Lakewood, Ohio
June 15, 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 Hayes Elementary School Cafetorium, 16401 Delaware Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Beebe moved and Mr. Favre seconded the motion to move to Executive Session for the consideration of the employment of public officials.

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.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 7:04 p.m. No action was taken.

131/15 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion that the Agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on June 15, 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 called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meetings held on May 4, May 18 and June 1, 2015, and the Special Board of Education Meeting held on May 21, 2015. Mr. Einhouse moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the 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

Superintendent Patterson introduced Mrs. Nancy Early, Nutrition Services Supervisor/Dietician, who presented the annual Nutrition Services Department report to the Board. The Ohio Department of Education conducted their Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) and School Meal Initiative (SMI) for Lakewood's Nutrition Services Department this year. Mrs. Early was pleased to report that they earned a rare, perfect audit. Ms. Beebe asked about the benefits of participating in the Federal free & reduced lunch program; Mrs. Early stated that 52% of students qualify for the program and the District receives a subsidy for participating. Ms. Beebe also asked if a review is conducted of uneaten food. Mrs. Early said Nutrition Services reviews food on a five week cycle to ensure enough variation occurs and to minimize waste.

Mr. Jim Reitenbach provided information regarding the construction documents for the three elementary buildings. The Board will be requested to approve this resolution on one reading later in the agenda.

Mrs. Brenda Budzar, Coordinator-Teaching & Learning, was present to speak about this year's Curriculum and Technology Teachers' (CaTTs) experiences. Mrs. Budzar spoke about the CaTTs involvement in school at the elementary level. She also presented a video in which students and teachers who worked with the CaTTs spoke about the projects developed and executed with the CaTTs' help.

Superintendent Patterson spoke about staffing. He presented information about past and current enrollment. He explained the middle schools gaining one extra period of math instruction every day next year. Superintendent Patterson highlighted staffing for the music program district-wide relative to enrollment and specifically at the middle school level. An analysis of student participation in the band, choir and orchestra programs was given, further broken down by middle school building. This analysis demonstrated a significant decline in middle school music program enrollment. Superintendent Patterson clarified construction versus operating funding, specifying that capital expenditures cannot be used to support staffing needs. Additionally, he highlighted the five year financial forecast and how it affects staffing planning.

Mrs. Shaughnessy commented about how impressed she was with technology's integration in the curriculum.

Mr. Favre expressed alarm over the enrollment trend and how, had the current decrease occurred several years ago, the District would not be building the new Grant Elementary School building. He also stated he found the drop in music participation this past year alarming. Mrs. Shaughnessy questioned why the sharp decline in music participation. She also said she appreciated Superintendent Patterson's taking the time to talk to the music teachers about next year.

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.

- Ms. Beebe, Mr. Einhouse and Mrs. Shaughnessy stated they had several communications with residents in conversation or email regarding concerns about the music program.
- Mr. Einhouse also said he had conversations with parents expressing concern over the GT program.

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:

- Dr. Chuck Greanoff, 12000 Edgewater Drive, spoke about music education, citing research about student participation in music education and its benefits to education overall. He advocated that Lakewood maintain its program to differentiate itself from other suburbs' school programs.
- Julie Warren, 1249 Virginia Avenue, spoke about the importance of students overall welfare and how music gets kids excited to go to school.
- Abi Norman, 1533 Clarence Avenue, reviewed her history of music participation in Lakewood Schools and the benefits of the extra groups available.
- Mary Bond, 1231 Hall Avenue, read the Schools' mission statement and asked that music staff not be reduced.
- Laura Sangree, 1052 Maple Cliff Drive, inquired as to why the middle school music participation is declining and stated that the music staff regularly goes beyond contracted time to work with students.
- Tracey Logan, 1589 Marlowe Avenue, read two emails from people who could not attend:
    - Tony Howard and Stephanie Reed, LHS alumni, wrote in support of the program and against any staffing cuts
    - Paula Reed wrote potential cuts to GT and music programming. She wrote that these were areas in which she was able to refute negative views of Lakewood within the area's real estate community.
- Declan Rohrs, 13452 Lake Avenue, spoke about his experiences in band and choir at Garfield Middle School and choosing band as a class over choir.
- Kristen Bindel, 15611 Delaware, relayed her music experiences at Lakewood High School and how the experience and discipline required prepared her for adulthood.
- Era Bakia, 2070 Lewis Drive, read a letter on behalf of Cathy Aldrich. Mrs. Aldrich wrote that reducing music staff is contrary to statements made during the bond and levy campaigns.
- Jenny Barnett Rohrs, 13452 Lake Avenue, spoke about having choices and choosing to remain in Lakewood. She also spoke about her experience as a music therapist and the importance of having teachers teach in their area of expertise.
- Carter Strong, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama and formerly of Lakewood, spoke about traveling from Alabama to express his commitment to the music program to express concern and to work with music students during upcoming music camps.
- Mackenzie Smith, 1600 Warren Road, spoke about how participation in music and related extracurricular activities helped her make friends after moving within the District prior to beginning eighth grade.
- Elizabeth Spahr, 1498 Belle Avenue, related her music experience in Lakewood Schools and her eventual full scholarship to study math and computational science in college.
- Colleen Clark-Sutton, 14013 Clifton Boulevard, asked for a review of the data presented. She spoke about how math support provided to middle school students decreased music program participation because the support was offered during time students would have

taken band, orchestra or choir. She also asked the District to remain strong in its discussions with the State so that local programming was not affected by the State's idea of what school programming should look like.

- Evan Levis, 2054 Arthur Avenue, spoke about his music opportunities in the schools and time spent studying scores for the coming school year.
- Michael Drops, 2046 Marlowe Avenue, spoke about the effects of charter schools pulling funds from local districts and how this affects programs such as music. He also requested the crowd present pay attention to unfunded mandates from the State and urged people to pay attention and be in contact with elected officials beyond Lakewood.
- Woody Calleri, 2154 Arthur Avenue, asked for clarification regarding a "$350k shortfall to build the music wing," with regard to acoustics. Mr. Zeman explained differences between what the OFCC guidelines provide for construction vs. local preference. Ms. Petrie Barcelona reiterated money for acoustics is budgeted. Mr. Calleri asked if the District could not have requested more money for the Locally Funded Initiatives (LFI) when the bond issue was on the ballot. Mr. Zeman explained the District could not, it had reached its debt limit. Superintendent Patterson stated that one use of the LFI is more square footage for performing arts and music. Ms. Beebe stated that whatever the District has to fund because expenses will not be covered by the State will occur by saving money on LFIs elsewhere in construction or by raising necessary money. Ms. Petrie Barcelona reiterated the State would not have built the new Tryout Theater but as Lakewood wanted the space, it would be funded 100% as an LFI. Mr. Calleri expressed his understanding that competing interests for the LFIs make funding desired acoustics challenging. He offered to help the District find the money to hire an additional music teacher.
- Mike Deneen, 2225 Hall Avenue, stated he was impressed by the poise of students who spoke and recognized the quality of the music program.
- Riley Faulhammer, 12975 Emerson Avenue, stated the music program helps students figure out what they are supposed to do in life.
- Tess Marjanovic, 13511 Elbur Lane, spoke about the importance of the music program to her family.
- Julia Szentkiralyi, 1229 French Avenue, spoke about her participation in music. She asked if music-related extracurriculars would go away next year. Superintendent Patterson said they would not.
- Jim Kulma, 1496 Marlowe Avenue, spoke about the importance of the music program and how the connections one of his children made through music opportunities helped him get through school.
- Laura Whitkofski, 1602 Lewis Drive, expressed concern for middle school music teachers and stated that each elementary school needs its own music teacher.
- Julie Tabaj, 13114 Detroit Avenue, said she was overwhelmed by the community response. She thanked Superintendent Patterson and Assistant Superintendent Ramsey-Caserio for talking to her about the situation. She said over 400 fifth graders tested for instruments this past spring, so the number of students coming into the middle school program is expected to be larger for the coming school year.

- Brian Griebel, 27006 East Oviatt Road, Bay Village, spoke about the uniqueness of middle school music teachers. He asked that the people best suited to teach elementary, middle and special education students be placed accordingly.
- Sarah Whitkofski, 1602 Lewis Drive, expressed worry that the music program would be removed from middle school.

Ms. Petrie Barcelona thanked everyone for their comments.

Complete comments may be found at www.lakewoodcityschools.org, under Quick Links, Board of Education, Board Meeting Videos.

#132/15 - #147/15 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Favre 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

#148/15

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.

B. 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.

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, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#151/15

A. Certified – Resignations and Retirement

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

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B. Resolution to Approve Construction Design for the Three Elementary Buildings (Grant, Lincoln & Roosevelt)

Mr. Einhouse moved and Mr. Favre seconded the motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve the resolution 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.

C. Resolution to Revise Policies of the Lakewood City Board of Education – First Reading

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The motion passed.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 10:15 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 10:15 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, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer