



**Lorain City Schools Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
January 4, 2022-5:00 P.M.
Lorain High School, Media Center**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10PM
By Mark Ballard

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-3.01

3.01 Pledge
Led by Mark Ballard during the Organizational Meeting

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-None

5. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-None

22-R-14 APPROVE OR AMEND AND SIGN MINUTES-6.01

6.01 Approval or Amend and Sign Minutes from Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2021 and the Emergency Meeting held on December 16, 2021.

Motion by Jay Ferguson second by Barbie Washington
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Barbie Washington, Courtney Nazario, Jay Ferguson

7. OLD BUSINESS-None

22-R-15 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER-8.01

8.01 Financial update from the Treasurer -Consider Approval of the Proposed 2022-2023 Tax Budget

Motion by Jay Ferguson second by Bill Sturgill
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Barbie Washington, Courtney Nazario, Jay Ferguson

9. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-PERSONNEL MATTERS-None

10. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OPERATIONS MATTERS

11. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OTHER MATTERS-11.01

Dr. Graham gave an update around the district's return to school after break. Dr. Graham stated that Dr. Prakash Ganesh with Case Western gave his advice to hold off on having students return to school. Dr. Graham state that the district is ready for students to come back on Monday, January 10, 2022. The district is preparing to go remote/hybrid, should the district need to do that.

Ross May stated that the district is giving the staff time to prepare if the district has to go remote. The teachers are being given this week to prepare and update all learning platforms and classroom links. Mr. May said that it is important to have a warm, kind, calm, cool, and predictable return to school for our students.

Mr. May stated that the time this week will also be used to work on the district's strategic plan.

Dr. Graham wanted to applaud our staff for their flexibility and leadership.

Mr. Ballard asked if there has been a spike in the number of adults out. Ms. Gottschling stated that yes, there has been an increase in staff out due to covid.

Mr. Ballard asked Dr. Graham at what point do we know if we will have enough staff to resume school next week.

Dr. Graham stated that the district will be reaching out to staff on Thursday, to get a better idea of what Monday will look like.

Mr. May said that they are following trend data and listening to the health professionals.

Ms. Nazario asked if there was just an option to close just one school if there are limited staff at a particular building vs. closing all the schools.

Dr. Graham said yes, that is a possibility if the need is there.

Ms. Washington wanted to thank everyone who worked hard during their days off during the holiday break to put staff and students first.

Jay Ferguson thanked Mark Ballard for his leadership in the last 12 months.

Mr. Ferguson sent out condolences to the Charles Neely family.

Mr. Sturgill stated that everyone will definitely miss Charles's smile.

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-16 EXECUTIVE SESSION-16.01-16.02

16.01 Entered Executive Session at 5:30PM

Motion by Jay Ferguson 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 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 C as listed above.

16.02 Exited Executive Session at 5:44PM

Motion by Barbie Washington second by Jay Ferguson

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 January 10, 2022, at 5:00PM.

* Will be held in the Media Center at Lorain High.

22-R-17 ADJOURNMENT- Item 18.01

18.01 Adjournment-Meeting Adjourned at 5:46PM

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: January 4, 2022

Bill Sturgill, President

Courtney Nazario, Treasurer Pro-Temp