Lakewood, Ohio
August 3, 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 Harding Middle School's Instrumental Music Room, 16601 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

#197/15 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion that the Agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on August 3, 2015 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
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Patterson introduced Mr. James Crawford, Director of the Lakewood Public Library, and Mr. Scott Kermode, President of the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Crawford presented Ms. Maureen Murman, their nominee for the open trustee position. The Library Board of Trustees met on June 25, 2015 and interviewed applicants. Mr. Crawford reviewed Ms. Murman's qualifications and noted that she was unanimously chosen by the Trustees. The Lakewood School District is the appointing authority and the taxing authority for the library; therefore, they are requesting that the Board appoint Ms. Murman to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Mrs. Mary Louise Nixon. Mr. Crawford shared how Mrs. Nixon's extraordinary dedication made a very real difference in the City of Lakewood, the Lakewood City Schools and

the Lakewood Public Library. Mr. Scott Kermode stated that it was a very challenging task to fill some very big shoes. Ms. Murman said she was honored to be chosen for this appointment and promised to do her best.

#198/15
Resolution to Approve Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustee Appointment

Ms. Beebe moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustee appointment on one reading.

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

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

The motion passed.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The members of the Board of Education previewed the items to be considered and approved at the meeting of the Board of Education to be held on August 17, 2015.

A. Report of the Finance Chairpersons — Mr. Favre, Mr. Einhouse
   1. Investments Purchased and Matured – June 2015
   2. Financial Information – June 2015

B. Report of the Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases Chairpersons — Mr. Einhouse, Mr. Favre
   1. Resolution for the Lakewood City School District to Join the Ohio Schools Council
   2. Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Purchasing Program 2015-2016 Agreement of Participation

C. Report of the Education Chairpersons — Ms. Beebe, Mrs. Shaughnessy
   1. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Recovery Resources
   2. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education, the Ohio Schools Council, and the Lake Erie Educational Media Consortium

D. Report of the Policy Chairpersons — Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse

E. Report of the Human Resources and Community Services Chairpersons — Mrs. Shaughnessy, Ms. Beebe
   1. Certified
   2. Classified
   3. Community Recreation and Education

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Mr. Favre attended the breakfast for the new teachers. He said everyone would be very impressed with the caliber of the District's new hires.

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

- Kenneth Smith and Heather Hoon, 1497 Ridgewood Avenue, expressed their displeasure at the way they perceive they are treated by District employees. Mr. Smith and Ms. Hoon presented their reasons for requesting a transfer for their child from Harrison to another elementary school in the District.

- Tracy Logan, 1589 Marlowe Avenue, asked if there was any way the Board would increase the number of Music teachers being replaced from 2-1/2 to 3. Board President Petrie Barcelona responded to her questions and indicated that all classes were covered and it was the Board's understanding that all extra-curricular music activities would be maintained.

- Jenny Rohrs, 13452 Lake Avenue, stated they were back again to let Board members know that music is important. Ms. Rohrs said that if there was no way to get that other half person added back, they would accept it but would continue to show up. She explained the savings realized when teachers at the top of their pay grade retire and are replaced with newer teachers at the bottom of the pay grade. Ms. Rohrs reminded the Board that they are voters, too, and that they want to elect people who take their concerns seriously. Board President Petrie Barcelona wanted it noted that we do not always employ teachers who are right out of school and at the bottom of the pay grade; we hire the best candidate.

- Kathy Plank, 1193 Virginia Avenue, expressed concern that at an earlier meeting only two years of statistics were presented showing student's music involvement. Mrs. Plank feels the community is being given the wrong impression that students' interest in the music programs is declining. She would feel better about this decision if statistics for a greater time period were made available. Superintendent Patterson indicated that statistics for four years are available. Board President Petrie Barcelona said that enrollment as a whole has been declining each year; we have lost about 400 students the last four years.

- Kate Stallbaum, 17808 Franklin Avenue, shared her family's concerns that her children would not have as good a music experience when moving from Lakewood to Vancouver, Washington. Their decision to return to Lakewood was largely due in part to the Lakewood City Schools' Music program.

- Dana Plank-Blasko, 1170 French Avenue, expressed her opinion that every elementary building requires its own elementary music specialist regardless of the enrollment.

- Beth Bender-Thomas, 1217 Marlowe Avenue, said she has problems understanding the numbers, in particular those missing from year 2013-2014. She suggested events that may have impacted students' desire to be involved in the music programs. Ms. Bender-Thomas asked why the Board is not taking action to increase student participation. She read a letter from Mr. David Conte, who could not attend, expressing his support of the program. Ms. Bender-Thomas said that she wants to be a part of a District that grows its programs, not cuts them.

Assistant Superintendent Ramsey-Caserio presented statistics showing total enrollment and participation in the middle schools' bands, orchestras, and choirs as follows:

	Total Enrollment	Grade	Student Participation by Grade (Total Garfield & Harding) Band	Orchestra	Choir
2011-12					
Garfield	628	Gr. 6	107	97	97
Harding	659	Gr. 7	130	123	154
	1,287	Gr. 8	121	96	158
2012-13					
Garfield	590	Gr. 6	92	108	59
Harding	630	Gr. 7	90	70	88
	1,220	Gr. 8	82	67	110
2013-14					
Garfield	572	Gr. 6	99	100	80
Harding	628	Gr. 7	72	78	63
	1,200	Gr. 8	80	65	89
2014-15					
Garfield	577	Gr. 6	92	84	48
Harding	571	Gr. 7	73	72	80
	1,148	Gr. 8	60	65	58

Ms. Ramsey-Caserio said that in year 2014-15, less than 20 students at Garfield and less than 15 students at Harding had to choose between Music and the Reading Edge tutoring program. Ms. Hankins stated that the numbers presented by Ms. Ramsey-Caserio differed from the numbers she and Mrs. Tabaj had compiled from programs. She asked if they could sit down with Ms. Ramsey-Caserio and compare.

- Julie Tabaj, Garfield Middle School, thanked Board members, her colleagues, and the community for their support. This is a serious situation and she wished to thank Administration for meeting with Music staff and opening new doors. Mrs. Tabaj also wanted all to know that with the addition of the .5 Music position, all Music staff is committed to maintaining all existing music opportunities for students to the best of their ability.

- Rachel Novak, 14924 Esther Avenue, is employed in the Cleveland Orchestra Community and Outreach Department and participated in the Orchestra's residency partnership in Lakewood last spring. She is encouraged by the ongoing conversations. Ms. Novak and the Cleveland Orchestra hope that Lakewood continues to be a great example for other communities by keeping a focus on the Arts.

Board President Petrie Barcelona said that the conversation over the past two months has been important in helping Board members to understand more of the issue, and we will have better conversations moving forward. She thanked everyone who shared and provided testimony this evening. Mrs. Shaughnessy indicated that it's the Board's hope that the music programs will grow so that they can consider building on that. Mr. Favre complimented those present for being advocates for their position and that he appreciated their thoughtfulness, politeness, and thoroughness.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#199/15

A. Resolution to Approve the Coordinator of Community Recreation and Education

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the establishment of the Coordinator of Community Recreation and Education position on one reading. Board President Petrie Barcelona noted that earlier this summer Mr. Bob Curtin, a long-time administrator retired from the District. This area of responsibility had previously been under his area of focus.

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

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

The motion passed.

#200/15

B. **Community Recreation and Education Department – Resignation**

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Community Recreation and Education Department resignation on one reading.

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

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

The motion passed.

#201/15

C. <u>Certified – Resignations and Appointment</u>

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Certified resignations and appointment on one reading. Mrs. Shaughnessy said that generally at this time of year the Board acts upon resignations quickly so that the positions can be filled.

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

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

The motion passed.

#202/15

D. Classified – Resignations and Appointment

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Classified resignations and appointment on one reading. Superintendent Patterson said he was pleased to recommend Leslie Krogman as the Coordinator of the Community Recreation and Education Department. Leslie is highly qualified to assume this position. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Management from the University of Toledo and a Masters of Sports Administration and Masters in Business Administration from Ohio University. Leslie graduated from Lakewood High in 1995. While at LHS, Leslie was involved in numerous varsity sports, earned nine varsity letters, and was inducted into the Lakewood High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. The Superintendent went on to provide a summary of Leslie's recent accomplishments while working in the Recreation Department. Leslie's deep historical perspective of Lakewood Schools, Lakewood Recreation, and athletics in Lakewood combined with her clear vision and view of what needs to happen in the Recreation Department made her the best candidate for the position.

Mrs. Krogman expressed that she is both grateful and excited for the opportunity being offered to her. She looks forward to continuing the department's successes and further developing a seamless relationship between the high school, athletic and Recreation departments. Board members Petrie Barcelona, Shaughnessy, and Beebe offered congratulations to Mrs. Krogman.

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

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

The motion passed.

#203/15

E. <u>Fiber Optic Cable Relocation at Lakewood High School</u>

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the resolution on one reading. Mr. Hieronymus indicated this just provides the data a different, secure path into the building.

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

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

The motion passed.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Favre seconded the motion to move to two Executive Sessions for (1) the consideration of the employment of a public employee and for (2) the consideration of the employment of public officials.

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

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

The motion passed.

The Board recessed to the First Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

The First Executive Session ended at 8:32 p.m.

The Second Executive Session ended at 8:47 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 8:47 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, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer