

The Lakewood Board of Education Meeting (Monday, July 19, 2021)

Members present

Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

Meeting called to order at 5:45 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Procedural: 1. Call to Order - Roll Call

The Lakewood Board of Education met in regular session at the Lakewood High School Ranger Cafe, 14100 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio at 5:45 p.m.

B. RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Action: 1. Executive Session - For Consideration of the Employment of Public Employees

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Motion for members of the Board of Education of the Lakewood City School District to hold an Executive Session for consideration of the employment of public employees (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

The Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 6:50 p.m. and immediately recessed. No action was taken.

C. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board reconvened in the Lakewood High School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m., and Board President Shaughnessy opened this portion of the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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>.

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D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Action: 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Board President Shaughnessy asked for the Board agenda to be adopted with two changes. The Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustee reappointment and the Certified resolution, found under the Human Resources' report, would both be moved up into the Superintendent's Report.

Motion to adopt the agenda for the July 19, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting with modifications (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Emma Petrie Barcelona.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Held on July 6, 2021
Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on July 6, 2021

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

Action, Minutes: 2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting Held on July 8, 2021
Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held on July 8

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information, Reports: 1. District Updates - Superintendent Niedzwiecki

Superintendent Niedzwiecki introduced Mr. James Crawford, Director of the Lakewood Public Library. Mr. Crawford was accompanied by Mrs. Judy Grzybowski, Manager of the Library's Madison Branch, Mr. Michael Artbauer, President of the Library's Board of Trustees, and Mr. Scott Kermode, candidate for reappointment as a Library Trustee. Mr. Crawford shared a presentation with the Board that summarized the Madison Branch's almost 100-year history and reviewed the current renovations being made to the building. The Library has always had a strong relationship with the School District, and this relationship has only been strengthened during the last 18 months. Mr. Crawford spoke about steps taken during the pandemic to ensure the safe operation of the library and safeguard the health of its patrons and employees. He was proud to say that no employee or patron contracted the virus. Starting in June, the Library made plans to make space available to students who needed a safe place to study. The Lakewood Public Library remained open more days than any other Cuyahoga County library during the pandemic.

This year 839 of the District's students have enrolled in the Library's summer reading program. To-date, students have read 2,713 books and a total of 209,490 minutes. Mr. Crawford thanked the Board of Education for their support of the Library and its programs. He stated that the Madison Branch project was funded entirely by reserves, bequests, endowments, patron-directed annuities, and gifts. They will not be looking to the taxpayers for a bond or operating levy. He thanked fiscal officer Mr. Will Costello and his predecessor Mr. Tim Laskey for keeping the Library on sound financial ground. Also, in 2024 the bond levy for the Main Library renovations will be retired thus reducing the tax burden. Mr. Crawford reintroduced Mr. Scott Kermode and asked for the Board's favorable consideration to reappoint him as a Library Trustee.

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Action: 2. Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustee Reappointment - Second Reading (Beebe, Favre)
Motion to approve the reappointment of Scott Kermode as trustee of the Lakewood Public Library

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Emma Petrie Barcelona.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

Board President Shaughnessy congratulated Mr. Kermode on his reappointment. Mr. Kermode expressed his thanks for the Board's confidence and said it has been a privilege to serve the Library.

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Action: 3. Certified (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Superintendent Niedzwiecki invited Mr. Mark Walter, LHS Principal, to the podium in order to introduce our newest House Principal.

Motion to approve Certified actions. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Michael Callahan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

Mr. Walter thanked the Board for approving Mrs. Meredith Wojtkun as the new House II Principal. He reviewed Mrs. Wojtkun's career with the District and said he was thrilled that she would return to the high school. Mrs. Wojtkun expressed her appreciation and excitement to return to Lakewood High School in an administrative role.

The Superintendent reported she had received phone calls and emails from parents asking when the beginning of the school year plan would be announced. She is aware that everyone has been seeing the uptick in the new coronavirus delta variant. Superintendents have been studying the new information for the last couple of weeks along with HB244 and SB22, American Academy of Pediatrics. Superintendents in the area have a call this week with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. It is also her understanding that the Ohio Department of Health will be sending out their recommendation for the opening of school sometime next week. Superintendent Niedzwiecki stated that the District's requirements and guidelines for the beginning of school would be posted on July 30. Board President Shaughnessy reiterated that we would be starting school in-person. The Superintendent said the biggest concern is that not all students were able to get a vaccination. That is why we will be relying on our various health organizations to provide as much information as possible so that we can make a decision on whether some students would be masked or not. The District will provide a remote eLearning option for the upcoming school year. Anyone wishing to choose this option should contact Dr. Palumbo, Assistant Superintendent. Ms. Beebe suggested that these communications contain information on where to get vaccinations and encourage families to do so. Board members engaged in discussion regarding mask mandates.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 1. Board of Education Comments

Mr. Callahan reported that he had received a few calls from folks representing the competitive swimming group. The City of Lakewood is undertaking a rebuild of Foster Pool, and questions were posed to him as to what the new facility might look like and how this specific group could provide their input. They addressed these questions to the Board as most of the programming is managed by the District's Recreation Department. Ms. Beebe asked if these concerns were referred to the appropriate individuals at the City; Mr. Callahan answered in the affirmative and indicated there is a survey that is open and efforts were being made to direct members of the competitive swimming group to the survey.

Information: 2. Public Comments

Kevin Meehan, 1208 Summit Avenue, Lakewood. Mr. Meehan voiced concerns regarding the use of the basketball court at Lincoln Elementary School. The court is available for use from 8:00 a.m. until sundown; individuals are making use of the court well past the deadline. The noise from the basketball court negatively impacts residents in the neighborhood. Mr. Meehan would like the Board to address this issue, and he offered several solutions. Board President Shaughnessy thanked Mr. Meehan for his comments.

H. CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Action (Consent): 1. Consent Agenda (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Resolution: Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

I. CONSENT AGENDA - FINANCE REPORT - MR. CALLAHAN, MS. PETRIE BARCELONA

#171/2021

Action (Consent): 1. Investments Purchased and Matured - For the Month of May 2021

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#172/2021

Action (Consent): 2. Financial Information - For the Month of May 2021

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

J. CONSENT AGENDA - BUILDINGS, SITES AND MAJOR PURCHASES REPORT - MS. PETRIE BARCELONA, MR. CALLAHAN

#173/2021

Action (Consent): 1. Request to Approve Rental Agreement

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

K. CONSENT AGENDA - REPORT OF THE EDUCATION CHAIRPERSONS - MS. BEEBE, MR. FAVRE

#174/2021

Action (Consent): 1. Request for Admission of a Tuition Student
Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#175/2021

Action (Consent): 2. Resolution to Adopt Lakewood High School Studies in Black American History Course of Study
Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

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Action (Consent): 3. Resolution to Adopt Lakewood High School Broadcast Journalism Course of Study
Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#177/2021

Action (Consent): 4. Resolution to Adopt Lakewood High School Native American Studies Course of Study
Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#178/2021

Action (Consent): 5. Instructional Materials
Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#179/2021

Action (Consent): 6. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#180/2021

Action (Consent): 7. Resolution to Adopt Lightspeed Filter, Classroom Management and Alert Systems

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#181/2021

Action (Consent): 8. Memorandum of Understanding between the Lakewood Board of Education and The Cleveland Clinic Foundation for a Mobile Vision Clinic

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#182/2021

Action (Consent): 9. Memorandum of Understanding between the Lakewood Board of Education and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation to Replace Two-Year EpiPen MOU with One-Year MOU

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#183/2021

Action (Consent): 10. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Education Alternatives for Day Treatment Program

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#184/2021

Action (Consent): 11. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Education Alternatives for Transportation Services

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#185/2021

Action (Consent): 12. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Ace Taxi Service, Inc.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#186/2021

Action (Consent): 13. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Personal Leasing Transportation Co.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#187/2021

Action (Consent): 14. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Samia Transportation Inc.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#188/2021

Action (Consent): 15. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and Suburban School Transportation

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#189/2021

Action (Consent): 16. Memorandum of Understanding between the Lakewood Board of Education and Asian Services in Action, Inc. for the Summer of 2021 EL Summer School
Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#190/2021

Action (Consent): 17. Resolution to Approve Student Clubs

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#191/2021

Action (Consent): 18. Gifts To Schools

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#192/2021

L. CONSENT AGENDA - POLICY - MRS. SHAUGHNESSY, MR. FAVRE

Action (Consent): 1. Resolution to Revise and Adopt Policies of the Lakewood City Schools Board of Education

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items - Finance, Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases, Education Report, Policy

Motion by Emma Petrie Barcelona, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

M. HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - MR. FAVRE, MS. BEEBE

The following two resolutions were acted upon on one motion.

#193/2021

Action: 1. Classified

Motion to approve Classified actions

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Emma Petrie Barcelona.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#193/2021

Action: 2. Community Recreation & Education

Motion to approve Community Recreation & Education actions

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Emma Petrie Barcelona.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

N. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#194/2021

Action: 1. Certified - Administrative - Request Approval on One Reading (ROLL CALL VOTE) (Favre, Beebe)

Motion to approve the Certified - Administrative action on one reading (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Michael Callahan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#195/2021

Action: 2. Certified - Request Approval on One Reading (ROLL CALL VOTE) (Favre, Beebe)

Motion to approve Certified resignation on one reading (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Emma Petrie Barcelona.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#196/2021

Action: 3. Classified - Request Approval on One Reading (ROLL CALL VOTE) (Favre, Beebe)

Motion to approve Classified resignation on one reading (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Michael Callahan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#197/2021

Action: 4. Classified Coach/Advisor (ECES) - Non-Employee - Request Approval on One Reading (ROLL CALL VOTE) (Favre, Beebe)

Motion to approve Classified coach/advisor (ECES) - non-employee resignation on one reading (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Emma Petrie Barcelona.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

#198/2021

Action: 5. Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference - Second Reading (Beebe, Favre)

Motion to approve appointment of delegate and alternate to the annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Emma Petrie Barcelona.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona

O. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 1. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Motion by Linda Beebe, second by Betsy Shaughnessy.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Betsy Shaughnessy, Michael Callahan, Linda Beebe, Emma Petrie Barcelona