Lakewood, Ohio
February 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 Hayes Elementary School Cafetorium, 16401 Delaware Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Mr. Einhouse
Mr. Favre

#27/15 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion that the Agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on February 17, 2015, be adopted.

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

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

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Patterson reminded Board members that a resolution to approve an appointment to the Community Recreation and Education Commission (CREC) was on the agenda for a first reading at the February 2, 2015 meeting. Mr. Joe Stolitza, President of the Commission, was here to present their nominee to fill the current opening. Mr. William Fraunfelder, III, is a lifelong resident of Lakewood and has served on the Adult Athletic Commission for two years. Mr. Stolitza said he and all the other Commissioners were happy to have someone as enthusiastic and committed as Bill join the Commission. Mr. Fraunfelder thanked Board members for this opportunity.

#28/15

Resolution to Approve Appointment to the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Commission

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the appointment of William Fraunfelder, III as a Commissioner of the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2017.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Jim Reitenbach updated Board members with regard to the high school transition. Before anything could be started on the eastern end of the high school, all transition spaces needed to be prepared. He was pleased to report that the transition preparation was completed. It would have been possible to have students start to eat in the transition kitchen and rooms today, but because of PARCC testing, the decision was made to wait until the first week of testing was completed. Transition involves more than just the feeding of the students. There was extensive work done with asbestos removal and demolition of some areas in the high school. In addition, a handicap restroom was installed in the D Building.

Mr. Reitenbach's presentation showed the transition kitchen at the high school and new equipment installed in the Garfield Middle School's kitchen. $140,000 of brand-new equipment was installed at Garfield to aid in the food preparation for the high school students. The majority of this transition equipment will ultimately be installed in the final kitchen at the new high school. He also reviewed other accommodations made to provide the best use of transition spaces for instrument storage, the bookroom, etc. We will be ready to go with the kitchen next Monday, February 23. Students will have lunchroom assignments due to limited seating. Additional staff has been hired in order to provide a teacher and monitor in each lunch room; in addition, cameras have been installed in the rooms. The tentative plan is that the East side will be shuttered on March 20 and completely shut off from all students, staff, and the public.

Superintendent Patterson wanted to make the Board and community aware that we will be phasing in the three elementary groundbreaking ceremonies. The first one will be held on Friday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. for Lincoln Elementary School. We feel confident that by that date we will be prepared to have ground-breaking activities that will involve Board members, the mayor, several students, staff, and parents. As soon as we know the schedules for Grant and Roosevelt, we will begin to announce those ceremonies as well.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Board President Petrie Barcelona stated that Board members were aware of concerns regarding the PARCC tests and have appreciated parents' thoughts and ideas about the testing and opting out. She encouraged parents to reach out to the District to get their questions answered. As had been previously stated by the District, we affirm parents' rights and options to choose to not have their children participate in the tests. We only ask that people get information from us to help them make an informed decision and understand the consequences of opting out.

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

- Ryan Cronin, 1216 Summit Avenue, Lakewood. Mr. Cronin, LHS Class of 1995 and a member of Laborers Local 310, said he has had the privilege of working on the Lincoln abatement and demolition project. He wished to thank the Board for selecting Turner Construction so that union tradesmen like himself who live in Lakewood can build his kid's schools.

- Ahmie Yeung, 1620 Victoria Avenue, Lakewood. Mrs. Yeung voiced her opinion against the proposed calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. She indicated that moving up the start date could cause potential heat and cooling issues and suggested phasing in an earlier start over a period of years. Board President Petrie Barcelona said that she understood we would be providing fans at a minimum to help with heat concerns. She also mentioned that this school year started a little later as we had pushed it back to accommodate the move to the transition sites. The calendar being considered is actually about four days earlier than prior years.

- Patricia McLaughlin, 1282 Belle Avenue, Lakewood. Mrs. McLaughlin indicated that she agreed with Mrs. Yeung's suggestion to move the calendar up a little bit but not all the way to August 13. However, Mrs. McLaughlin primarily wished to express her concern about the loss of grant funds that had provided reading intervention during the summer for K-3 students. She asked what options would be available this summer for students who are struggling with reading readiness. Assistant Superintendent Ramsey-Caserio provided a summary of prior years' summer reading camp offerings. She confirmed that the grant was indeed a two-year grant that has run out for this year. It is a state law that districts must offer intervention for students in third grade who are not successful on the OAA this year and future PARCC testing. The District is exploring various options to secure further grant funding in the hope that the intervention could be extended to other grades.

  Superintendent Patterson wished to mention at this time two important pieces of information that community members need to know about the proposed calendar. Lakewood's winter break traditionally occurs near the end of December and lasts roughly two weeks. Students, especially those in high school, then return for one week of class before facing mid-term exams. The calendar being proposed would have the first semester completed before students left for winter break. This would be extremely positive for students. The second item is that with the construction we thought it important to end school prior to Memorial Day so that we can capitalize on summer break and do a tremendous amount of work.

- Steve Skantzos, 1437 Parkwood Avenue, Lakewood. Mr. Skantzos, a life-long resident of Lakewood and 2004 LHS graduate, expressed his excitement that the Lakewood High School updates and renovations will be completed. He is also happy that Turner Construction was picked as the general contractor. He is an electrician with IBW Local 38; they are union contractors and belong to the Cleveland Building Trades. Mr. Skantzos stated that they do quality work for a livable wage, and he is certain we will be pleased with their work if Turner allows them to do it. Turner is a great outfit to work for.

  Ms. Beebe said that one of the initial goals was to reach out to the local work force and employ them on our job. She was very pleased to see that was being accomplished.

#29/15 - #38/15 **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
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#39/15

A. Certified

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#40/15

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

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#41/15

C. Classified

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#42/15

D. Classified – Athletic Coach/Advisor (ECES) – Non-Employee

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#43/15

E. Community Recreation and Education

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#44/15

A. Classified – Retirement and Resignation

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

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

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

The motion passed.

B. School Calendar for 2015-2016 – First Reading

Ms. Beebe provided her thoughts in support of the proposed calendar.

#45/15

C. Resolution to Approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP Amendment #2) for the Lakewood High School Abatement and Demolition

Ms. Beebe moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP Amendment #2) for the Lakewood High School Abatement and Demolition.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Beebe wished to bring one final item to the Board's attention. She noted that the District is a part of the Lakewood Family Collaborative. The Collaborative is having a meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Lakewood Methodist Church called Coming Together as One for Our Community, Heroin and Hope. It is an effort on the part of members of the Collaborative to be proactive and deal with the heroin epidemic in our country. This is an opportunity to come together as a community to learn how to become a part of the solution.

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

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer