

**REGULAR MEETING
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

20 West Wood Street

February 23, 2010

The Youngstown Board of Education met in regular session at the I.L. Ward Building on February 23, 2010. President Anthony Catale called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Members absent: None

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Members present: Bennett, Vanwright
Members absent: Cook

Board members discussed agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:45 p.m. Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy that board members adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing: 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. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Nays: None

Board members came out of executive session at 6:30 p.m.

The regular portion of the meeting was reconvened in the boardroom at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As the first item of business, Mr. Catale called for a motion approving the agenda. Mr. Beachum moved that the agenda be approved with the necessary correction. It was seconded by Ms. Mahone. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale.

Nays: None

Motion carried, and the agenda was approved with the necessary correction.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral or written communications.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

President Catale called for citizen participation. There were no requests to address the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michael Murphy, Business/Non-Instructional/Non-Certified Committee; Rachel Hanni, Certificated Personnel/Community Relations Speakers Bureau Committee; Andrea Mahone, Legal/Legislative/Policy Committee; Lock P. Beachum, Sr., Finance/Accounting/Investments Committee; Richard Atkinson, Extra Curricular/Sports Committee and June Drennen, Curriculum/Career Tech Committee recommended passage of various resolutions and noted future committee meeting dates.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

D'Treal Bennett, Youngstown Early College and Alteeka Vanwright, East High School presented information on the various activities taking place at their schools.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. DeNiro, assistant superintendent of school business affairs, noted that the Wilson construction project will be completed by mid June and set to open for the 2010-2011 school year. He added that the demolition of West and John White Elementary Schools has been completed with the Adams and Princeton demolition pending the availability of funds.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Catale spoke to Resolution No. 35-10, A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 18-10.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Mr. Johnson, treasurer, noted that he is pleased that the forecast is following as was thought back in October. The forecast model can be followed along as progressing on the District website with the financial state of the district coming together in April.

Superintendent Webb congratulated Holly Welch, biotechnology tech prep teacher at Choffin Career & Technical Center. Mrs. Welch was the recipient of the WFMJ Class Act Award.

MEET YOUR PRINCIPAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Webb introduced the following principals who presented pictorial overviews and also discussed what is happening at each of their schools: Rachael Smith, McGuffey Elementary; Cathy Dorbish, Martin Luther King; Michael Flood, Taft; Diane Hunsbarger, Volney Rogers Middle School; Michelle Dotson, Youngstown Early College and Dorothy Davis, Rayen Early College Middle School.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beachum offered a motion to place Resolution No. 35-10 through Resolution No. 43-10 on a Consent Agenda. Mr. Atkinson seconded the motion, and on roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Catale then entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mr. Beachum moved adoption of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Atkinson which included Resolution No. 35-10 through Resolution No. 43-10 summarized as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**The Public Schools
Youngstown, Ohio
Board of Education**

RESOLUTION NO. 35-10

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-10

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 18-10 was adopted by the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District on February 9, 2010 to approve an Amendment of Contract with Community Bus Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, to be effective, such Amendment of Contract was also subject to the approval of the Financial Supervision and Planning Commission of the Youngstown City School District; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2010, prior to any action on such Amendment of Contract by the Commission, the President of the Board of Education asked the Commission to postpone any action to consider such Amendment of Contract until the Ohio Department of Education conducts a study of the District's transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has postponed any action on such proposed Amendment of Contract; and

WHEREAS, such Amendment of Contract has not been signed by the District and no action pursuant to such Amendment of Contract has been taken by the District or by Community Bus Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to rescind its Resolution No. 18-10 so that the subject of that Resolution may be reconsidered by the Board after the Ohio Department of Education concludes its study of the District's transportation program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District hereby rescinds its Resolution No. 18-10 adopted on February 9, 2010, thereby nullifying any force or effect of that Resolution.

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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**The Public Schools
Youngstown, Ohio
Board of Education**

RESOLUTION NO. 36-10

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION FOR
DOMINIC MODARELLI**

WHEREAS, over the years, the Youngstown Board of Education has been fortunate to have as its members outstanding men and women who through their service to the Youngstown City School District have contributed much to the education of our children, and to the strength of our community; and

WHEREAS, this Board is justly proud and very appreciative of the dedicated performance of Dominic Modarelli who for four years effectively served our school system as a member of the Youngstown Board of Education in the best interest of the educational well-being of the students; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of Dominic Modarelli to the Youngstown City Schools was manifested through his energy and straightforward approach, and including his effective service on numerous Board Committees, including his emphasis on advancing the goals and positive experiences of the student athletes of our district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youngstown Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District highly commends and deeply appreciates Dominic Modarelli for his pursuit of academic excellence for the students of the Youngstown City Schools and for the betterment of our community. We are grateful that the Board had the benefit of serving with him in collectively striving to provide that education which our students surely deserve and receive.

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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**The Public Schools
Youngstown, Ohio
Board of Education**

RESOLUTION NO. 37-10

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION FOR
JACQUELINE TAYLOR**

WHEREAS, over the years, the Youngstown Board of Education has been fortunate to have as its members outstanding men and women who through their service to the Youngstown City School District have contributed much to the education of our children, and to the strength of our community; and

WHEREAS, this Board is justly proud and very appreciative of the dedicated performance of Jacqueline Taylor who for eight years effectively served our school system as a member of the Youngstown Board of Education in the best interest of the educational well-being of the students; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of Jacqueline Taylor to the Youngstown City Schools was manifested through her constant diligence and insights regarding students' needs and her effective contributions in addressing curriculum issues vital to providing a sound academic foundation for the students of our district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youngstown Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District highly commends and deeply appreciates Jacqueline Taylor for her pursuit of academic excellence for the students of the Youngstown City Schools and for the betterment of our community. We are grateful that the Board had the benefit of serving with her in collectively striving to provide that education which our students surely deserve and receive.

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38-10

**CASH FUND STATEMENT AND FIVE (5) YEAR MODEL
JANUARY 2010**

WHEREAS, in accordance with maintaining an accurate picture of all the funds of Youngstown City School District monthly Cash Fund Statements and five (5) year model are prepared;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Youngstown City School District hereby accepts and approves the January 2010, Cash Fund Statement and five (5) year model.

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 39-10

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS AND DONATIONS

WHEREAS, ORC 3313.36 provides that boards of education must record the acceptance of any gift, contribution or bequest in the minutes of the board; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the following donations:

To:	Youngstown City School District	
From:	Zita & Joseph DiYorio Charitable Foundation	\$4,051.67
To:	Harding 5 th /6 th Grade Students to attend Camp Fitch	
From:	Celeste & Robert Antonucci	\$ 250.00
From:	Iris Crespo	\$ 20.00
From:	Mr. & Mrs. James Stevenson	\$ 100.00
To:	P.C. Bunn	
From:	Men's Garden Club	\$1,000.00
To:	Chaney Athletic Fund	
From:	Ann Stone-Meyer	\$ 60.00
From:	Dr. George Phillips	\$ 300.00
To:	Youngtown City School District	
From:	Schwebel Family Foundation	\$ 500.00
To:	P. Ross Berry	
From:	Epsilon Mu Omega Chapter	\$ 50.00
To:	Elementary Schools	
From:	Telecom Pioneers	500 Dictionaries & 500 Thesauruses
To:	Enrichment Grants Program	
From:	Frances Schermer Charitable Trust	\$4,051.67

Resolution No. 39-10 continued

To: SWAT Committee	
From: Anonymous	\$ 100.00 for McDonald's Gift Cards
To: Youngstown City Schools	
From: Abe & Leona Adler Literary Fund	\$4,527.00
To: East High School Freshman Academy for Polo Shirts	
From: William Swanston Grant	\$ 807.00
To: Adopt-a-School P. Ross Berry	
From: St. Andrews AME Church	\$ 250.00
To: Alpha	
From: Herb Washington (dba McDonald's)	\$1,000.00
To: Youngstown After-School Alliance	
From: The Rayen School Trustees	\$3,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in so doing the Youngstown Board of Education hereby accepts and expresses its deepest appreciation to the above-listed donors.

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40-10

**APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF FY 2009-2010
TEXTBOOK PROPOSALS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Youngstown City Schools is committed to the improvement of teaching and learning through a variety of purchased services that enhance the educational process.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to support the effectiveness of learning, through a positive school climate and the modeling of effective teaching strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to promote systemic change through collaboration of home, school and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District does approve purchase services for the 2009-2010 school year.

Campus Book Store 001:	<u>\$32,000.00</u>
Total of Funds	\$32,000.00

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41-10

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL
GRANTING OF CONTINUING CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the persons whose names are listed below have served as teachers in the Youngstown City School District for at least three (3) of the last five (5) years, including the school 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, these teachers hold a five (5) year license, professional or permanent certificate valid for the school year 2009-10; and

WHEREAS, these teachers are, therefore, eligible for a continuing contract in accordance with Section 3319.11 R.C.; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that these teachers be re-employed for the school year 2009-10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that these teachers be granted a continuing contract for the school year 2009-10 as indicated and in accordance with the provision of the salary schedule.

Chaney High School
Michael E. Cracraft
Daniel A. Gall
Joshua A. Marsh
Joseph Zappia

East High School
Lisa M. Diamandis

NOTE: The foregoing listing of schools for programs is not intended to assure any teacher the same assignment.

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42-10

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS**

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of the Human Resources, the following appointments are being accepted for the 2009-10 school year:

APPOINTMENTS

Substitute Teachers (Fund 001) – To be used on an “as needed basis” as follows:

- \$70.00 a day or from day 1 to day 10 if in the same position
- \$75.00 a day from day 11 to day 60 if in the same position
- \$157.64 a day from day 61 to day 184 if in the same position

Kristen Braman
Mary Thompson

Paul Kish
Stephen Scott

Melissa Papini

After School Intervention Program (Fund 572) – **Williamson Elementary School** – \$29.83 per hour for substitute administrator, not to exceed 25 hours per week.

Substitute Administrator

Wanda Clark

Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43-10

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL
LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND RETIREMENT**

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, the following leave of absence and retirement are being accepted for the 2009-10 school year:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Educational Assistant

Dorothy Turner	Medical	Eff. 2/22/10 thru 05/28/10
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RETIREMENT

Secretary

Virginia M. Lucarell	Retirement	Eff. 03/01/10
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Mr. Beachum moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

To: Board of Education

Subject: Recommendation on Appeal Hearing for Suspension

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.66 and 3313.661 and the Youngstown Board of Education Policy 5610, an appeal hearing was held on Friday, January 29, 2010 at 9:10 a.m. for Naeem Shabazz.

Kate Good, the designee of the President of the Board of Education, served as the appeal officer. After reviewing all documentation, the hearing officer believes the student, Naeem Shabazz, was given due process. The hearing officer believes the school official investigated the incident, provided an opportunity for due process, and gave the student an opportunity to tell his side of the situation. The ten (10) day suspension of the student, Naeem Shabazz, should be upheld.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Catale, President
Youngstown Board of Education

Mr. Catale moved, seconded by Mr. Beachum that the foregoing recommendation be adopted.

Ayes: Drennen, Hanni, Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business requiring board action at this time, Mr. Beachum moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Atkinson seconded the motion, and upon voice vote all board members voted yes. Mr. Catale announced the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President

Treasurer