

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

20 West Wood Street

April 14, 2010

The Youngstown Board of Education met in regular session at the I.L. Ward Building on April 14, 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: Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale, Drennen, Hanni
Members absent: None

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Members present: Bennett, Cook
Members absent: Vanwright

Board members discussed agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:15 p.m. Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mr. Beachum 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: Mahone, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale, Drennen, Hanni
Nays: None

Board members came out of executive session at 7:23 p.m.

The regular portion of the meeting was reconvened in the boardroom at 7:30 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 deletion of Resolution No. 63-10, purchased services and Resolution No. 64-10, athletic subsidy. It was seconded by Mr. Murphy. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

Motion carried, and the agenda was approved as amended.

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

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

D'Treal Bennett and Kaitlyn Cook presented information on the various activities taking place at Youngstown Early College and Chaney High School.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. DeNiro, assistant superintendent of school business affairs, noted that the OSFC Wilson building project is close to completion. The processes of completing grading, planting grass and the custodial staff beginning to wax floors are being worked on. Anyone wishing to go through the building should speak to Brad Adams at the Heery trailer or see Mr. DeNiro.

Mr. DeNiro further stated that a partnering session with members of the State Finance Committee to discuss the project closeout would take place Friday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heery office. He added that he hoped to have some type of an agreement of the funds available for the completion of the project.

President Catale asked Mr. DeNiro if, over the next couple of weeks, board members could get a cost estimate of the renovations for the Rayen portion of the I.L. Ward building in order that the university learning project could be adequately housed as part of district facilities. Mr. DeNiro noted that he is working with Harry Evans, chief of maintenance, and architect Tom Madej. They are looking at what needs to be done to bring those students into this building and hope to have the information very soon.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Catale spoke to the following:

- Charter schools within our particular community noting that it is clear that we must continue as a school district to challenge the operation of charter and community schools in both our community and across the state.
- Historic board meeting regarding the Strategic Plan - now comes the implementation. The district has to hold itself accountable by making sure that adequate resources are provided for staff and administration to implement goals in the classroom.
- Reconfiguration Plan - the intent is to build consistency in the district and to build a true feeder system so that this would be the last reconfiguration in our district for the foreseeable future.
- Youngstown Early College – The Transition Committee will continue to meet and a quality education program will continue as a result of good partnership and hard work. Commended board members and all involved for their support.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Mr. Johnson, treasurer, noted the following:

- A concern about the reimbursements for busing and the possibility of the reimbursements being affected.
- LGS (Local Government Services) went over his five-year forecast. Their figures were a little bit lower than his.
- Also, tax collections look much improved by way of a Tax Incentive Financing Program with Community Corrections Agency who had been significantly abated. That being over, our collections from CCA have risen to approximately \$350,000.

Superintendent Webb spoke to the following:

- Thanks to the community, YSU trustees and Youngstown City School District board members for the support and work done on the Youngstown Early College Transitional Team.
- Noted the district's care about the education for the other two high schools just as much as YEC.
- Thanks to Congressman Ryan and Dr. Linda Latieri for their assistance in the social/emotional part of the Strategic Plan.
- Thanked A. Philip Randolph for continued presentation of scholarships to students.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beachum offered a motion to place Resolution No. 58-10 and Resolution No. 65-10 through 68-10 with separate votes on Resolutions No. 59-10, 60-10 and 61-10 on a Consent Agenda (Resolutions No. 63-10 and 64-10 were deleted from the agenda). Mr. Atkinson seconded the motion, and on roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

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. Murphy which included Resolution No. 58-10 and Resolution No. 65-10 through Resolution No. 68-10 summarized as follows:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROVIDING FOR THE TRAVEL FOR BOARD PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education adopted a policy which requires that prior to any travel, a board member(s) is required to request that the treasurer prepare a board resolution which includes the name of the board member(s) requesting to travel, the title of the conference/workshop, the date of the conference/workshop, and the estimated dollar amount for expenses. Upon approval from the Board, the board member(s) requesting the expenditure is authorized to use the District credit card solely for the pre-approved expenses that are actually incurred; and

WHEREAS, Richard Atkinson, Anthony Catale, June Drennen, Rachel Hanni and Andrea Mahone as members of the Board of Education have advised the treasurer of their intention to attend the following conference:

OSBA Board Leadership Institute

Registration	- \$225.00 per person x 5	=	\$1,125.00
Hotel	- \$125.07 (per person)1 night	=	<u>1,125.63</u>
Total			\$2,250.63

(Mileage reimbursement as necessary)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes Richard Atkinson, Anthony Catale, June Drennen, Rachel Hanni and Andrea Mahone to attend the OSBA Board Leadership Institute, April 23/24 201-, in Columbus, Ohio

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

**Public Schools
Youngstown, Ohio**

Office of the Superintendent

RESOLUTION NO. 65-10

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND RETIREMENTS**

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

APPOINTMENTS

Limited Contract Teacher (Fund 001)

Amanda N. Sprankle McGuffey Elementary BA \$29,006.00 Eff. 4/15/10

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

Rufus Hudson
Christina Scottodiuccio

Supplemental Contract (Fund 001)

Chaney High School

Jocelyn L. Parker Cheerleader Advisor 2009-10 \$1,015.00

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Teacher

Saedah A. Hadi Ext. Parental Leave of Absence Eff. 2010-11

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RETIREMENTS

Teachers

William F. Gonda
Joyce L. Jones

Retirement
Retirement

Eff. 07/01/10
Eff. 07/01/10

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-10

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS**

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

APPOINTMENTS

Re-call of Displaced Secretaries (Fund 001) - Administrative-12 months:

Jennifer Spahn

Tanisha Graham

Re-call of Displaced Secretaries (Fund 001) - School/Programs-10 months:

Catherine Atterberry
Lora Gayan

Renita Dodson

Parent Liaison (Fund 572/079) - \$7.30 per hour; not to exceed 24 hours per week:

Monica Figueroa

Monitorial Aide (Fund 006) - \$7.30 per hour; to be used on an “as needed” basis; not to exceed 20 hours per week:

Theresa Irwin

Substitute Educational Assistants (Fund 001) - \$7.48 per hour; to be used on an “as needed” basis; not to exceed 35 hours per week:

LaShawn Jefferson
Josephine Roundtree

Nick Richardson

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-10

NON-RENEWAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF NON-CERTIFICATED STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District, Mahoning County, Ohio that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the supplemental contract(s) of the following non-certificated and certificated personnel, who are not otherwise employees of the Youngstown City School District, which expires June 30, 2010 shall not be renewed for the 2010-11 school year:

Walters Anchor	Joanie Oates
Claude Bentley III	Marvin Oates Jr.
Tamika Berger	Brian Palmer
Adrian Brown	Anthony Patterson
Keith Brown	Michelle Payich
William Burton	Steve Pincaro
Tanisha Franklin	Pamela Saunders
Christopher Gilchrist	Brett Savage
Jonathan Gregory	Jason Savage
Rohonna Griffin	Brenda Scott
Darryl Harrison	Marissa Sheehan
Hattie Hudson	John Spencer
Levon Lamb	Dorian Townsend
Chester Leone	Carla Venable
DeMarcus Mathes	Kaylor White
Malik Mostella	Jerry Young
	Tracey Zurasky

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-10

NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHERS ON SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District, Mahoning County, Ohio that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the supplemental contracts of the following teachers which expire June 30, 2010, shall not be renewed for the 2010-11 school year:

Nathan Boyd	Alpha	Boys Track
Justin Kosek	Alpha	Head Boys Track
Tiffany Trella	Alpha	Faculty Manager
Tiffany Trella	Alpha	Cheerleader Advisor
Jodi Kosek	P. Ross Berry	Head Girls Track
Justin Kosek	P. Ross Berry	Head Boys Track
Justin Kosek	P. Ross Berry	Head Girls Basketball
Brian Veccia	P. Ross Berry	Faculty Manager
Gene Modarelli	P. Ross Berry	Football
Casey Bogerd	Volney Rogers	Football
Casey Bogerd	Volney Rogers	Head Girls Basketball
Nathan Boyd	Volney Rogers	Basketball
James Gallo	Volney Rogers	Faculty Manager
Daniel Cipriano	Volney Rogers	Football
James Stickel	Volney Rogers	Football
James Stickel	Volney Rogers	Head Boys Basketball
Jennifer Ritter	Volney Rogers	Volleyball
Timothy Bakos	Chaney Asst.	Girls Basketball
Tina Banks	Chaney	Cheerleader Advisor
Bernard Bohla	Chaney	Asst. Girls Track
Bernard Bohla	Chaney	Asst. Softball
Angela Dooley	Chaney	Drama
Daniel Gall	Chaney	Vocal Music
Dennis Malaska	Chaney	Head Girls Softball
James Mullally	Chaney	Faculty Manager
Christopher Patrone	Chaney	Head Girls Track
Nicolette Potkanowicz	Chaney	Girls Track

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Joshua Marsh	Chaney	Head Boys Basketball
John Protopapa	Chaney	Head Football
Diane Reha	Chaney	Faculty Manager
Shirley Barnett	East	Head Girls Track
Daniel Gall	East	Band Director
Nick Horvath	East	9th Gr. Football
Nick Horvath	East	Head Baseball
Phillip House	East	Asst. Boys Track
Richard Istnick	East	9th Grade Football
Doug James	East	Head Boys Track
Trisha Mulcahy	East	Faculty Manager
Dennis Parise	East	Asst. Baseball
Dennis Parise	East	Asst. Football
Barbara Sedlak	East	Asst. Girls Track
Brian Shaner	East	Head Football
Annie Terry	East	Cheerleader Advisor
Henry Brew	YEC	Yearbook Advisor

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59-10

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2010-2015 YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOLS
STRATEGIC PLAN ENTITLED “FRAMING THE FUTURE:
THINKING AND LEARNING OUR WAY TO THE TOP”**

WHEREAS, the Youngstown City School District has developed a 2010-2015 Strategic Plan to systemically improve the academic achievement of all students; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Strategic Plan entitled “Framing the Future: Thinking and Learning Our Way to the Top” has been framed by stakeholder volunteers and a dedicated professional cadre; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Strategic Plan is to transform and reclaim the Youngstown City School District by creating the conditions to improve student achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics and science as well as by creating a culture of success for all students whereby equity is determined by equal outcomes, not access; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan places special emphasis on establishing definitive goals and measurements to track the academic gains of our students, with special attention given to short term indicators and the consistent, aggressive monitoring of students’ progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youngstown Board of Education hereby moves to adopt and promote the 2010-2015 Youngstown City Schools Strategic Plan entitled “Framing the Future: Thinking and Learning Our Way to the Top” designed to provide all students with the best possible education.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60-10

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSITION PLAN
FOR THE YOUNGSTOWN EARLY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, the Youngstown Early College was created in a partnership agreement between the Youngstown City School District and Youngstown State University to provide a post-secondary high school opportunity at Youngstown State University for qualifying high school students; and

WHEREAS, the 5-year Memorandum of Understanding and a subsequent one year agreement between the two aforementioned entities that initially created the Youngstown Early College program will be concluded May 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of maintaining the operation of the Youngstown Early College into the future, a new 3-year transition agreement until the end of FY2013 has been developed involving the Youngstown City School District, Youngstown State University and the Eastern Gateway Community College; and

WHEREAS, it has been further agreed upon by the three involved entities that at the conclusion of the three-year transition period, beginning in FY2014, Eastern Gateway Community College will assume management and operation of all post-secondary and college credit components of the Youngstown Early College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District hereby moves to approve the aforementioned transition agreements between the Youngstown City School District, Youngstown State University, and the Eastern Gateway Community College for the operation of the Youngstown Early College until the end of FY2013, and for the operation of the Youngstown Early College beginning in 2014.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-10

RESOLUTION APPROVING RECONFIGURATION SITE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Youngstown City School District has developed within its 2010-2015 Strategic Plan a Reconfiguration Site Plan designed to maintain consistency of configuration in all buildings throughout the district by aligning grade levels and re-building a feeder pattern; and

WHEREAS, this Reconfiguration Site Plan will establish all Elementary Schools as Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Five buildings; all Middle Schools will contain grades 6, 7 and 8; and the High Schools will contain grades 9, 10, 11, and 12; and

WHEREAS, this plan also will offer four innovative programs for the purpose of accelerating students' learning, and improve test scores as well as core curriculum passage rates; and

WHEREAS, included among these programs are: a Redirection Program in partnership with the Juvenile Justice Center for expelled and drop-out recovery students; a Pathways to Advancement program to improve passage rates in the core curriculum; a University Project Learning Center for students who learn differently; the Rayen Early College; the Twilight Program for the acceleration of students; and career and technical programs that will provide post-secondary opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the overall intent of the Reconfiguration Site Plan is to build system-wide cohesiveness and enable schools to work together in partnerships to make the transition smoother for students as they move through the continuum of grade levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youngstown Board of Education hereby approves the Reconfiguration Site Plan as contained in the Youngstown City School District's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan.

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

Abstention: Mahone
Ayes: Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale, Drennen, Hanni
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 Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. for student Jason Dunkle-Thacker.

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, Jason Dunkle-Thacker, was given due process in the three (3) day suspension, but not in the subsequent increase to a five (5) day suspension. Therefore, the five (5) day suspension of student, Jason Dunkle-Thacker, should be modified to three (3) days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Catale, President
Youngstown Board of Education

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-10

**APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF FY 2009-2010
INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION PROPOSALS
PURCHASED SERVICES
(JULIETA MENDOZA)**

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; and

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 to approve purchase services from Julieta Mendoza to develop an EL K-6 curriculum for summer school that meets the national and state EL standards for the 2009-2010 school year.

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 from Julieta Mendoza for the summer EL K-6 curriculum design and development of student workbook with teacher's guide in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Title I Stimulus Fund: \$3,000.00

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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COMMENTS

Dr. Webb noted that prior to the April 27th board meeting a presentation of the Strategic Plan will be presented to the community.

Mr. Beachum noted that he has been reelected as chair of the National Council Urban Board of Education.

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 8:00 p.m.

President

Treasurer