

Attendees:

Dr. Connie Hathorn, Youngstown City Schools Superintendent
Jim Tressel, YSU President
Herb Washington, H.L.W. Fast Track President
Judge Robert Douglas, Retired
Dr. Laura Meeks, Eastern Gateway Community College President
Tom Humphries, YW Regional Chamber President
Jan Strasfeld, Youngstown Foundation President
Nick Santucci, YW Regional Chamber
Buddy Harris, Department of Education Senior Policy Analyst

Items Discussed:

1. Nick Santucci distributed the data documents to the cabinet.
2. Mr. Washington addressed the resignation of current Superintendent Dr. Connie Hathorn.
3. Mr. Washington addressed the resignation of Mike Garvey, M7 Technologies President, from the Cabinet and the Academic Distress Commission.
4. Mr. Washington asked Mr. Tressel for an update on his Project PASS reading program under the education department.
 - a. Mr. Harris and Mr. Santucci had shadowed and observed the program earlier that afternoon.
5. Mr. Humphries reviewed and presented the educational report card data collected on the eight metropolitan cities in the state of Ohio.
6. Mr. Harris spoke of the states advice and guidance moving forward with the Cabinet and the potential plans from the state. Including opportunities in the area that are presenting themselves with the resignation of Dr. Hathorn.
7. Judge Douglas expressed his appreciation for the new plan, and felt that something new must take place.
8. Dr. Hathorn expressed his appreciation for a new, different, and bold plan. He emphasized that a new superintendent will only be met with the same difficulties and struggles that he had experienced.
9. Every member of the Cabinet agreed that more money should go with the child and that legislation must be changed.
10. Dr. Hathorn raised a concern that schools pick and choose students, and this is not fair to the child or other children.
11. Ms. Strasfeld excused herself.
12. Mr. Washington stressed his concern about the push-back that will occur when steps and plans begin to be implemented.
13. Mr. Tressel suggested a focus group to be put together to include the public on some of the conversations in hopes of avoiding drastic push-back or opposition to the plan.

14. Mr. Harris and Mr. Humphries said that the state must begin to act due to the legislative calendar, giving the Cabinet weeks to begin discussions outside of the group.
15. Mr. Washington excused himself.
16. Mr. Tressel informed the Cabinet that ACTION plans on holding a community forum event on May 21st (Time/place- TBD).
17. Mr. Tressel excused himself.
18. Mr. Humphries concluded the meeting.