

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

20 West Wood Street

December 8, 2009

The Youngstown Board of Education met in regular session at the I.L. Ward Building on December 8, 2009. President Anthony Catale called the meeting to order at 5:35 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, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Members absent: None

Board members discussed agenda items.

Mr. Catale moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy that Lock P. Beachum, Sr. serve as president pro tempore at the organizational meeting to be held January 5, 2010. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Nays: None

Caucus adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The regular portion of the meeting reconvened at 6:32 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 any necessary corrections and the addition of Resolution No. 259-09 regarding retaining legal counsel. It was seconded by Ms. Drennen. On roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Nays: None

Motion carried, and the agenda was approved as amended.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Johnson noted that copies of two letters regarding the Woodrow Wilson High School (Wilson Middle School) name change would be forwarded to members of the Board.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

President Catale called for citizen participation. David Muhammad, Wali Salahuddin, Alexis Wokocho, Samuel Muhammad, Louis Muhammad and Felicia Alexander addressed the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board member Jackie Taylor thanked Dr Webb, the executive cabinet and staff for their help during her eight years as a Youngstown City School District board member noting that she is looking forward to volunteering in the District. Ms. Taylor also answered questions posed by Samuel Muhammad during Citizen Participation.

Richard Atkinson, Certificated Personnel/Community Relations Speakers Bureau Committee; and Lock P. Beachum, Sr., Finance/Accounting/Investments Committee recommended passage of various resolutions.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. DeNiro, assistant superintendent of school business affairs, reported that the construction demolition projects continue to move forward on schedule.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Catale discussed the following:

- Explained the evaluation process of the superintendent and treasurer.
- The formation of the athletic facility Ad Hoc Committee
- Cancellation of the regular meeting of December 22nd
- Organizational Meeting to be held January 5, 2010
- Thanked Ms. Taylor and Mr. Modarelli for their service as members of the Board

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Superintendent Webb discussed the following:

- Theater Department of Chaney High School's upcoming presentation of a play entitled *A Rented Christmas*
- 75.4% of P. Ross Berry students earned all A's and B's and nothing lower than a C
- Commended Parent Patrol for the services they provide
- A new Strategic Plan for the District will be unveiled in January 2010 with academic gains being the focus

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beachum offered a motion to place Resolution No. 255-09 through Resolution No. 258-09 on a Consent Agenda with Resolution No. 259-09 to be voted on separately. Mr. Modarelli seconded the motion, and on roll call vote the results were as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, 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. Murphy which included Resolution No. 255-09 through Resolution No. 258-09 summarized as follows:

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 255-09

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT
TO FILE CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR E-RATE DISCOUNTS FOR
THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously taken advantage of the E-Rate discounts made available through the Federal Communications Commission to establish and keep internet and other technology programs (Resolution No 16-04 adopted January 27, 2004 Board Meeting and Resolution No 257-04 adopted December 21, 2004 Board Meeting); and

WHEREAS, application for E-Rate discounts for the 2010/2011 school year must be made no later than the end of January, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must contract with the various vendors providing E-Ratable services no later than the end of January in order to make these contracts eligible for submission under the E-Rate program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education contract with the following vendors for the E-Rate services indicated for the service period of July 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011, and that the contracts be approved pending receipt of E-Rate discounts as indicated:

E-Rate Project	Total Amount Submitted - E-Rate Eligible	District's Cost - E-Rate Eligible	District's Cost - E-Rate Ineligible	Total District Cost if Funded by E-Rate	Vendor	Contract Years
Email, Internet, Web Hosting, Firewall	\$212,058.00	\$21,205.80	\$61,642.00	\$82,847.80	ACCESS	MTM
Data Circuits	\$7,488.00	\$748.80		\$748.80	AT&T	MTM
Call Manager and Voicemail Upgrade	\$73,387.96	\$7,338.80		\$7,338.80	DataServ	1
Wireless Project	\$444,326.67	\$44,432.67		\$44,432.67	DataServ	1
District Basic Maintenance Network Support	\$450,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$129,000.00	YES Learning	2 of 5
Cellular Service	\$36,000.00	\$3,600.00		\$3,600.00	Verizon	2 of 2
Cellular with Data/Internet	\$26,400.00	\$2,640.00	\$1,998.80	\$4,638.80	Verizon	MTM
Cabling for	\$22,213.00	\$2,221.30		\$2,221.30	DBS	1

Wireless Project					Communication s	
Centrex, Local, PRI's, Measured Business Lines, etc.	\$81,120.84	\$8,112.08		\$8,112.08	AT&T	2 of 5
Long Distance	\$2,400.00	\$240.00		\$240.00	AT&T	1 of 3
District Data/Voice Electronics Maintenance	\$302,726.90	\$30,272.69	\$12,914.98	\$43,187.67	DataServ	1 of 5
TOTALS	\$1,658,121.37	\$165,812.14	\$160,555.78	\$326,367.92		

CERTIFICATION

I, William Johnson, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 255-09, adopted by said Board of Education on the 8th day of December 2009, and as recorded in the record of the proceedings of said Board.

WITNESS my signature this 9th day of December 2009

Treasurer

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

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, 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. 256-09

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS and/or
SERVICES IN EXCESS OF \$25,000.00**

WHEREAS, the Youngstown City School District has presented purchases exceeding \$25,000 for approval, and;

WHEREAS, these purchases are being made in accordance with Youngstown City School District policies, the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act (HB100) and such grant requirements as may be applicable to the purchases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Youngstown City School District approves the purchase of the site license as reflected in the following purchase order:

General Fund: 001	
Pearson Digital Technology (NovaNet Program)	\$29,850.00

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

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, 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. 257-09

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS, APPOINTMENT OF RECALL TEACHERS
AND TERMINATION**

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of the Human Resources, the following appointments, appointment of recall teachers and termination 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

Matthew Alexander
Patrick Durina

Bert Ehrenberg
Linda Klacik

Crystal Moore
Frederick Rosko
Annette Woolen

Extended Day Academic Intervention/Acceleration for Students to Prepare for OAT
(Fund 572 Stimulus) **M.L. King Elementary** – \$22.05 per hour for YEA teachers, not to exceed 25 hours per week:

Sylvia Busby
Joan Fahey
Denise Gorman
Joyce Jones

Jill Luknis
Carol Merold
Arlene Scull
William Spurio

Saturday Behavior Modification Program (Fund 019) – \$22.05 per hour for YEA Teacher, not to exceed 25 hours per week:

Margarita Rodriguez

Behavior Intervention Program (Fund 001) – \$29.83 per hour for Administrators, not to exceed 25 hours per week:
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Administrators

Bruce Donahue
William Christofil

Substitute Administrators

Denise Vaclav-Danko
Diane Hunsbarger

Purchase Service for the Reading First Grant (Fund 599-910A) – **Williamson and M. L. King Elementary Schools**, \$15.50 per hour for Non-YEA Member, not to exceed \$9,500.00:

Sandra Benson

Behavior Intervention Program (Fund 001) – \$22.50 per hour for YEA Teacher, not to exceed 25 hours per week:

Sherrri Morgan-Fowler
Mark Lyden

Dennis Mamone
Dorothy Moore (Sub)

Youngstown After-School Alliance (Fund 572 Stimulus) – \$22.50 per hour for YEA Teacher, \$15.50 per hour for Non-YEA Members, not to exceed 25 hours per week:

Volney Rogers – Teacher Leaders

Judy Moschella (YEA)
Karen Thompson (YEA)

Rayen Early College – Teacher

Sheila Woodson

P. Ross Berry

Belinda Wilson

Supplemental Contracts (Fund 001)

Chaney

Claude Bentley III	2009-10	9 th Gr. Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,626.00
Christopher Gilchrist	2009-10	Asst. Boys Coach	\$3,626.00

P. Ross Berry

Marvin Oates	2009-10	7 th Gr. Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,626.00
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APPOINTMENT OF RECALL TEACHERS

Recall of Limited Contract Teacher (Fund 001)

Joshua Marsh Science Teacher Salary \$37,998.00 Retro-active 8/31/09 BA+15 Step 5
Ann Vouvalis Elementary Teacher Salary \$25,452.95 Pro-rated 12/9/09 MA Step 6
Heather Wilcox Elementary Teacher Salary \$19,107.25 Pro-rated 12/9/09 BA Step 1

TERMINATION

Teacher

Ahmad A. Amawi Failure to Respond To Recall Eff. 12/09/09

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

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 258-09

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENT**

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, the following appointments and retirement are being recommended for the 2009-2010 school year:

APPOINTMENTS

4-Hour Cook Helper (Fund 006) – not to exceed 20 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$11.18:

Joy Nevels

Substitute Secretary (Fund 001) – to be used on an “as needed” basis at an hourly rate of \$8.32:

Warrenettier Timpson

RETIREMENT

Custodial Helper

Dorothy Blazina

Amended Date

Eff. 01/01/2010

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

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Taylor, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 259-09

**RETENTION OF SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT
THE YOUNGSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHALLENGING THE LEGAL AUTHORITY OF
THE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION COMMISSION FOR THE
YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EXECUTE RESOLUTION 039-09**

WHEREAS, the Youngstown City School District was declared to be in the state of fiscal emergency on November 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has since worked tirelessly with the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission to reduce its expenditures by more than 32 million dollars, including the reduction of 520 employees, by submitting an annual reduction plan to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes Financial Planning and Supervision Commission Resolution 039-09 requires the Board of Education to deviate from the most currently revised fiscal recovery plan as adopted by the Commission and approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to further significantly reduce expenditures in non-instructional areas with a priority on retaining as many jobs as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education remains committed to maintaining significant savings after such savings are realized; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to retain legal counsel to ensure the rights and responsibilities of the Board of Education to the taxpayers of the City of Youngstown are upheld; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education also wishes to retain legal counsel to provide legal opinion concerning all matters included in Financial Planning and Supervision Commission of Youngstown Resolution 039-09;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall hereby retain special legal counsel to research Ohio law relating to the powers of the Financial

Planning and Supervision Commission, and to conduct meetings with officials of the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Legislature to resolve questions and issues appropriate Resolution No. 259-09 continued

to this matter, and provide expert legal opinion to the Board regarding all matters identified in Financial Planning Supervision Commission of Youngstown Resolution 039-09.

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

Ayes: Drennen, Modarelli, Murphy, Atkinson, Beachum, Catale

Nays: Taylor

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 7:30 p.m.

President

Treasurer