

The Lakewood Board of Education Regular Meeting (Monday, September 21, 2020)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Procedural: 1. Call to Order - Roll Call

The Lakewood Board of Education met in regular session at Lakewood High School's room B124/Ranger Cafe, 14100 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio at 5:30 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 5:30 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 Linda Beebe, second by Betsy Shaughnessy.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

The Executive Session ended at 7:00 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:00 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 Civic Auditorium at 7:02 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>.

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D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Action: 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on September 21, 2020 (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 1. Motion to Approve the Amended Minutes for the Board of Education Regular Meeting Held on August 17, 2020 due to a clerical error
Motion to Approve the Amended Minutes for the Board of Education Regular Meeting Held on August 17, 2020 in order to rectify a clerical error

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Action, Minutes: 2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Held on September 8, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Held on September 8, 2020

Motion by Edward Favre, second by Michael Callahan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Action, Minutes: 3. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting Held on September 14, 2020

Motion to Approve Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting Held on September 14, 2020

Motion by Edward Favre, second by Michael Callahan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reports: 1. District Updates - Superintendent Barnes

Superintendent Barnes said three of the District's elementary principals would present this evening:

Mrs. Allison Aber, Principal of Roosevelt Elementary School

Mr. Eric Fortuna, Principal of Hayes Elementary School

Mrs. Sandy Kozelka, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School

They shared how things are progressing with remote learning in the elementary schools and spoke about three common threads:

- Insights on continued community engagement and relationship building
- Thoughts regarding attendance and student engagement
- Shout outs to groups that have worked diligently to make this a successful opening

Elementary principals responded to Board members' questions.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 1. Board of Education Comments

- Board President Petrie Barcelona thanked families and the community for understanding that due to restrictions in place not everyone can be allowed to attend District activities. She noted the LHS Marching Band had some performances at the stadium when there were no football games. These dates are listed on the calendar. She thanked Mr. Steinbrunner and leaders of the Marching Band for offering experiences that members of the community can enjoy. Masks and social distancing are required. Ms. Beebe mentioned that students in the Music Department performed on their front porches this past weekend.

Information: 2. Public Comments

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the Board.

- Kristy Gibbons, 17704 Archdale Ave., Lakewood. Ms. Gibbons shared her concerns and frustrations and stated that special needs' students are struggling with home instruction.
- Megan Dubecky, 17610 Franklin Ave., Lakewood. Mrs. Dubecky stated for the record that she and her husband want the District to provide a remote model for the remainder of 2020 for their children that is not outsourced to a third party. She expressed her disappointment in the current decisions made by the Board of Education and the Administration regarding the education delivery options for the remainder of 2020; she advocated for parents to be surveyed again.
- Kris Williams, 1304 Andrews Ave., Lakewood. 2 children 5th and 7. Mrs. Williams thanked the Board for beginning the school year in remote learning. She expressed her opinions regarding education delivery options being considered for the second quarter of the school year. She also requested that parents again be surveyed.
- Tally Fruchtman Rossiter, 1260 Andrews Ave., Lakewood. Ms. Fruchtman Rossiter said the first two weeks of remote learning has been a surprise and a positive experience for their Lincoln kindergartener. She requested the District consider the continuation of remote learning in order to provide parents with more options. Ms. Fruchtman Rossiter also shared how their third grade student is receiving instruction at Menlo Park Academy.

Board President Petrie Barcelona read the following questions and comments submitted remotely prior to tonight's meeting:

- Sarah Tedder, 2049 McKinley Ave., Lakewood. First, I want to say thank you to Lakewood School for the success of the school year so far this year. The remote learning platform has been going very well for our family. The teachers have been amazing and the interaction and support has been effective. My daughter is really enjoying school and is getting the support she needs. Also committing to remote for 9 weeks has offered stability. But I am concerned what will happen on Oct 19th, when the other student return to school and my daughter does not. As a parent, I am forced to choose between her academic success and near term mental health and the possibility of her experiencing the death of a parent. Our other option, the Lincoln Platform is so clunky and time consuming we will not be using that option either. Using that platform would make us (parents) the teachers in effect. And if we become the teachers why would we choose to use the Lincoln platform when there are other platforms available to us for free? Also the platform will separate her from her friends and teachers which isn't ideal. I understand that the district is exploring another option for families like us. Can the district please let us know when they plan to release this new plan? Also, is the district planning to do another survey to see how many families would like to remain remote? Can the district release the original percentages from earlier surveys showing the percent of families that preference to this option? Thank you.

• Amy Bennett, 1066 Summit Ave., Lakewood. If there is a return to the building second quarter, will there be a Remote Learning option available? I am talking to many families who are doing eLearning and are finding it hard to complete in under 9 hours a day. If it comes to a choice between eLearning and in building, I will have to unenroll my children and homeschool. Please continue to have a remote option with Lakewood teachers available.

Is the Division of Teaching and Learning and the principals doing all they can do to support teachers during remote learning? Are teachers being trained on best practices for Google Classroom? Are principals communicating when there are platform outages? Are teachers being left to do their best in hopes that they will become frustrating and will acquiesce to a return to the building? Are parents therefore intentionally being frustrated by a result of lack of teacher support so we will acquiesce to the return to the building?

• Federica Pasquali, 1516 Rockway, Lakewood. Hello, like others, I am hoping that you are considering to extend the remote option to families who can't or won't return to school for the second quarter, should the school be in person. I am well aware that I could have chosen eLearning, but I am glad I didn't because I see how important it is to engage with the teachers. I also don't understand how they could switch to eLearning halfway through the semester and not compromise either the school or the Apex classes, since quite a few don't match. Thank you.

• Ann Stahlheber, 1081 Forest Cliff Drive, Lakewood. I did sign the petition. I feel that parents who need the in person school because they are essential workers, or if their child needs in person to meet their learning needs should have the priority to send their children. And the folks who can keep their kids at home should. This will reduce the virus risk for everyone. The students at home should not be penalized with subpar education options. The kids at home should be able to continue working with their teacher that they have established a relationship with. Switching to a different learning platform to help keep others safe is unwise, disruptive, and discouraging. Remote learning with young kids is HARD, but necessary.

• Nicole Born-Crow, 1574 Chesterland Ave., Lakewood. What is your plan for children in Champs and Stars who cannot attend in person, but for whom switching to Lincoln Learning also is not an option? Some children, like my own, are able to attend 1:1 for several hours a week to complete therapy goals, but that option becomes unsafe as well when the buildings open back up.

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 Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA - FINANCE REPORT - MS. BEEBE, MR. CALLAHAN

No report.

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J. CONSENT AGENDA - BUILDINGS, SITES AND MAJOR PURCHASES REPORT - MR. FAVRE, MRS. SHAUGHNESSY

Action (Consent): 1. Rental Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and St. Edward High School-St. Edward Home Varsity Football Games (2020) at First Federal Lakewood Stadium

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

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

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

#183/2020

Action (Consent): 1. Resolution to Adopt Instructional Materials

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

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#184/2020

Action (Consent): 2. Interdistrict Service Area Contract for 2020-2021 School Year 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 Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#185/2020

Action (Consent): 3. Agreement Between the Lakewood Board of Education and Bellefaire JCB - Monarch

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

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#186/2020

Action (Consent): 4. Service Agreement with PSI

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

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#187/2020

Action (Consent): 5. Agreement Between the Lakewood Board of Education and Youth Yoga Project

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

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

L. CONSENT AGENDA - POLICY - MS. PETRIE BARCELONA, MRS. SHAUGHNESSY

M. HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - MRS. SHAUGHNESSY, MS. BEEBE

The Board agreed to combine the following five (5) resolutions and act upon them in one motion.

#188/2020

Action: 1. Certified

Motion to approve the Certified actions

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#188/2020

Action: 2. Certified Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) - Non-Employees

Motion to approve the Certified Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) - Non-Employees' actions

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#188/2020

Action: 3. Classified

Motion to approve the Classified actions

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#188/2020

Action: 4. Classified Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) - Non-Employees

Motion to approve the Classified Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) - Non-Employees' actions

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#188/2020

Action: 5. Community Recreation & Education

Motion to approve the Community Recreation & Education actions

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#189/2020

Action: 6. Civic Auditorium Pay Rates

Motion to approve the Civic Auditorium pay rates

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

N. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#190/2020

Action: 1. Human Resources - Classified - Request Approval on One Reading (ROLL CALL VOTE)

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

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#191/2020

Action: 2. Human Resources - Classified Coach/Advisor (ECES)- Non-Employee - Request Approval on One Reading (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion to approve the Classified Coach/Advisor (ECES) - Non-Employee resignation on one reading (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Betsy Shaughnessy, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#192/2020

Action: 3. 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

Motion to approve the resolution to appoint the delegate and alternate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Betsy Shaughnessy.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

#193/2020

Action: 4. Community-Based Career-Technical Agreement between the West Shore Career-Technical Education District and the Wyndham Hotel Airport Cleveland - Second Reading

Motion to approve the agreement between the West Shore Career-Technical Education District and the Wyndham Hotel Airport Cleveland

Motion by Michael Callahan, second by Edward Favre.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Information: 5. Other

- Mrs. Shaughnessy said she appreciates those who attended tonight's meeting to share their opinions with Board members. She knows the Administration is working tirelessly at coming to the best resolution to help our students.
- Dr. Barnes stated there would be a Superintendent's Listen and Learn on September 30 at 5:00 p.m. on Facebook Live.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 1. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Edward Favre, second by Linda Beebe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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