority hiring and discussed personnel updates with the board.
- There was discussion about the Truancy Intervention Coordinator position.
Policy

- Judy Hatchner presented Policy 5350-Student Suicide and Policy 8390-Animals on District Property. The first readings of these policies will be at the next regular board meeting.
- Ms. Adair mentioned an article she emailed to the rest of the Board and the Superintendent regarding the high number of African American boys diagnosed as special education. Lori Kopp will compile a report categorizing IEP types to present to the Board.
- There was mention of the ODE May review.

Finance

- There is a meeting tomorrow regarding compliance of existing and new Title I procedures. Personnel from the Ohio Department of Education will be present.
- Mention was made of services provided by the Mahoning County ESC and the costs of these services. Treasurer Reinhard distributed a report of what is covered by the payments.
- Superintendent Stohla will prepare a report on Quaglia after he concludes his discussions with all the principals.
- Ms. Adair asked about where the district is with offsetting cost reductions. Treasurer Reinhard indicated that about $1.8 million will be saved through staff reductions through attrition. That amount plus the savings from Health Insurance puts the district well above the $2,000,000 target. The next step is repurposing some of those savings to help the students.
- Names are still being sought for the renewal levy committee.

There will be a special meeting held on Friday, August 7, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Atkinson, seconded by Adair to adjourn the August 4, 2015 special work session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.