

Lakewood, Ohio
November 16, 2015

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session in the Emerson Elementary School Cafetorium, 13439 Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion that the Agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on November 16, 2015, be adopted.

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

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

The motion passed.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if there were any corrections to the published minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on October 19, 2015. There were none.

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Einhouse seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes as published.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Assistant Superintendent Ramsey Caserio informed Board members that Superintendent Patterson was not at tonight's Board meeting as he was being recognized in Washington, D.C. at a gala celebration for all 2015 state Superintendents of the Year. The Superintendent was also acknowledged last week at the annual Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference.

Mr. Brian Siftar, Principal at Emerson Elementary School, shared how he and his staff are implementing the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative to keep Emerson moving "Onward, Upward, Together." Mr. Siftar introduced the following members of the PBIS Team:

Mrs. Christi Bradac
Mrs. Melissa Dillon
Mrs. Jessie Holland
Mrs. Rachel Shamsali

Mrs. Holland spoke on behalf of the team and said they are fortunate that they are able to focus more on the positive behavior supports aspect. This year has seen the implementation of a quarterly theme. This quarter's emphasis is on kindness and friendship. Students exhibiting caring, helpful and kind behavior are "Upstanders." A video was shown where Emerson students and staff provided their thoughts about what it means to be an Upstander. Staff who see students going above and beyond typical behavior expectations hand out Emerson Upstander bracelets. The student is given two bracelets: one is for the student to wear, the other is to give to another student exhibiting Upstander behavior. Emerson students presented Board members, the Assistant Superintendent and the Treasurer with Upstander bracelets.

The next report shared information about the relationship between the Lakewood City Schools and Asia Inc. and how this partnership serves our students who are English Language Learners (ELL). Mrs. Pam Griebel, Director of Teaching and Learning, introduced Mrs. Christine Foote, Teaching and Learning Coordinator, and Ms. Kitty Leung, Program Manager of Youth and Family Services at Asia Inc. Mrs. Foote explained that social language develops quickly, usually within six months to two years, for language learner students in the United States. It takes anywhere from five to seven years for a language learner to develop full capacity of academic language. It can take students from refugee situations even longer – from eight to ten years. Our goal with Asia Inc. is to support the social and academic language with the weekday and summer programs offered at Emerson.

Cuyahoga County is one of 350 refugee resettlement sites in the United States. Franklin County (Columbus, Ohio) has the greatest percentage of refugees at 45%; Cuyahoga County has 22% of the refugees. Catholic Charities is one of the main resettlement agencies and one we work with in Lakewood. Lakewood City Schools has 429 identified ELL students and just over half are refugee students. This makes up 8% of the District's entire student population. These students come from 36 countries and speak 25 languages in their homes. Harrison, Emerson and Grant

have the highest number of ELL elementary students; Garfield has the greatest number of middle school ELL students.

This is our fifth school year with a formal, Board-approved partnership with Asia Inc. Ms. Kitty Leung thanked the Board for the opportunity to continue to house the program at Emerson. She asked Board members to keep in mind that secondary migration may be increasing as individuals come to join family members who have already resettled in the United States. Ms. Leung provided a summary of Asia Inc.'s involvement since 2008. The program is primarily funded through the Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS). The number of students served has increased by 50% from the program's inception.

Board members had questions about migration patterns and expressed their appreciation for the work done by Asia Inc. and District personnel. Board President Petrie Barcelona said she had gathered statistics prior to a recent community forum. Lakewood City Schools is roughly the 54th largest district in the state but were ranked 12th with regard to ELL enrollment.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Favre moved and Mr. Einhouse 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
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#284/15

A. Certified

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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B. Certified – Athletic Coach/Advisor (ECES) – Non-Employee

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Certified-Athletic Coach Advisor (ECES) – Non-Employee resolution.

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

Nays: None

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C. Classified

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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D. Classified – Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Classified-Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees resolution.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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E. Community Recreation and Education Department

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Community Recreation and Education Department resolution.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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F. Resolution to Adjust Substitute Pay Rate

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the resolution to adjust the substitute pay rate.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Mr. Einhouse attended Lakewood Alive's recent panel discussion on refugees and immigrants. Board President Petrie Barcelona was one of the panelists and represented the issue well.
- Board President Petrie Barcelona participated in Garfield Middle School's Veterans Day Recognition Program on November 10. The featured speaker was Dr. Richard Dutro, former teacher and administrator for the Lakewood City Schools. He spoke about the part he played in helping to liberate one of the World War II concentration camps.
- Assistant Superintendent Ramsey Caserio said that Lakewood High School has been chosen as a 2016 semifinalist Grammy Signature School. The GRAMMY Signature School National Program recognizes top public schools that are making outstanding commitments to music education. The Assistant Superintendent congratulated the entire Music Department and specifically acknowledged Mr. Peter Hampton, Mr. Clinton Steinbrunner, Ms. Trish Hendy, and Ms. Beth Hankins for their outstanding work at Lakewood High School. Finalists will be announced in mid-March 2016. Ms. Beebe mentioned that this goes along with Ms. Hankins being named a 2016 quarterfinalist by the Grammy Foundation.

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if any members of the public would like to speak. No one wished to address the Board at this time.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#290/15

A. Classified – Resignations

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

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

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea

Mr. Einhouse – Yea

Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea

Mr. Favre – Yea

Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

There being no other business and no need for an Executive Session, Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Beebe moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

President

Treasurer