Lakewood, Ohio
February 2, 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 Horace Mann Elementary School Cafetorium, 1215 W. Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

#24/15 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion that the Agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on February 2, 2015 be adopted as published:

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

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

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Patterson introduced State Senator Michael Skindell who was present to provide Board members with a legislative update. The Senator informed the Board that he had been appointed the Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, the top committee assignment that any Democrat can receive in the Ohio Senate. This will enable him to better advocate for the citizens of Lakewood and the Lakewood School District. State Representative Nickie Antonio had originally planned to be here; however, Governor Kasich released the outline of budget priorities today. Rep. Antonio needed to be in attendance at the House of Representatives as the budget is first introduced there. A Biennial Operating Budget for the state is required to be in place by July 1.

Senator Skindell looked back at the last several state budgets in order to better understand expectations for education in the upcoming budget. A summary of items funded through the state General Revenue Fund (GRF), which is where taxpayer dollars are deposited, was provided. The Senator stated that current budget deliberations on K-12 education funding will again revisit the funding formula. The legislature adjusted the funding formula in the last budget by increasing the percentage-based caps on what districts could receive. That adjustment will be scrutinized in this year's deliberations. He also understands that the Governor will call for an elimination of the guarantee. In addition, it is expected that the Governor will phase out Tangible Personal Property taxes (TPP) to schools in this budget. Other items of significance that were discussed were provisions for student testing, diversion of funding to charter schools, and the addition of money to the OFCC so that charter schools will have access to this facility money.

Board President Petrie Barcelona thanked Senator Skindell for making time to speak to them and for being a true advocate for public schools in Columbus. Board members and Senator Skindell engaged in discussion regarding the proposed budget. The Senator indicated it was important for the Superintendent, the Treasurer, or Board members to come to Columbus and provide testimony. Superintendent Patterson said it is more important than ever that we stay in close contact with our state organizations – the Ohio School Board Association, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials – and communicate our concerns.

Ms. Philis Muth, Principal of Grant Elementary School, spoke about the smooth transition to Grant's temporary two-year learning community housed at St. James School. She emphasized that support from parents, PTA, the community, and District personnel had all contributed to this successful start. Ms. Muth indicated that the technology at the transition site was greater than that available at the "old" Grant building. She presented an iMovie that depicted Grant students in grades K-5 utilizing technology in a variety of ways. Board members thanked Ms. Muth for bringing the classroom to them.

Superintendent Patterson said there had been some discussion amongst our parents regarding the PARCC testing. The Superintendent had asked Mrs. Pam Griebel, Director of Teaching & Learning K-12, to provide the Board with current information regarding this year's tests. She commented that the closer testing approaches, the more input we are receiving from parents and the more attention it might get from the media. When an opt-out request is received, Mrs. Griebel makes certain to provide facts to the parents who are making that election. Parents are assured that we would never stand in the way of their deciding for their child to opt-out nor would we ever do anything to compromise their constitutional rights. Ohio really does not have an opt-out policy. Consequences of opting out of the testing for the student and the District were outlined.

Mrs. Griebel reviewed measures that had been taken to make sure students and teachers are prepared for the test. The technology and computers are in place, and there is a testing plan. Technology teachers have been meeting regularly with students to practice the new testing

platform. The testing window opens in approximately two weeks on February 17. The time required for students to take the tests was reviewed. Paul Hieronymus, Coordinator of Technology & Communications, had indicated that when the devices are finished being used for testing, those devices can then be opened up again for classroom work. These devices were purchased for instruction, not solely for testing. Board President Petrie Barcelona asked for and was provided an explanation of the teacher evaluation and how these tests incorporate into that evaluation. Mrs. Griebel mentioned that she would be attending the PTA Council meeting on February 4 in order to address testing concerns. Board members thanked Mrs. Griebel for the explanation as well as her calm approach to testing concerns.

The final portion of the Superintendent's Report was a construction update. Mr. Fred Rodgers, Ozanne Construction Company, provided Board members with an update of the construction and timelines. He advised that portions of Lincoln are being removed. The abatement is done, and the demolition is on schedule and scheduled to be completed by March 2. Roosevelt's abatement is done and demolition is expected to be finished by March 17. Grant's abatement is expected to be completed by February 20 with completion of the demolition also targeted for March 17. This clears the way for new construction to begin. The design development documents have been issued and reviewed by all parties. We are finalizing our reconciliation this week to ensure we are on budget with our estimations. From that the 75% construction documents follow this design development process at which time the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) will start their Guaranteed Max Pricing (GMP) process. This timeline keeps our three elementary schools on task and on time for the start of the new construction in the spring and completion in August, 2016.

Mr. Rodgers shared information about the high school abatement and demolition process. They have gone through the bidding and review process and selected Homrich as being the contractor working for the CMR. This document will be provided for board action in February. The abatement/demolition GMP will be presented to the Board in the near future. Design development documents are expected to be available on February 10 with early high school site package ready on the 9th. Mr. Ken Monsman reported that the high school transition project is winding down. It involved putting additional food preparation equipment into Garfield Middle School's kitchen to aid in the preparation of the high school food. The food will then be transported to a warming kitchen housed in the old bookroom area at the high school where students will pick up their lunch. This new dining arrangement should be fully operational on February 17.

Mr. Favre complimented Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Monsman on how well they are conducting business on behalf of the District. Superintendent Patterson said he will keep the Board apprised of ground breaking activities.

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 February 17, 2015.

A. Report of the Finance Chairpersons — Mr. Favre, Mr. Einhouse
1. Investments Purchased and Matured – December, 2014
2. Financial Information – December, 2014
3. Resolution to Approve Law Firms and Attorneys

Mr. Favre reported on the January 29, 2015 meeting of the Financial Advisory Committee. In addition to the Committee members, also present at that meeting were the two auditors assigned by the State Auditors' Office. They provided minor recommendations and reported that the District's finances were being handled very well. Board members will be kept informed of future Committee meetings.

B. Report of the Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases Chairpersons — Mr. Einhouse, Mr. Favre
1. Resolution to Approve the Bid of Rush Truck Center, Akron for the Purpose of Purchasing a School Bus

C. Report of the Education Chairpersons — Ms. Beebe, Mrs. Shaughnessy
1. Waiving of Tuition Non-Resident Senior
2. Request for Admission of a Tuition Student
3. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Rose-Mary Center Transportation Department
4. Center for Health Affairs Acceptable Use Agreement Educational Institution – High School
5. Resolution to Approve Out-of-State Field Trips
6. Gifts to Lakewood Schools

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

No report.

E. Report of the Human Resources and Community Services Chairpersons — Mrs. Shaughnessy, Ms. Beebe
1. Certified
2. Certified – Athletic Coach/Advisor (ECES) – Non-Employee
3. Classified
4. Classified Athletic Coach/Advisor (ECES) – Non-Employee
5. 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.

- Board President Petrie Barcelona stated that bricks from the demolished Lincoln Elementary School would be sold on Saturday, February 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for $10.00 apiece. Information regarding the sale of Grant and Roosevelt bricks will be announced once the demolition phase begins to wrap up.

- Members of the Board of Education and Lakewood City Council held a joint meeting last week to discuss healthy living, technology in the schools, and other items of mutual interest,

- Board President Petrie Barcelona attended the recent Lakewood Project concert. Middle school students participated in this year's performance. Ms. Beth Hankins and the entire Performing Arts program are amazing, and it is wonderful that this opportunity is available to our students at a young age.

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

- Michael Drops, 2046 Marlowe Avenue, Lakewood. Mr. Drops voiced his concerns about the purpose of the tests. He also expressed his alarm about the proposed elimination of the guarantee in the state budget.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#25/15

A. Certified Retirement

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Einhouse seconded the motion to 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

The motion passed.

B. Resolution to Approve Appointment to the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Commission – First Reading

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Einhouse moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to move to one Executive Session to review 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
Mr. Favre – Yea

The motion passed.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:27 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 9:27 p.m. No action was taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Einhouse seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer