Lakewood, Ohio
August 17, 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 Harding Middle School Instrumental Music Room, 16601 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Mr. Favre

#204/15 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Einhouse moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion that the Agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on August 17, 2015, be adopted.

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

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

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Patterson read an email he had sent out to District staff informing them of the death of Garfield staff member, Samantha Newman, this past Saturday. The family has asked that memorials be made to Garfield Middle School in memory of Sam.

Last Friday was Convocation Day for staff, and today was a professional development day. All reports have pointed to a very good start to the school year. Tomorrow is the first day of classes for students. Superintendent Patterson said he would provide an update on the start of the school year at the next Board meeting.

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Joe Molnar from Ozanne to provide an update on our building projects. Mr. Molnar reported that the high school is still in the demolition stage, and several complications have slowed things down. There has been a two-week impact on that part of the

project, but they don't expect this to affect the final ending date. There has been a lot of focus on safety practice procedures now that school is back in session.

Mr. Molnar updated Board members on progress being made at the elementary schools and said he hoped to bring floor plans the next time he reported to the Board. Lincoln is still the furthest along; Grant is second. Roosevelt is the one that is lagging behind the others due in part to more soil remediation. However, once the slabs are poured there should be the opportunity for the masons to make up some time as it is the most straight-forward footprint (fewer turns, corners, etc.).

The goal is to get as much of the classroom areas done so that work can continue throughout the winter. Mr. Molnar indicated they are still comfortable with the completion deadlines. He answered various questions from Board members. Demolition on the two houses on Robinwood Avenue will be completed in the next 2-3 days and the Lincoln houses will follow immediately after that. We had to wait for a "clean" letter from the Ohio EPA before we could begin to tear down the houses.

The Superintendent said that District goals for school year 2015-16 had been recently shared with the Board, the community, and staff. Tonight we are going to discuss a part of the most important goal, student achievement, which involves the development of 1:1 computing at the middle school level. Ms. Ramsey-Caserio and Mr. Hieronymus are here to update the Board in terms of what progress has been made. This has implications for an item that appears later on in the agenda under Other Board Business.

Mr. Hieronymus acknowledged members of the 1:1 Technology Committee that have been working hard all year to implement this charge. We are not only under budget but are ahead of schedule due to the hard work of our technology team and great student workers. All 1,200 Chromebooks are configured and ready to be distributed to students. He presented an updated rollout schedule that provides for meeting with parents during open house at both Garfield and Harding on August 27. It is hoped that all Chromebooks will be in students' hands by September 16.

Detailed information was provided to Board members regarding the technology fee being proposed for Board approval in lieu of an insurance program. Several districts across the country indicated that a self-maintainer program has been more advantageous than an insurance program. An insurance company would charge roughly $100/year to provide accidental insurance, which would not cover water damage nor the full replacement of a machine. Mr. Hieronymus stated that he is confident that by working directly with the vendor, LNOVO, and becoming self-maintainers, we could provide this coverage at half the cost. A technology fee at $50/year would provide quite a savings to our parents.

Ms. Ramsey-Caserio revealed details of the roll-out process. Chromebooks can only work within the District's domain, and students can only be logged in via the Lakewood City Schools' domain; therefore, it has no street value. This is high on our list of priorities dealing with safety. Information will be provided parents as to where students can access the Internet, and there has been discussion about opening our own school buildings. She reviewed the Chromebook Incentive Plan. The District wants to be able to refresh these devices on a three-year cycle. Ms. Ramsey-Caserio outlined various options being considered if this replacement plan was implemented.

Once students receive the Chromebooks, they will instructed in the care and cleaning of the device. Parents will be provided the opportunity to learn about parent supervision and online safety protocols. Ms. Beebe suggested the parent support meeting should be mandatory as opposed to optional. Students whose parents are unable to come to one of the meetings, are unwilling to turn in a fee waiver or are unwilling to pay the fee will not be deprived. They will be able to check out a device and return it at the end of the school day. Superintendent Patterson said that parents will be able to establish a payment plan with their building principal. Board members had many questions regarding the implementation of the 1:1 initiative and were assured that the District currently has sufficient staff to troubleshoot and manage the program.

Staff was allowed to select professional development courses that support the 1:1 initiative. Google Classroom was the number one session requested, so much that it was necessary to provide additional sessions to meet demand. Ms. Ramsey-Caserio said that we realize problems will crop up. She further stated that teachers are not expected to have students on the computers all day long; there is an appropriate time to use them, and an appropriate time to say tops down. Superintendent Patterson said that many of the top performing school districts in Ohio have moved in this direction. The price of a textbook sometimes far exceeds the price of a Chromebook. This is just another tool to use in the classroom.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Board President Petrie Barcelona noted there are a number of law firms offering seminars for school board members. Any interested Board member should let her know.

- Board President Petrie Barcelona stated that she appreciated the Superintendent's comments made about Ms. Samantha Newman. She felt that Ms. Newman's chosen career path was admirable and that she was a great member of the Garfield team. Condolences were extended to the Newman family and the Garfield staff.

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if any members of the public would like to speak. The following individuals voiced their opinions about future plans for the District's music program:

- Dan Smith, 13114 Detroit Avenue, thanked the District and especially Superintendent Patterson for being at Garfield Middle School this morning in recognition of Samantha Newman's passing. He appreciated that Garfield Staff was allowed to gather together and draw strength from each other before attending their scheduled professional development.

- Mary Bond, 1231 Hall Avenue, posed questions with regard to the logic and rationale of Music staffing and pay increase decisions. She asked whether special needs' students would

benefit fully from the music program. Dr. Palumbo offered assurances that music would be provided to special needs' students.

- Tracy Logan, 1589 Marlowe Avenue, said that as a parent and taxpayer she was disappointed in the District's administration. As a Music Booster member she expressed disappointment from the lack of support as they embark on a $300,000 fund-raising project. Mrs. Logan said she and others have felt threatened for continuing to show up and voice their opinions to the Board.

- Woody Calleri, 2154 Arthur Avenue, announced that later in the agenda Board members would be acting on raises for the Superintendent and the Treasurer. Mr. Calleri questioned why approval was being requested on one reading. In addition, he requested specific information regarding the Superintendent's salary.

  Board members responded that the raise was the same percentage that all other District employees received and that information about the Superintendent's salary was reported this past year in the Plain Dealer. It was being done on one reading because the Board was late in taking action.

- Amy Daso, 17436 Edgewater Drive, brought up concerns about subjects that are no longer being taught, specifically keyboarding. She shared her thoughts about why she is no longer able nor willing to support the schools with other families who chose to send their children to other, private schools. Dr. Daso read a letter she had sent to District personnel addressing her concerns regarding the certification of the teachers assigned to middle school gifted math.

  Mrs. Griebel addressed some of Dr. Daso's gifted concerns. Board members suggested that Mrs. Griebel meet with Dr. Daso along with any interested School Board members. Assistant Superintendent Ramsey-Caserio said it was important to recognize the difference between those students not gifted-identified by the State and those that Lakewood recognizes as gifted and the impact this has on staffing and required certifications.

- Mary Bond, 1231 Hall Avenue, spoke again and asked how we would become a top 20 school district by the year 2020 when many teachers are not teaching in their area of specialty.

Board President Petrie Barcelona noted that this spring and summer had been one of great change in a lot of areas and is always a challenge. She is optimistic that everyone would continue to work well with each other as the year progresses, and hopefully this great change will not be required every year.

#205/15 - #210/15 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Shaughnessy 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
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#211/15

A. Certified

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#212/15

B. Classified

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#213/15

C. 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, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#214/15

A. Certified – Resignations

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve the Certified 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
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

#215/15

B. <u>Resolution to Approve School Fees for the 2015-16 School Year</u>

Ms. Beebe moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve the resolution on one reading. There was discussion regarding the merits of holding a special meeting in order to allow two readings on the resolution. Board members indicated this topic had been discussed for years, and they were comfortable acting on one reading.

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

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

The motion passed.

#216/15

C. Resolution to Approve the Amendment of the Employment Contracts of the Superintendent and Treasurer – Request Approval on One Reading

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve the resolution amending the employment contracts of the Superintendent and the Treasurer on one reading. Mr. Einhouse noted this was the second year that the Board had evaluated both individuals and had thoroughly reviewed the contracts.

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

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

The motion passed.

D. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Bellefaire JCB - Monarch – First Reading

There being no other business Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to recess to two Executive Sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Einhouse moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to move to two executive sessions (1) for consideration of the employment of a public employee and (2) to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment.

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

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

The motion passed.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

The Second Executive Session began at 8:40 p.m.

The Second Executive Session ended at 9:19 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 9:19 p.m. No action was taken.

Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer