

Lakewood, Ohio
January 21, 2020

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session at Grant Elementary School, Main Office Conference Room, 1470 Victoria Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ms. Petrie Barcelona
 Mrs. Shaughnessy
 Mr. Favre
 Mr. Callahan
 Ms. Beebe

Members Absent: None

Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to recess to one Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Favre seconded the motion to move to one Executive Session for consideration of the employment of public employees.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Mr. Callahan – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 6:55 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 6:55 p.m. and immediately recessed. No action was taken.

The Board reconvened in Grant Elementary School's Cafeteria, 1470 Victoria Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 at 7:00 p.m.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Beebe moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion that the agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting held on January 21, 2020 be adopted as published.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea

Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea

Mr. Favre – Yea

Mr. Callahan – Yea

Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Barnes said Assistant Superintendent Maggie Niedzwiecki would present our January Staff Spotlight recipient. Ms. Niedzwiecki said this month both colleagues and students reached out to share the great things this teacher does every day. Ms. Niedzwiecki introduced Roosevelt Second Grade teacher, Mrs. Renee Smith, as this month's Staff Spotlight honoree. Mrs. Smith has spent her entire 30 years in education as a teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School. She understands that building a bond outside of the academics is important in order to meet the needs of all students. Board President Petrie Barcelona presented Mrs. Smith with a Certificate of Recognition and thanked her for her many years of service.

Mrs. Kaitlyn Turner, Principal of Grant Elementary School, said it was difficult to choose just one student as the Board of Education Star Student since all Grant students are so awesome. However, third grader Mark Geeter stood out as deserving of this honor. Mark has made tremendous progress, both academically and socially, since the beginning of the year. He has worked hard to have friends; and he has worked equally as hard to be a friend. Board President Petrie Barcelona presented Mark with a Certificate of Recognition and thanked him for being a great Grant student.

Mrs. Turner said she was excited to share information about Grant's first annual Snowman Shuffle held on December 18. Grant's fourth grade teachers spent time thinking about the Vision of a Lakewood Graduate. They decided that each fourth grade class would be responsible for a different grade level and for looking at the academic math standards for that grade level in order to create carnival-like games. Fourth graders worked with a partner to physically create each game and the corresponding rules. Students in grades K, 1 or 2 were then invited to play those games at a school-wide event – the Snowman Shuffle. No student was turned away regardless of their ability level. Mrs. Turner said without the Vision of a Lakewood Graduate, she was not sure they would have had that laser focus of how to create dynamic experiences for students. She

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thanked Mr. Gibbons, Mrs. Holland, and Ms. Somoles for their hard work in organizing and creating this fun event.

Superintendent Barnes said Ms. Graham Charkosky, Vice President of the Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustees, was in attendance to request Board members approve the appointment of a new trustee of the Lakewood Public Library. Ms. Graham Charkosky said the Library's Board of Trustees recommend the appointment of Mr. Gregory Gipson as trustee of the Library to fill an unexpired seven-year term ending September 12, 2026. She stated that Mr. Gipson's legal background will help to round out the skills and expertise of the current trustees.

#10/20 Resolution to Approve Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustee Appointment

Mr. Callahan moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Gregory Gipson as a trustee of the Lakewood Public Library. Mr. Gipson said the Library is the center of the Lakewood community, and he was very excited to become a part of the Library's Board of Trustees.

Yea: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Beebe

Nay: None

The motion passed.

Superintendent Barnes spoke about STEM education as the final item in this evening's Superintendent's Report. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math and is a way of thinking and doing. It is an interdisciplinary approach to learning that removes the traditional barriers that separate these four disciplines. Instead of the traditional educational experiences where subject areas are concentrated on separately, STEM education emphasizes subjects in ways that connect disciplines and relate them to each other. STEM moves beyond simple test performance and focuses on higher level thinking skills and connecting classroom learning to the real world.

STEM emphasizes skills that students need to be successful regardless of career goals:

- Collaboration
- Communication
- Research
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity

It is not about being an expert in science, technology, engineering or math; it is about students being able to apply the essential transferable skills from each discipline. STEM skills are required by 75% of today's fastest growing careers. STEM careers have grown 79% since 1990 yet enrollment in STEM training and educational programs are lagging. Due to the lack of early exposure, just 16% of STEM professionals are women.

Superintendent Barnes said this is why the March 17, 2020 levy is important for the District. It will afford us the opportunity to continue to expand and introduce our students to STEM education pre-K to grade 12. Successful passage of the levy will help spring-board our STEM initiative which will prepare our students to be innovators, creators and global leaders positioned to solve tomorrow's problems. The Superintendent responded to Board members' questions.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Vice President Petrie Barcelona asked if there were any communications received by members of the Board, Superintendent, or Treasurer.

- Mr. Callahan spoke about the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) training session he attended for new board members. This two-day session included such topics as Boardmanship, finance advocacy, legal and resources available from OSBA. He found a lot of value in attending this conference and appreciated being given the opportunity to attend.

- Mr. Callahan also attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service day luncheon sponsored by H2O. Groups of students from the high school went to different volunteer points throughout the morning. Dr. Christine Palumbo and Ms. Christine Gordillo were also in attendance along with several City Council members. Students reflected on Dr. King and his legacy. This was a great conversation led by the LHS' Diversity and Inclusion group.
- Board President Petrie Barcelona said that late last year applications were solicited to fill an opening on the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC). This committee works closely with the District's Treasurer as well as the Board's representative to the Finance Committee. Board members are in the process of reviewing these applications and should have a name for February so that the successful candidate can begin to participate in the work of the FAC.
- Board President Petrie Barcelona said the Board was closely monitoring the EdChoice policy situation in Ohio and how it could potentially impact the Lakewood City Schools. Board members continue to request our state-elected officials to take on this issue to provide better outcomes for public school districts. This is necessary to ensure that districts have the financial resources necessary to meet students' needs. There may be more to come from the Board on this matter.

Board Vice President Petrie Barcelona asked if any member of the public would like to speak.

- Ms. Georgine Sessin, 1587 Waterbury Road, Lakewood. Ms. Sessin asked if there was a plan for MakerSpace to become an actual part of the everyday classroom as opposed to a place that students would go. The Superintendent responded that yes, the goal is to have this be a part of each student's day in the classroom.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Favre moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea

Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea

Mr. Favre – Yea

Mr. Callahan – Yea

Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#17/20

A. Certified

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Certified actions.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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B. Classified

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Classified actions.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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C. Resolution to Approve the Extension of the Superintendent's Employment Contracts

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the extension of the Superintendent's employment contracts.

Yea: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#20/20

A. **Classified – Resignations**

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Classified resignations on one reading.

Upon roll call on the motion the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea

Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea

Mr. Favre – Yea

Mr. Callahan – Yea

Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

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B. Resolution to Approve the Replacement of the First Federal Lakewood Stadium Turf – First Reading

C. Other

As there was no additional business, Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Yea: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

President

Treasurer