



**Lorain City Schools Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 25, 2022-5:00 P.M.  
Lorain High School, Media Center**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM  
By Bill Sturgill

**2. ROLL CALL**

Bill Sturgill, Barbie Washington, Courtney Nazario  
Via Zoom: Mark Ballard, Jay Ferguson

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Item 3.01**

3.01 Pledge  
Led by Bill Sturgill

**22-R-64 RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-Item 4.01-4.02**

Ms. Roberson introduced Amanda Haney, Director of Early College, who provided an update. Ms. Haney gave an update on the district's Early College Program. Ms. Haney stated that college credit plus is a program that students typically begin as sophomores, where they can begin taking college classes and could earn an associates degree. The Early College Program is an Associates Degree program built into high school, which students begin as soon as they enter high school.

The LCSD was able to create a huge cost saving by having an early college high school vs. having the students go to Lorain County Community College to take their courses. Currently, the district has over 100 students who have earned some sort of college classes for credits while in high school.

Ms. Haney stated that most of the district's students earn an Associate of Arts Degree through the early college program. Although, she stated they try to accommodate a different path for students.

Emily Collins, a student in the Early College Program will be going to Cleveland State University and will be doing a partnership with Lorain County Community College. She wants to be an Art Therapist. She will be majoring in psychology and minoring in arts.

Parker Kopronica decided that he will be going to Ohio University. He will be double majoring in broadcasting and strategic news information journalism.

Parker is on the student advisory council at Lorain High. Dr. Graham wanted to thank him for his leadership.

Fey Olatoye will be attending Howard University. Fey will be majoring in international business and minoring in foreign language. She aspires to be fluent in Spanish.

Dr. Graham thanked the staff and students for coming to the board meeting.

Ms. Roberson presented an update of building highlights. See Attached Presentation \*\*\*

Ms. Roberson also reminded all of the upcoming Titan Fam, Spring Fling that will be held on May 11, 2022 from 5:30-8pm.

Mary Mayse, the district's Director of Operations, stated she put out an RFP (request for proposal) that went out on March 21st and closed on March 25th. The district asked for all bids to be in by April 1, 2022. There was an opening date of April 4, 2022. The team went through and looked at the cost factor first. There were two companies that submitted the required documents that aligned with the expectations the district had in the past. During the vetting process, references were called. Ms. Mayse stated that of the references called, they had nothing but good things to say about Auxilio. Ms. Mayse stated that based on the vetting process the team submitted a recommendation to the board to approve Auxilio services, who came in at a lower cost.

Dr. Graham stated that by law after the bids come back, the district is not allowed to go back and negotiate. Given that the district is a governmental agency, the district has to go with the lowest bidder, unless there is a creditable reason as to why the district should not.

Dr. Graham stated that the team went through and looked at cost and everything else was in line with the proposal, and based on that proposal the service was compared apples to apples.

Dr. Graham stated that this decision has nothing to do with the service our drivers deliver to our district. Dr. Graham and Mary Mayse both stated that our current drivers do a phenomenal job with our students.

Mr. Sturgill stated that the drivers are valued by our district.

Dr. Graham stated that he doesn't know the process to fill those spots but that are asked that our drivers be considered first since they know our students, and routes.

Ms. Washington asked if the new company will be providing services to the preschoolers as well as the high school.

Ms. Mayes stated that board policy determines what students we can service.

4.02 WALK ON ITEM: Item 10.19

Dr. Graham requested to walk on a MOU between the School District and the City of Lorain/Lorain Police Department. This MOU, is for the Director of Safety and Security. He will be commissioned as an officer of the police department.

Motion by Courtney Nazario second by Barbie Washington

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Barbie Washington, Courtney Nazario, Jay Ferguson

**5. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-Item 5.01**

Angela Diaz, a driver with First Student had questions over the bidding. She asked about the bid that came in from Auxilio stating 20 buses/routes vs. 39 buses/routes.

Dr. Graham stated that the current services will align

Ms. Nazario, stated that there was not a rebid. It was a clarification of the numbers they would be providing.

Mr. Sturgill suggested that Ms. Diaz get with both Dr. Graham and Mary Mayse in clarifying and answering her questions.

Ms. Russo, an employee of First Student stated that they were already notified by their boss, First Student, that they were being let go at the end of the school year. She wanted to know how they could be notified before this item was even voted on.

Dr. Graham stated that as a professional courtesy, the district sent a letter to First Student letting them know they were not being recommended, for a renewal contract. Dr. Graham clarified, the information in the letter was sent based on the recommendation.

**22-R-65 APPROVE OR AMEND AND SIGN MINUTES-Item 6.01**

6.01 Approval or Amend and Sign Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2022.

Motion by Barbie Washington second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Barbie Washington, Courtney Nazario, Jay Ferguson

**7. OLD BUSINESS-None**

**22-R-66 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER-Item 8.01-8.02**

8.01 Approval of Donations:

1. Monetary donation of \$1,000.00, two \$500 scholarships from Meijer to be awarded to the Top Boy and the Top Girl at Lorain High School.
2. Donation of chips valued at \$12.00 from Candy Kelley for the bake sale at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School.
3. Donation of cupcakes valued at \$ 8.00 from Lydia Wanek for the bake sale at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School.
4. Donation of cookies and brownies valued at \$15.00 from Esther Blanchette for the bake sale at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School.
5. Donation of 12 free sub coupons valued at \$96.00 from Jimmy Johns for the One School One Book event at Toni Morrison Elementary School.
6. Donation of 12- \$20 gift cards valued at \$240.00 from Charley's for the One School One Book event at Toni Morrison Elementary School.

8.02 Approval of a contract with REA & Associates to prepare Annual Financial Statements/GAAP services for June 30,2022-2024:

Motion by Courtney Nazario second by Jay Ferguson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Barbie Washington, Courtney Nazario, Jay Ferguson

**22-R-67 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-PERSONNEL MATTERS-Item 9.01-9.04**

9.01 Approval of appointments:

Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Effective Date	Step/Rate/Days
Aguila-Hernandez, Dania	Cleaner	Longfellow MS	04/11/2022	\$13.65/hr/260
Brooks, Jarira	Sub Cleaner	District Wide	04/26/2022	\$10.00/hr
Chaney, Shona	Sub Cleaner	District Wide	04/18/2022	\$10.00/hr
Cizmar, Lindsey	LD Tutor	St. Peter	08/15/2022	\$34.37/hr
Gilland, Kristin	Speech Language Pathologist 14 hrs per week	District Wide	04/25/2022	\$62.25/hr
Ikner, Constance	Cleaner	Longfellow MS	04/18/2022	\$13.65/hr/260

Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Effective Date	Step/Rate/Days
McCormick, Ariana	Sub Cleaner	District Wide	04/20/2022	\$10.00/hr
Perez, Ines	Sub Cleaner	District Wide	07/01/2022	\$10.00/hr
Shaarda, Kimberly	LD Tutor	St. Anthony	08/15/2022	\$34.27/hr
Williams, Sierra	Paraprofessional - Kdgn	Larkmoor	04/28/2022	\$14.75/hr/186

9.02 Approval of resignations:

Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Effective Date	Reason
Baez, Erika	Executive Secretary	LAC	05/16/2022	Resignation
Brooks, Jarira	Cleaner	Jacinto	04/08/2022	Resignation
Corey, Siomara	Paraprofessional - Spec Ed	Garfield	05/31/2022	Resignation
Castro, Jade	Teacher - Special Ed	Dohanos	06/01/2022	Resignation

9.03 Approval of one-year limited contract for certified staff be approved in accordance with ORC 3319.11 for the 2022-2023 school year: Betty Maceo

9.04 Approval of Policy GDC-R:

Motion by Barbie Washington second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Jay Ferguson, Courtney Nazario, Barbie Washington

**22-R-68 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OPERATIONS MATTERS-Item 10.01-10.19**

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: Operations
Name of Department Head: Mary Mayse

10.01 Approval to award Auxilio a service agreement to provide transportation to the Lorain City Schools community effective August 1, 2022. This will save the district approximately \$1.6 million dollars:

10.02 Approval of a Non-Renewal of a contract with First Student Transportation effective July 31, 2022:

10.03 Approval to sell a used John Deere Gator that is no longer in working order:

10.04 Approval of a Annual Service Agreement with TK Elevator Corporation. The service agreement will cover Admiral King, Hawthorne, Southview Middle, and Stevan Dohanos: The price for the service agreement is \$660.00 per month, payable quarterly, and is an 034 maintenance fund expenditure. The agreement is effective for 12 months starting July 1, 2022.

10.05 Approval of a Maintenance Agreement with Maximum Elevator FY 2022-23: This is a maintenance expenditure not to exceed \$2,202 per month.

10.06 Approval to Purchase a Cargo Van from Liberty Ford. The van will be utilized by the Operations Department for general maintenance purposes throughout the District: This is a general fund expenditure not to exceed \$29,440.00.

10.07 Approval of Annual Software Support Agreement with Timetrak Systems to provide accurate time records for district employees: This is a general fund expenditure not to exceed \$695.00.

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: Longfellow Middle School
Name of Department Head: Andrew Hoffman

10.08 Approval of a contract with Chris Gonzalez to provide DJ Services at Longfellow Middle School: This is a LMS expenditure not to exceed \$250.00.

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: Career Tech
Name of Department Head: Mic Becerra

10.09 Approval of a contract with Airgas to provide a rental/refill of gas tanks for the Career Tech Department:

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: Wrap Around Services
Name of Department Head: Dr. Stephen Sturgill

10.10 Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Collaborative Agreement with the Lorain County Partners for the 2022-23 school year: This is at no cost to the district.

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: Federal Programs and Grants
Name of Department Head: Rachel Tansey

10.11 Approval of a contract with Lorain County Metropolitan Park to provide services at Southview Middle School for a Wildlife School Assembly Program: This is an ESSER expenditure not to exceed \$300.00.

10.12 Approval of a contract with MAD Factory Theatre Co. to provide a summer program for students in grades 9-12 at Lorain High School: This is a Title I expenditure not to exceed \$4,600.00.

10.13 Approval of contracts with National Inventors Hall of Fame for services delivered during the 2022 Summer School Program: This is a Title I expenditure not to exceed \$60,036.00.

10.14 Approval of a contract with The Dancing Wheels Company & School to provide dance classes to students at Lorain High School in the summer: This is a Title I expenditure not to exceed \$5,000.00.

10.15 Approval of a contract with Lorain County Urban League to operate the White Fragility Book study during the 2021-22 school year: This is a Title IIA expenditure not to exceed \$6,500.00.

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: Communications
Name of Department Head: Erin Graham

10.16 Approval of a contract with Lamar Billboards for advertising of 6 outdoor billboards. The images will be advertised in English and Spanish for a total of 4 weeks beginning May 16, 2022: This is a communications-advertising expense not to exceed \$2,700.00.

10.17 Approval of a contract with EMS LINQ Website used for communication with our families and community: This is a communications-software expense not to exceed \$9,716.00.

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: Technology
Name of Department Head: Drew Stevens

10.18 Approval of a contract with Amplified IT for the migration of our email system from Office 365 to Google. Moving forward after this migration, the district will only use the @lorainschools.org domain: This is an IT expenditure not tot exceed \$28,625.00.

<b>RESOLUTION: 22-R-68</b>
Name of Department: CEO Office
Name of Department Head: Dr. Jeff Graham

10.19 Approval of a MOU with the City of Lorain to provide a part-time commission to the LCSD Director of Safety and Security to help assist the LCSD with the safety of LCSD students and faculty:

Motion by Mark Ballard second by Jay Ferguson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Barbie Washington, Courtney Nazario, Jay Ferguson

**11. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OTHER MATTERS-None**

**12. NEW BUSINESS-None**

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS-None**

**14. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-None**

**15. BOARD WORK SESSION (AS NEEDED)**

**22-R-68 EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item 16.01-16.02**

**16.01** Entered Executive Session at 5:38PM

Motion by Barbie Washington second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Jay Ferguson, Courtney Nazario, Barbie Washington

WHEREAS, as a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of the following matters:

A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Demotion
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissal	7. <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Discipline	8. <input type="checkbox"/> Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)

B. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.

C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

D. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

E Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

F. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoid prosecution for a violation of the law.

G. Confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions regarding requests for economic development assistance, if the following conditions apply:

- The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under the statutes set forth in RC 121.22(G)(8)(1) or involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project; and
- A unanimous quorum of the board of education determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lorain City School District Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on items A-2 & D as listed above.

**16.02** Exited Executive Session at 6:32PM

Motion by Jay Ferguson second by Barbie Washington

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Jay Ferguson, Courtney Nazario, Barbie Washington

Motion by Barbie Washington second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Jay Ferguson, Courtney Nazario, Barbie Washington

**17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING-Item 17.01**

17.01 Announcement of Next Board Meeting- Regular Meeting May 9, 2022, at 5:00PM.

\* Will be held at the Lorain High School, Media Center

**22-R-68 ADJOURNMENT- Item 18.01**

**18.01** Adjournment-Meeting Adjourned at 6:33PM

Motion by Jay Ferguson second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Jay Ferguson, Courtney Nazario, Barbie Washington

APPROVED

DATE: April 25, 2022

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Bill Sturgill, President

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Tia Kearney, Treasurer