Lakewood, Ohio
January 5, 2015

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in organizational session in the Harding Middle School Cafetorium, 16601 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, January 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

On December 15, 2014, the Board appointed Ms. Beebe as the President Pro Tempore until such time that a new President took the oath of office. As President Pro Tempore, Ms. Beebe called the meeting to order.

Ms. Beebe called on the Treasurer to take the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Ms. Beebe Ms. Petrie Barcelona Mr. Einhouse Mrs. Shaughnessy Mr. Favre
Members Absent:	None

#01/15 **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE BEEBE called for nominations for President.

MRS. SHAUGHNESSY nominated **MS. PETRIE BARCELONA** for office of President. There being no further nominations, **MR. EINHOUSE** moved that the nominations be closed and that the Treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for **MS. PETRIE BARCELONA**.

Mr. Zeman administered the following oath of office to **MS. PETRIE BARCELONA**.

OATH OF OFFICE

President

State of Ohio
County of Cuyahoga ss

I, **EMMA PETRIE BARCELONA**, do hereby solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and that I will perform faithfully to the best of my ability the duties of PRESIDENT of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lakewood, county and state aforesaid.

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President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, A.D., 2015.

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Treasurer

#02/15 **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

PRESIDENT PETRIE BARCELONA called for nominations for Vice-President.

MS. BEEBE nominated **MR. EINHOUSE** for office of Vice-President. There being no further nominations **MR. FAVRE** moved that the nominations be closed and that the Treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for **MR. EINHOUSE**.

Mr. Zeman administered the following oath of office to **MR. EINHOUSE**.

OATH OF OFFICE

Vice-President

State of Ohio
County of Cuyahoga ss

I, **TOM EINHOUSE**, do hereby solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and that I will perform faithfully to the best of my ability the duties of VICE-PRESIDENT of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lakewood, county and state aforesaid.

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Vice-President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, A.D., 2015.

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Treasurer

APPOINTMENT OF REPORT CHAIRPERSONS AND CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Ms. Petrie Barcelona appointed the following chairpersons and co-chairpersons of the reports for the 2015 Board:

Reports	Chairperson	Co-Chairperson
Finance	Mr. Favre	Mr. Einhouse
Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases	Mr. Einhouse	Mr. Favre
Education	Ms. Beebe	Mrs. Shaughnessy
Human Resources and Community Services	Mrs. Shaughnessy	Ms. Beebe
Policy	Ms. Petrie Barcelona	Mr. Einhouse

#03/15

Fixing the Time and Place of Regular Board of Education Meetings Year 2015

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Einhouse seconded the motion that the regular meetings of the Board of Education be held as follows:

REGULAR MEETINGS - Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month unless there are holiday conflicts or in the case of April, July, and December, where the Board has elected to have only one meeting in those months for 2015. The January 5, 2015 Organizational Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

** Monday, January 5, 2015	Harding Middle School Cafetorium
* Monday, January 5, 2015	Harding Middle School Cafetorium
Tuesday, January 20, 2015	**Harrison Elementary Cafetorium**
* Monday, February 2, 2015	Horace Mann Elementary Cafetorium
Tuesday, February 17, 2015	**Hayes Elementary Cafetorium**
* Monday, March 2, 2015	LHS Art Atrium
Monday, March 16, 2015	Emerson Elementary Cafetorium
* Monday, April 20, 2015	Garfield Middle School Cafetorium **(One Meeting in April)**
* Monday, May 4, 2015	Harrison Elementary Cafetorium
Monday, May 18, 2015	Garfield Middle School Cafetorium
* Monday, June 1, 2015	Harding Middle School Cafetorium
Monday, June 15, 2015	Board Auditorium
* Monday, July 20, 2015	Board Auditorium **(One Meeting in July)**
* Monday, August 3, 2015	Harding Middle School Music Room
Monday, August 17, 2015	Harding Middle School Music Room
* **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**	**Garfield Middle School Gymnasium**
Monday, September 21, 2015	LHS Art Atrium
* Monday, October 5, 2015	Harrison Elementary Cafetorium
Monday, October 19, 2015	Horace Mann Elementary Cafetorium
* Monday, November 2, 2015	Hayes Elementary Cafetorium
Monday, November 16, 2015	Emerson Elementary Cafetorium
* Monday, December 14, 2015	Garfield Middle School Cafetorium **(One Meeting in December)**

**Agenda Preparation Meeting **Organizational Meeting*

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe
Nays: None
The motion passed.

#04/15 **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF**

OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

MS. PETRIE BARCELONA called for nomination for the 2015 OSBA Legislative Liaison Representative.

MR. EINHOUSE placed the name of **MRS. SHAUGHNESSY** in nomination. There being no further nominations **MR. FAVRE** moved that the nominations be closed.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe
Nays: None

The motion passed.

#04/15 Yes: Ms. Petrie Barcelona
Mr. Einhouse
Mrs. Shaughnessy
Mr. Favre
Ms. Beebe
Nays: None

Motion Passed

#05/15 **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF**

OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON

MS. PETRIE BARCELONA called for nomination for the 2015 OSBA Student Achievement Liaison Representative.

MRS. SHAUGHNESSY placed the name of **MS. BEEBE** in nomination. There being no further nominations, **MR. EINHOUSE** moved that the nominations be closed.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe
Nays: None

The motion passed.

#05/15 Yes: Ms. Petrie Barcelona
Mr. Einhouse
Mrs. Shaughnessy
Mr. Favre
Ms. Beebe
Nays: None

Motion Passed

#06/15 **RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LAKEWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

Mr. Favre moved and Mr. Einhouse seconded the motion that the following resolution be adopted:

Section 1 That, the Board agrees that the Lakewood City Schools under the jurisdiction of the Board will conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the bylaws, regulations, interpretations and decisions of the Ohio High School Athletic Association during the 2015-2016 school year; and further, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign such necessary documents as may be required to authorize such membership.

Section 2 That, a bond of $50,000.00 shall be set for the Treasurer, Superintendent, and Board President and the Treasurer shall be authorized and directed to provide bond satisfactory to the Board.

Section 3 That, the present membership of the Lakewood City School District Board of Education in the Ohio School Boards Association shall be continued and that the annual dues for membership are hereby approved for disbursement from the General Fund.

Section 4 That, the present membership of the Lakewood City School District Board of Education in the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund shall be continued and that the annual cost of $250.00 for these services is hereby approved for disbursement from the General Fund.

Section 5 That, the Treasurer shall serve as the designee for public records training as required by R.C. 109.43, H.B. 9, and applicable laws for the following elected officials: Ms. Linda G. Beebe, Mr. Thomas Einhouse, Mr. Edward Favre, Ms. Emma Petrie Barcelona, and Mrs. Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy; and further, that declaring the Treasurer as the designee does not absolve any elected official of the elected official's duty to know and comply with the Ohio Sunshine Laws.

#06/15 Yes: Ms. Petrie Barcelona
Mr. Einhouse
Mrs. Shaughnessy
Mr. Favre
Ms. Beebe
Nays: None

Motion Passed

Section 6 That, pursuant to Bylaw 0156, that the Lakewood City School District Board of Education has the need to retain private law firms and attorneys for the provision of legal services; and, further that, the Board approves the following private law firms and attorneys provided that they submit a retention letter to the Board to be included for approval on two readings during the Board's February 2015 meetings*, that includes the specific rates and billing details, as well as a verification that the Lakewood City School District Board of Education is the client:

- Bricker & Eckler
- Brindza, McIntyre and Seed
- Buckley King
- Chester L. Sumpter & Associates
- Flanagan & Giffels
- McGown & Markling Co., L.P.A.
- Ott & Associates Company
- Roetzel & Andress
- Rosner, Ortman & Moss Partners, LLC
- Scott, Scriven & Wahoff, LLP
- Squire Sanders
- Walter & Haverfield, LLP
- Zashin & Rich

*Deadline for February 2, 2015 meeting is January 26, 2015.

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Emma Petrie Barcelona, Board President

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Jeffrey W. Patterson, CEO/Superintendent

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Kent R. Zeman, CFO/Treasurer

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Board of Education, Organizational Meeting January 5, 2015

Comments by Outgoing President – Ms. Linda Beebe

Fellow members of the Lakewood Board of Education, Superintendent Patterson, Treasurer Zeman, administrators, teachers, staff, and members of the community.

I have enjoyed working with you this year as president of Lakewood Board of Education. It is an interesting and important role, and I appreciate the fact that unlike some school districts, Lakewood has traditionally rotated the presidency so that every board member has the opportunity to serve as Board spokesperson and leader. It is good experience and creates a culture where Board members are peers.

A lot has happened this year. We negotiated employee contracts; sought and attained a favorable bond rating from Moody's and Standard & Poor's; updated and revised board policies; oversaw plans for the replacement of buildings in the final phase of the facilities project; transitioned three elementary schools into their temporary locations; aligned curriculum with the Common Core standards; put in place a Financial Advisory Committee; continued working with the city to find a developer for the McKinley school site; saw our Superintendent honored as the Ohio School Superintendent of the year; attained excellent ratings by state measures throughout the district.

I have never found a time when being on this Board of Education is boring. There are always new challenges and new twists on old challenges. External and internal forces put pressure on to modify and fine tune curriculum and all other aspects of how we do business. It is a fascinating process to watch talented professionals constantly seeking new and better ways to teach and serve the individual needs of students as well as marshall our finances and make the best possible use of the community's resources. I am proud of this Board, our superintendent and treasurer and their team, of our staff and of the high levels of achievement attained by our students.

My concerns for the coming year? I want to continue on budget and on schedule with the facilities projects with the least amount of disruption to students and neighbors.

I hope the move to toss out the Common Core and implement yet another set of standards in the state legislature is over and done with.

I'd love to think that there is the impetus to assess the outcomes and audit the books of every charter school in this state. We need to subject the finances and the academic outcomes of those charter schools to the same level of scrutiny we demand of public schools. We need to stop any further drain on resources available for public education into private for profit coffers.

We need to continue to assess our allocation of resources locally to be more efficient without sacrificing class size, experienced competent teachers and professional development. This requires tough decisions and great communications with students, their families and the community. And we need to be prepared for change – sometimes logical, sometime willy-nilly, but change is certain.

As I look over this past year, I am certain that this board, this administration and this staff have worked hard to take this district toward our goal of giving every child what he or she needs to grow and learn and to make sure the district is on track to be one of the top 20 districts in the state by 2020, and I look forward to continuing down this path in the coming year under new Board leadership.

Comments by Incoming President – Ms. Petrie Barcelona

Thank you Mrs. Beebe for your leadership as president over the past year and for your years of service to this board, school district, and community. We all appreciate your comments and your wisdom on school-related issues.

Fellow members of the Lakewood City Schools Board of Education, Superintendant Patterson, Treasurer Zeman, administrators, educators, District staff, and members of the community, I look forward to serving you over the next year as President. Board members, thank you for nominating and electing me to this position. I appreciate your support and confidence in my ability to lead us through 2015. Thank you to each of you for your commitment to this community and District. I immensely value the knowledge, skills, and time that you each bring to this board and it is a privilege to serve alongside you.

I appreciate the service of our district leadership, including Ohio's State Superintendant of the year, Mr. Patterson, and look forward to working with you more closely over this year. Our schools are filled with great teachers and related professionals and I thank them all for their commitment to Lakewood.

As with almost any year, one of the only constants in the District will be change. In 2015, we will see transformations in our physical presence in this community along with ongoing modifications in policy from the state and federal levels, and ongoing updates to how we serve our students and community.

We will see three beloved elementary school buildings demolished to make way for three new, community-input designed, accessible buildings. A large portion of our high school will be razed to make room for additional classrooms and new educational space - again all built to serve the entire community. While it will be sad to see some of these places that have served us for so many years - some over a century - we anticipate the many benefits that will come from well-designed, efficient, and safe spaces for future generations of Lakewood residents. While these projects will cause some disruption given the fully-built nature of our neighborhoods, we appreciate the community's collective patience, and we commit to continue to do these projects correctly.

We will also continue to work within the education funding and policy we have here in Ohio. Every year there are additional tests or rules which must be implemented that come from the state or federal government. Our administrators and teachers do the best they can to implement these changes and work with the tests. We always have to be prepared for new rules, tests, and the outcomes of those tests. Additionally, the state still has not changed how it funds public education even though it has been found unconstitutional numerous times. While state direct funding in our schools is an ongoing issue, we have to be aware of new proposals that may

attempt to move more resources away from public schools. To be clear, I believe a strong community like Lakewood needs to have choices available to all families to meet their individual needs and preferences. This choice should be rooted in a strong and solid public education system, as we have here in Lakewood, augmented with private and alternative, including charter, schools to cover all needs in the community. Communities of choice like ours can flourish when we live side-by-side with each other but may choose different education paths. My concern rests in that while the state of Ohio already cannot fund public education in an appropriate manner, that additional limited dollars from the local level could be siphoned off and sent to charter school operations that lack the accountability, transparency, or responsibility to Lakewood's residents as we have here on the Board, who through elections are accountable to the residents of Lakewood for the leadership of these schools and those dollars.

District administrators alongside our teachers will continue to observe and review how we are meeting the educational needs of all of our students. This will be our first year with new exams for district students. As a district and as educators, we must consider thoughtfully and reassess as needed how we deploy the resources we have to meet the goals of 21st century learning and prepare our students for their journeys. As we work to meet the education and skill goals of the workforce of the next generation, we must also determine how we know if we are meeting our own goals. The state of Ohio requires this testing for district-data, but how Lakewood chooses to continue to educate its students is in our district's hands. One of our jobs is to not focus on any one day and the performance on one test, but how we are doing over the course of each year and from year-to-year for each of our students and assessing the full growth of knowledge, abilities, social skills, etc. that help us grow into the adults we need to be.

We will continue to absorb these changes as we deploy the resources to provide for the longstanding, opportunity rich, and full-spectrum educational experiences that the Lakewood City Schools provides to all of its students. Our legacy of providing a top-notch education to our students in serving the whole child through academics, arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities will continue as we add programming to help serve students' physical and mental health. Our high-schoolers will continue to be prepared for their next steps in life, many with college credit or specialized certifications before they graduate.

This legacy of superior academic opportunity will not only help propel us toward being a top district in the state, but it is also a legacy that is very important to me personally. It was twenty years ago this year that I graduated from Lakewood High School and launched my own journey. Where I am today is a direct result of the preparation I received in the Lakewood City Schools. The breadth and depth in programming is definitely something my family and I took advantage of, and I am so glad to be part of a district that continues to provide these opportunities. My daughters are both in the Lakewood Schools, and we will watch their journeys as parents. Their classmates, as were mine, include students with deep roots in Lakewood and the Cleveland area along with those new to the United States. Their peers are part of families from a broad spectrum of income, vocation, educational attainment, race, religion, ethnicity, and ability. The education they all receive and experiences they share in the classroom are second-to-none.

It is my hope that this year we continue together on our path to serving students and families the best we can while providing for the public good of the community.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2014

There being no other business to come before the Board, **MS. PETRIE BARCELONA** adjourned the Organizational Meeting for 2015, sine die at 6:52 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer