YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2018

5:30 P.M.

YOUNGSTOWN RAYEN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY ROOM #204
THE YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Brenda Kimble, President
Michael Murphy, Vice-President
Jacqueline Adair
Tina Czysko
Dario Hunter
Corrine Sanderson
Ronald Shaadd

Krish Mehdi, CEO
Joseph Meranto, Superintendent
Arthur J. Ginnetti III, Deputy Chief of Finance/Treasurer

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   • AUGUST 28, 2018

VII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (Citizens Participation)

VIII. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATION
   • CHIEF MORVAY

IX. TREASURER’S REPORT

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

XI. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (5 MINUTES)

XII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   • ADC MEMBER VINCENT SHIVERS

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (As needed)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT
Exhibit
Executive Sessions

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Board of Education was held on __________________________. The Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Ohio. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion of executive session of its meeting are as checked below:

1. _______ 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;

2. _______ The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding;

3. _______ Conferences with the board’s attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action;

4. _______ Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees;

5. _______ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;

6. _______ Specialized details of security arrangements.

This _____ day of __________________, ______

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Chair or Presiding Officer
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

AUGUST 28, 2018

The Youngstown Board of Education met for their regular meeting on August 14, 2018 at Choffin CTC, 200 East Wood St. in the commons area. The meeting was called to order by President Brenda Kimble. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion to being the meeting. The meeting began at 4:30pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

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

Kimble, Murphy, Cvetkovich, Hunter, Adair, Meranto, Mr. Shadd arrived at a later time.

Mr. Shadd and Ms. Sancerson were not present at the time.

APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. Kimble called to approve the agenda for the meeting on 8/28/18, and it was seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Ms. Adair questioned as to why there was no agenda for tonight’s meeting.

Abstained: Mr. Hunter and Ms. Adair did not approve the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda passed 3-2.

MINUTES

It was addressed that there were no minutes presented from the following week. Those minutes have since been provided to the board.

Mr. Ginnetti was not present, and questions were raised about the five-year forecast that he has presented to the board. The question arose as to who most of the items on the forecast were estimates.

Ms. Adair questioned as to why the five year forecast is projected and estimated and why the format is different that the format the Ms. Tyson had previously used. She stated that this format is unacceptable to her, and will not accept this format for the five year forecast.

ORC 5705.412 – was stated by Ms. Adair, to certify that the funds have been accounted for, Ms. Kimble questioned Ms. Adair regarding this matter, and Ms. Adair was concerned as to whom has control of the money within the system.

The certificate shall be signed by the treasurer and president of the board of education and the superintendent of the school district, unless the district is in a state of fiscal
emergency declared under Chapter 3316. of the Revised Code. In that case, the certificate shall be signed by a member of the district’s financial planning and supervision commission who is designated by the commission for this purpose.

Ms. Adair stated that Mr. Slemons, in his last report stated that the budget for 2017 was ‘artificially boosted’ as there is no back up to support the monies that have been obtained and relinquished. It was questioned that there was a transfer of $27,000,000.00 to an unknown source, and then said money was transferred out into another unknown source.

Ms. Adair recommends that they bring in an outside entity to review the forecast and the budget for the year. She would like to know where the money was transferred from and where it was transferred out to.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATION/APPROVE AGENDA

There were no board recommendations or presentations at this meeting.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no calls to address to address the board at this meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Ginnetti was not present at this meeting.

There was a five-year financial report that was given at this meeting, however Mr. Ginnetti was not present to comment on the projected forecast that as presented.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Meranto stated that as with previous years, transportation is still an issue and that this year we are no longer using CBS and YCSD is not doing all the transportation for the district and surrounding districts.

The grand opening for Y.R.E.C is Thursday, September 22, 2018, and he invites all board members to visit the building.

Ms. Adair is questioning why the board meeting are being changed to different locations. Mr. Meranto stated that the new room at Y.R.E.C. would accommodate the board better for the meetings and the retreat that will be taking place.

Mr. Freeman is the acting dean at Taft, this has since been replaced as the school year has progressed.

Mr. Kimble is questioning the Athletic department, and the ‘mess’ that happened with the eligibility between Chaney and East. Mr. Meranto stated that starting in the winter months, there will be full
sports at Chaney and at East. Mr. Shepas did reach out to OHSAA and never received a response. In order to play football for East, all students needed to be enrolled at East. This affected 12 students and the lawyer was contacted, and that a letter be sent. The letter was sent, a response was given, and the students were transferring for athletic purposes. A face to face meeting was requested, and as of this date, a follow up to this information was not given from OHSAA at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. Kimble questioned as to why Ms. Adair did not ask questions at the last financial meeting. She stated that she arrived late to the meeting and the time for questions had expired. She did have a conversation with Mr. Ginnetti after the meeting.

HB312 called to reduce the use of credit cards in the district and will only be permitted to use an issued debit card if there has been a grant obtained.

Ms. Sanderson asked if Ms. Veal prepared the packet for the September conference. She stated that she did prepare it and that she was interested in attending the conference.

Mr. Hunter stated that none of the members were bar certified in school law and that the board should consider hiring a board certified lawyer to review the information that has been provided in the five year forecast.

Ms. Adair stated that Mr. Siemens, before leaving, provided information as to how to read a five year forecast and she is still concerned that Mr. Ginnetti has changed the format of the five year forecast.

Ms. Kimble presented that Mr. Meranto nor Mr. Mohip have not provided an organizational chart as of this date, that she is going to address Mr. Richards as to this.

It was stated by Mr. Meranto, that the curriculums at East and Chaney are the same. Math 2 and Math 3 are not the names of the courses. All students take algebra and geometry, and that juniors and seniors take Algebra 2 and Math 3 and Math 4. Business courses are taken in freshman and sophomore years within the school. It was stated that the there are programs that are being used to track the students progress as to whether they are on the right path for college based on the programs that are provided.

Ms. Adair is very concerned that the schools are not teaching entrepreneurship, and that there is no curriculum being taught for this. It will be presented to Ms. Gordon.

Mr. Shadd questioned the eligibility of the students at Early College, due to the fact that the students are open enrolled, they are eligible to play for YCSD Athletics.

Mr. Shadd questioned the hiring of the school nurses, Mr. Meranto stated that at this time we are not outsourcing our Nurses at this time.
PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Ms. Kimble recommends that Ms. Adair speak to others regarding the financial issues that she is concerned with.

Ms. Kimble questioned the hair policy as she had a student that had blond braided into her hair ad that the Volleyball coach asked her to remove the blond (that she just had done) in order to play for the team. Mr. Meranto was not aware of this at the present time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Adair questioned why there are people who are making decisions for the YCSD that are not part of the district, ie. The Municipal judge for Youngstown.

Ms. Cvetkovich questioned the signing of HB 216, and stated she was not privy to the information that is included in the HB. This deals with the commissions of the school district and shows that it must be reviewed by he Superintendent.

**SB 216 would permit a school district superintendent to employ a licensed teacher to teach a subject area or grade level for which the person is not licensed.**

The retreat was agreed upon for 10/8, 10/9, and 10/10/18 at Y.R.E.C. at 20 W. Wood St.

Ms. Kimble wanted to know if they were going to vote on a facilitator, it was determined that through the OSBA if would be too much of a financial burden. The cost is $3000.00, and once reviewed, the cost would be closer to $1500.00 due to the fact it was not a full retreat.

Mr. Hunter suggested that possibly that the board brings in a person from another school district that is facing the same problems as the YCSD.

The times for the meetings will be from 5:00 – 8:00pm for the retreat once the dates have been agreed upon through all parties.

Lorain school district has invited the school board to their retreat on September 21, 2018. This will be discussed at a later time.

Ms. Kimble has compared Lorain school district to YCSD as the way the financial issues are being handled. Ms. Adair is concerned that the state will take over YCSD the way it has taken over Lorain school district.

Ms. Adair would like to make a motion about the board members traveling to the conference on 11/11-11/13. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the use of fund for the entire board to travel to the OSBA conference.
Ms. Adair would also like to travel to the conference in January, these have since been booked. Ms. Cvetkovich cannot travel to the Philadelphia conference.

Roll Call: All Parties present agreed travel to the conference.

Mr. Meranto stated that Ms. Novicky would be handling the conference bookings.

The registration for the conference in D.C. opens September 1, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session at this meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Kibmle called for the meeting to adjourn. It was seconded by Ms. Adair.

No end meeting time was given.

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President                           Treasurer