

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Tod Administration Building  
Tuesday, January 23, 2001

Pursuant to notice duly given, a special meeting (the two hundred fourteenth) of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University convened at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, 2001, in the in the Board Room in Tod Administration Building.

Six trustees were present at the meeting, to-wit: Mrs. Ruth Z. Wilkes, chairperson of the board, who presided, Mr. Joseph S. Nohra, Dr. Chander M. Kohli, Mr. Larry E. Esterly, Mr. F. W. Knecht III, and Dr. H. S. Wang. Also present were student trustees Ms. Kristen Serroka and Ms. Mollie McGovern. Absent were Mr. Bruce R. Beeghly, Mrs. Eugenia C. Atkinson, and Mr. Charles B. Cushwa III.

Also present were: Dr. David C. Sweet, President; Dr. G. L. Mears, Executive Vice President; Dr. Cynthia E. Anderson, Vice President - Student Affairs, and Franklin S. Bennett, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Also present were approximately 5 persons, including deans, members of the faculty, students, administrators, and members of the news media.

The chairperson called the meeting to order.

**ITEM I - PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING.**

Evidence was available to establish that pursuant to Article II, Section 2, of the board's *Bylaws*, written notice of the call for today's special meeting was timely provided to each of the trustees, the student trustees and to the President.

**ITEM II - DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2000.**

The chairperson stated that disposition of the minutes of the board's regular meeting held December 15, 2000 would be deferred until the board's next regular meeting.

**ITEM III - EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

The chairperson recognized Mr. Nohra, who made the following motion:

Madam Chairperson, I move that the Board of Trustees conduct an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and/or compensation of one or more public employees or officials.

Dr. Kohli seconded the motion. The chairperson requested the secretary to conduct a roll call vote on the motion, the results of which are as follows (YES being a vote in favor of the motion to enter executive session):

Mrs. Wilkes	YES	Mr. Nohra	YES
Dr. Kohli	YES	Mr. Esterly	YES
Mr. Knecht	YES	Dr. Wang	YES

The chairperson declared the vote unanimous and the motion to enter executive session carried. The board entered executive session in the Manchester Room at 3:05 p.m. Accompanying the board into executive session were the President, the student trustees, and the secretary to the board. While in executive session, the board considered matters pertaining to the employment of a football coach and of an interim athletic director. The committee returned to public session in the board room at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Nohra then read and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Select Head Football Coach

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WHEREAS, James Tressel was recently selected by The Ohio State University as its head football coach; and

WHEREAS, James Tressel has accepted the position of head football coach at The Ohio State University and has resigned his position as Head Football Coach and Executive Director of Athletics at Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the football program and the University to fill the position of head football coach as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the prompt selection of a head football coach, authorizes the Administration to expeditiously fill this position, and waives any applicable policy in order for the Administration to accomplish this goal.

Mr. Knecht seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion received the affirmative vote of all trustees present. The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

ITEM IV - ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was duly adjourned by unanimous vote of the trustees at 3:50 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees