

Lakewood, Ohio
July 6, 2020

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session at Lakewood High School's room B124, 14100 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Callahan 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
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Mr. Callahan – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 6:55 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 6:55 p.m. and immediately recessed. No action was taken.

The Board reconvened in the Lakewood High School Civic Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the public meeting proceedings were livestreamed at the following YouTube channel link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8X6Pcjqt2OrjwiKAo-4fA/videos?view=2&flow=grid>. Board President Petrie Barcelona noted that members of the Board were wearing masks along with everyone in the Civic to ensure all were doing their part to protect each other. She asked if anyone experiences difficulty hearing or understanding any of tonight's proceedings that they provide feedback to enable the Board to work through those issues.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion that the Agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on July 6, 2020 be adopted as published.

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

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea

Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea

Mr. Favre – Yea

Mr. Callahan – Yea

Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if there were any corrections to the published minutes of the Regular Board of Education meetings held on June 1 and June 15, 2020 and the published minutes of the Special Board of Education meetings held on June 22 and June 29, 2020. There were none.

Ms. Beebe moved and Mr. Favre seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes as published.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Barnes said tonight he was recommending that members of the Board of Education approve Mrs. Christine Foote as principal of Grant Elementary School. He reviewed her qualifications and said she had clearly separated herself from the other candidates. Mrs. Foote made it clear during the interview process that her aim as principal was to build a school community centered on respect and to encourage open and trusting communication among colleagues, students and families.

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Certified - Appointment

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Certified appointment on one reading.

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

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea

Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea

Mr. Favre – Yea

Mr. Callahan – Yea

Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

Mrs. Foote expressed her appreciation to Board members for the tremendous honor of becoming the instructional leader of Grant Elementary School.

Superintendent Barnes reported that last Thursday Governor DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Husted shared guidelines about the reopening of school in the fall. These guidelines were vague in nature but a little more directive than what had been previously shared. The Superintendent said there are still a lot of unanswered questions that we intend to tackle, and we are looking forward to conversations with staff. We will meet tomorrow with the President of the Lakewood Teachers Association (LTA) to begin having discussions about concepts and ideas for the fall. We will work diligently to decide upon a plan so that we can inform our families and empower them to make some decisions. Once the plan is finalized, we will again reach out to families and ask them to share their thoughts and ideas regarding their expectations as to whether they will send their children back to school in the fall.

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 July 20, 2020:

- A. Report of the Finance Chairpersons Ms. Beebe, Mr. Callahan
1. Investments Purchased and Matured – May 2020
 2. Financial Information – May 2020
- B. Report of the Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases Chairpersons Mr. Favre, Mrs. Shaughnessy
1. Resolution to Approve Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Cuyahoga Community College
- C. Report of the Education Chairpersons Mr. Callahan, Mr. Favre
1. Request for Admission of a Tuition Student
 2. Resolution to Adopt General Technology Fee for the 2020-2021 School Year
 3. Community-Based Career-Technical Training Agreements between West Shore Career Technical Education District and Cleveland Airport Marriott, Gordon Food Service, and the Winking Lizard
 4. Resolution to Adopt Lakewood High School Algebra 2 (Formerly Survey of Algebra) Course of Study
 5. Resolution to Adopt West Shore Career-Technical Program Courses of Study
 6. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
 7. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Cleveland Clinic Lerner School for Autism
 8. Service Agreements with PSI
 9. Service Agreement (A) for School Psychologist and Service Agreement (B) for School Counselor with McKeon Education Group, Inc.
 10. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Ace Taxi Service, Inc.
 11. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Personal Leasing Transportation Company
 12. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Samia Transportation Inc.
 13. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Suburban School Transportation
 14. Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustee Reappointment
 15. Gifts to Lakewood Schools
- D. Report of the Policy Chairpersons Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mrs. Shaughnessy
- None

E. Report of the Human Resources and
Community Services Chairpersons

Mrs. Shaughnessy, Ms. Beebe

1. Certified
2. Certified – Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees
3. Classified
4. Classified – Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees
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.

- Mrs. Shaughnessy said she has received questions from parents who want to know the timeline for when they will be informed about plans for next year. Dr. Barnes said teachers and staff had been given a brief break, and work will reconvene next week to begin developing plans for the fall. We will be reaching out to families again to gather more input, and it is our hope that we will have a plan to share with the community by August 1.

Board President Petrie Barcelona reported that she would be reading into the record one communication that had been submitted using the online portal:

- Ms. Georgine Sessin, 1587 Waterbury Road, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Prior to Governor DeWine's press conference on Thursday, July 2, the school district surveyed families. I imagine the many committees formed in anticipation of the Governor's orders/recommendations, are now reconvening to formalize plans for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Barnes in his comments on July 1 indicated that another survey will be sent to families. When will this occur? Also, when families are informed of the plan for next year, will the Lakewood City community as a whole also be informed either on the District website, U.S. Postal Service newsletter mailing or both? (Ms. Sessin's side note: in previous years I've volunteered at a couple of the elementary schools, so if additional assistance is needed to assist with a smooth transition I'm available to help.)

Dr. Barnes said all information would be posted using the traditional social media sites utilized by the District as well as the District's website. Additionally, a direct message will be sent to the families of students who attend Lakewood schools. The next survey will contain the plan of how school will reopen in the fall, and we will be looking to gauge the reaction to this plan. Decisions will then be based on that response.

Individuals in attendance were given the opportunity to address the Board:

- Mrs. Erin Wereb, 1268 French Avenue, Lakewood. Mrs. Wereb expressed her concerns regarding how data gathered in the recent parent/guardian survey would be analyzed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#112/2020

A. Classified – Retirements and Appointment

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Classified retirements and appointment on one reading.

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

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

The motion passed.

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B. Resolution to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lakewood City School District Board of Education and the Lakewood Teachers Association

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Mr. Callahan seconded the motion to approve on one reading the Memorandum of Understanding addressing COVID-19 concerns as they relate to summer school classes conducted between June 8 and July 23, 2020 only.

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

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

The motion passed.

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C. Resolution to Approve Rental Agreement

Mr. Favre moved and Mr. Callahan seconded the motion to approve the rental agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and the Lakewood Family YMCA 2020 Youth Summer Program on one reading. Board President Petrie Barcelona noted that any outside party asking to use District facilities must work with the County Health Department to ensure compliance.

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

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

The motion passed.

D. The Lakewood Board of Education Challenges the Ohio Department of Education to Revise Current Core Content Standards to be Culturally Inclusive – First Reading

Mrs. Shaughnessy said she was happy to present the first reading of the resolution, Lakewood Board of Education Challenges the Ohio Department of Education to Revise Current Core Content Standards to be Culturally Inclusive. She said she knows the whole Board and the Administration feels strongly about this subject. Mrs. Shaughnessy read the resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the firm belief of this Board that all students in every classroom shall have access to deep and authentic learning opportunities that allow them to use both content and foundational knowledge to find and solve problems, create, collaborate, think critically and communicate; and

WHEREAS, it is the firm belief of this Board that our students deserve to engage in a curriculum that is representative of their cultures, historical and present to a reasonable extent; and

WHEREAS, it is the firm belief of this Board that various cultural perspectives, viewpoints, recognitions and contributions are vitally important to the intellectual and emotional growth of students. Furthermore, a curriculum built on this belief provides students at all grade levels with a sense of belonging, worth and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, it is the firm belief of this Board that current traditional curriculum, instructional materials and course content do not enable students to fully explore and gain understanding of the important contributions that all groups and cultures have made to our society; and better understand the experiences that have impacted the lives of our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that current traditional curriculum, instruction materials and course content must conform to Standards imposed by the Ohio Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, this Board has made a strong commitment to its students to provide methodologies, instructional practices, and course materials that will allow our students to fully explore and gain understanding of the important contributions that all groups and cultures have made to our society; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board directs its Administrative Staff to initiate discussion with representatives of the Ohio Department of Education for the purpose of developing revisions, as needed, to the required Core Content Standards of Study mandated by the Ohio Department of Education, that will provide all students throughout Ohio the opportunities to fully explore and gain understanding of the important contributions that all groups and cultures have made to our society;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board directs its Administrative Staff to internally initiate discussion with the administrative team and faculty for the purpose of developing revisions, as needed, to the required local courses of study, that will provide all students throughout the Lakewood City Schools the opportunities to fully explore and gain understanding of the important contributions that all groups and cultures have made to our society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Administrative Staff is encouraged to reach out and contact other Districts with the same shared beliefs for purposes of facilitating changes to the required Core Content Standards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Administrative Staff present to this Board, on a periodic basis, what has been done, and what this Board can further do to facilitate the necessary changes as described in this Resolution.

Board members shared their thoughts with regard to this resolution and its focus. This resolution will be acted upon at the next regular meeting.

As there was no other business, Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to move to one Executive Session.

Mr. Favre moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to move to one 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

Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea

Mr. Favre – Yea

Mr. Callahan – Yea

Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

The Board of Education, Regular Meeting

July 6, 2020

Board President Petrie Barcelona said the Board intends to conduct future meetings in person with safety protocols in place unless something changes in our county that would impact the Board's ability to hold meetings in this manner.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 8:57 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, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

President

Treasurer