Lakewood, Ohio
December 15, 2014

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 Garfield Middle School Cafetorium, 13114 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

#269/14 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Einhouse moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion that the Agenda for the December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Lakewood City Board of Education be adopted.

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

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

The motion passed.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Board President Beebe asked if there were any corrections to the published minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meetings held on November 3 and November 17, 2014 and the Special Board of Education Meeting held on November 10, 2014. There were none.

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Favre seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes as published.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Patterson said that originally Senator Skindell and Representative Antonio were scheduled to provide the Board with a legislative update. Unfortunately, their duties prevented them from being with us this evening. They will be invited again after the first of the year.

Mrs. Barbara McQuilkin and Mr. Steve Ott have been involved with the Recreation Department and its commissions for many years. The Community Recreation and Education Commission (CREC) has recommended that the Board reappoint Mrs. Barbara McQuilkin and Mr. Steve Ott to that commission. Board President Beebe commended both individuals for their exemplary service to the community.

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

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve the resolution to re-appoint both Mrs. Barbara McQuilkin and Mr. Steve Ott to the Community Recreation and Education Commission to a new three-year term effective January 1, 2015.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Superintendent next introduced Mrs. Pam Griebel, Director of Teaching and Learning, who was present to speak about the District's gifted program. The overall value-added grade earned by the District on the State's report card was an "A". Students identified as gifted, both those receiving services and those not receiving services, earned a value-added grade of a "D". Mrs. Griebel provided information regarding how the gifted grade is calculated, why our grade is a "D," and what is being done to improve our gifted education and the corresponding grade.

Last year a Gifted Committee proposed a model for middle school students allowing them to take somewhat of an honors or accelerated class. We built upon that work and formed a Gifted Study Committee to analyze gifted programming. This committee is composed of administrators, elementary and middle school classroom teachers, gifted intervention specialists and parents. Using the Appreciative Inquiry process, the Committee identified strengths and weaknesses. A vision for the future was created with objectives identified for the five- and ten-year marks.

Mrs. Griebel reviewed and compared the criteria used by Lakewood and that used by the State of Ohio for the identification and assessment of gifted students. She further detailed the potential concerns created with accelerating students vis-à-vis the value-added calculation. Other districts are having similar issues. The District's current testing policies were presented. The question was raised as to whether we should continue to identify students in science and social studies when we do not provide any services in these subjects until after the fifth grade. Once school reopens after Winter Break, Mrs. Griebel will meet with the gifted staff to go through the value-added data and determine who the students are that have been identified in science and social studies. If we have students who are only gifted in these two subjects who have negatively impacted our value-added report, they should not have counted as value-added is only a growth measure for mathematics and reading. There are a couple of students at Lincoln who may fall into this category. Mrs. Griebel explained that we are not allowed to fix the data for this year but this will help us know what to look for next year. We recently submitted an appeal to the state for our teacher value-added data. Some teachers were missing entire classes of students on their reports that they had taught last year. The state is currently reviewing this appeal. We need to make sure that when our data is submitted next year in the summer that it is 100% correct.

The Service Model Sub-Committee has been reviewing how instruction is delivered. Their recommendation is to maintain the self-contained model. There was discussion with regard to the benefits offered by cluster grouping. Professional development would be necessary to train teachers how to effectively implement cluster groups in the classroom. The Committee has identified a timeline where recommendations are tentatively scheduled to be delivered to the Superintendent in April. Mrs. Griebel is proud of the work that has been done and that she is quite pleased with the process. Board members asked if our gifted testing is comparable to what is done in similar. Questions about the District's testing schedule were also addressed. Mrs. Griebel was asked to be more specific as to what it means to be one of the top programs in the state. She responded that it means doing what's best for students by giving them the academic programming that they need to excel. We would also like for our growth measures to show that we are growing our gifted students.

The Superintendent called upon Mr. Joe Molnar, Ozanne Construction Company, to provide the Board with a construction update. All three of the elementary schools are in the abatement phase, and sites are enclosed. After the completion of this phase we will move into the building demolition stage. Following are the anticipated dates for the end of the abatements which would be the same date for the beginning of the demolitions:

Lincoln - Projected start date of December 12; projected to last until January 20
Roosevelt - Projected start date of January 7; projected to last until February 26
Grant - Projected start date of February 21; projected to last until March 17

After the demolition we will roll into the early site packages which includes foundations, underground storms, sewers, water, etc. We are projecting to begin this at all of the elementary schools in April, 2015. The design development stage documents from GPD were received within the last two weeks, and they have been reviewed by the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) and Ozanne. They meet the state's construction criteria for completion. The CMR is beginning to evaluate these for cost estimate. The due date for us to get this from the CMR is December 29, and then the design development submission will most probably be submitted to the Board for approval by the end of January, 2015.

At the high school transition work is basically in progress. A couple of the areas are being completed for early turnover. The main cafeteria area has been delayed slightly due to kitchen equipment issues. This is not impacting anything as demolition and abatement are due to start later. There have been a lot of meetings to fine tune the demo/abatement budget to get costs down. Turner/Regency/AKA has provided us with revised front end documents. We will review them tomorrow, and the state is also reviewing them. The goal is that they will go out to bid by the end of the day Wednesday, December 17, with a bid date of January 14, 2015. Projected start date for the high school is February 16 and will last roughly until June, 2015. Right after this we will flow into the high school having an early site package projected for April, 2015. Mr. Molnar said that January and February should be busy months.

Mr. Molnar provided an overview of the high school schematic design on the tonight's agenda for the Board's approval. Board members asked questions regarding the timeline for the elementary schools and whether they were still on track. There was also discussion about making the transition at the high school out of the old portion of the building. Superintendent Patterson stated that the goal was to make the transition at the semester break but that we are on hold until the kitchen equipment arrives.

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 December 15, 2014.

A. Finance Report: Mrs. Shaughnessy, Ms. Petrie Barcelona

1. Investments Purchased and Matured – October, 2014
2. Financial Information – October, 2014

Mrs. Shaughnessy wished to report on several items. The bond sale was held last Tuesday where $37 million was refunded. This is projected to generate $2.2 million in savings over the life of these bonds. It was a very favorable environment for us, and all our outstanding debt except our new debt was refunded. The audit is winding down, and the Treasurer has not received any notifications of citings or recommendations. There is a slight delay in the implementation of the new software until March or April, 2015 while a few details are ironed out. The Financial Advisory Committee met on November 20 and discussed the 2014 audit. The FAC will meet again in January.

Board President Beebe observed that the recently published Report Card provided a good, coherent overview of the financial matters of the District.

B. Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases Report: Mr. Einhouse, Mr. Favre

1. Resolution to Approve Schematic Design for the Lakewood High School Renovations/ Addition
2. Resolution to Approve Lakewood City School District (Cuyahoga County) 1st Scope of Work Adjustment

C. Education Report: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse

1. Waiving of Tuition Non-Resident Senior
2. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
3. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Sharon M. Wasco, PhD, Independent Evaluation Consultant
4. Resolution to Designate the Month of February, 2015 as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month"
5. Resolution to Approve Out-of-State Field Trips
6. Resolution to Approve Clubs
7. Gifts to Lakewood Schools

D. Policy — Ms. Beebe, Ms. Petrie Barcelona

No report. A Policy report will most probably occur in February, 2015.

Human Resources and Community Services Report — Mr. Favre, Mrs. Shaughnessy

A. Certified
B. Classified – Retirement and Resignations
C. Classified
D. Classified – Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees
E. Community Recreation and Education – Retirement
F. Community Recreation and Education
G. Resolution to Abolish the Data Supervisor Position
H. Resolution to Approve Coordinator of Data/EMIS

COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Beebe asked if there were any communications received by members of the Board, Superintendent, or Treasurer. There were none.

Board President Beebe asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Board.

- Elliot Smith, 3188 West 142 Street, Cleveland. Elliot, an LHS alumni and current student at the University of Alabama, spoke of his educational opportunities both within and outside of the Lakewood City Schools' gifted/talented program. He said it is of great importance to him that students identified but not served get the same opportunities he had received.

- Amy Daso, 17436 Edgewater Drive, Lakewood. Mrs. Daso asserted that one way to measure how well the program is working is through high school achievement scores, such as the PSAT. There needs to be better communication to both students and parents with regard to taking these tests. She stated that LHS has so much more to offer students than private high schools.

- Michael Drops, 2046 Marlowe Avenue, Lakewood. Mr. Drops asked if we knew how the value added number was calculated in order to verify that the state's calculations are correct. Mrs. Griebel answered that we do not know. Mr. Drops offered his insights with regard to the LCS' gifted report card and the best way to serve students.

- Jen Murray, 1428 West Clifton Blvd., Lakewood. Ms. Murray is a District employee and the mother of three children, two of which are students at Horace Mann. She currently has no connection to the gifted program but was really excited about the GT report. She said that families not living within Lincoln's and Emerson's area of attendance have a huge decision to make if their child is invited to the GT program. Clustering would provide services to the child while permitting the child to remain in his/her home school. Ms. Murray understands it is not practical to have a GT unit in each elementary building; however, she hopes the Board takes into consideration families who have fostered pride in their home schools.

- Patricia Galvin, 15011 Hilliard Road, Lakewood. Mrs. Galvin and her two children moved to Lakewood from Port Clinton where there was not a dedicated self-contained gifted program. Port Clinton Schools provided services via clustering and pull-out. She felt this had been good in a lot of ways but not anywhere near as great as what Lakewood offers in their self-contained classrooms. Mrs. Galvin expressed her opinion that the cluster model is not as effective as the self-contained model.

#271/14 - #281-14 **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Finance Report — Mrs. Shaughnessy, Ms. Petrie Barcelona
1. Investments Purchased and Matured – October, 2014
2. Financial Information – October, 2014

B. Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases Report: — Mr. Einhouse, Mr. Favre
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C. Education Report: — Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse
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D. Policy — Ms. Beebe, Ms. Petrie Barcelona
No Report

Mr. Einhouse moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

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

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

The motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#282/14

A. Certified

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the Certified resolution.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Board agreed to combine the following three Classified resolutions and approve them in one motion:

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B. Classified- Retirement and Resignations
C. Classified
D. Classified – Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the three Classified resolutions.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Board agreed to combine the following two resolutions and approve them in one motion:

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E. Community Recreation and Education – Retirement

F. Community Recreation and Education

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the two resolutions.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Board agreed to combine the following two resolutions and approve them in one motion:

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G. Resolution to Abolish the Data Supervisor Position

H. Resolution to Approve Coordinator of Data/EMIS

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to approve the two resolutions.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#286/14

A. Resolution to Establish the Date and Time of the 2015 Organizational Meeting and Appoint the President Pro Tempore to Begin the Meeting

Ms. Petrie Barcelona moved and Mr. Favre seconded the motion to approve the resolution establishing the date and time of the 2015 Organizational Meeting and appointing the President Pro Tempore to begin the meeting.

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

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

The motion passed.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Petrie Barcelona moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to move to two Executive Sessions (1) for consideration of the purchase or sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure or information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, and (2) for consideration of the employment of a public employee.

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

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

The motion passed.

The Board recessed to the First Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

The First Executive Session ended at 8:45 p.m.

The Second Executive Session ended at 9:07 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 9:07 p.m. No action was taken.

Board President Beebe called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer