



**Lorain City Schools Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
March 14, 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

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-3.01

3.01 Pledge
Led by Bill Sturgill

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-None

5. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-None

22-R-42 APPROVE OR AMEND AND SIGN MINUTES-6.01

6.01 Approval or Amend and Sign Minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 8, 2022.

Motion by Mark Ballard second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

22-R-43 OLD BUSINESS-7.01

Approval of a renewal contract with Communications Director, Erin Graham- by the Board of Education

Motion by Mark Ballard second by Barbie Washington

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

22-R-44 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER-8.01-8.03

8.01 Approval of Donations:

1. Donation of Books valued at \$190.00 from Petrina Jackson for elementary libraries within the Lorain City School District.

8.02 Approval of the February 2022 Financial Reports:

8.03 Approval of the February 2022 Purchase Orders Greater than \$3,000:

Motion by Jay Ferguson second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

22-R-45 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-PERSONNEL MATTERS-9.01-9.05

Ross May gave an update on the Arts. He stated that when looking at what our students have available to them, the Arts is so important. The arts are critical on how are students regulate socially and emotionally. ****Please see attached presentation

Mr. May said the arts currently being offered across the district vary, building to building. Most of our middle schools don't have choir. At the high school level the district has music programs but only has an introductory to visual arts. The district found out what we currently offered and then took a look at the research. Several articles pointed to the importance of art and which types of arts have the most impact on our students. Our district then reached out to other districts to see what they offer. The final step was the LCSD reaching out and surveying our families and students. Dance was the most popular request among the Elementary and Middle Schools. Our students would like instruments at the elementary level. The Middle school would like to have more dance, a marching band and more visual art opportunities. At the high school level, parents and students would like to see more advance pathways for the arts, ie. ceramics I and II. They would also like to see more options available.

Mr. May stated the districts plan to roll out the new arts program. (*See attached presentation)

Mr. Sturgill asked if the new arts program would be implemented in the upcoming school year. Mr. May stated that these will be coming in the fall.

Ms. Washington asked if students will be able to continue the piano and ukulele after leaving the elementary grades. Mr. May stated yes, but the district will still need to see what that looks like. Ms. Washington asked if the dance program continue based on the child's level of skill.

Ms. Washington asked if the district would be hiring the district's teachers or out sourcing for this program. Dr. Graham stated that it will be our teachers, teaching the arts programs.

Mr. May gave an update on the districts reading achievement plan. Mr. May stated that it is very important for us to learn collectively about the science of reading. The district has a team that will learn, how we learn to read so that the district can put together a reading achievement plan around the end of May, beginning of June.

Mr. Ferguson asked if this would be in place for the fall. Mr. May stated that the training will begin by the fall.

Dr. Graham thanked all for their leadership and engagement.

9.01 Approval of appointments:

Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Effective Date	Step/I
Cutcher, Jessica	Personal Attendant	Toni Morrison	02/28/2022	\$13.70
Harmych, Adam	Custodian Class II	Toni Morrison	03/08/2022	\$17.50
Harrell, Sandra	Benefits Coordinator	LAC	03/28/2022	\$62,22
Higginbotham, Margo	Teacher - Per Diem	GJW	02/28/2022	\$266.0
Matos, Stephanie	Health Professional - Substitute	District Wide	03/14/2022	\$17.00
Medrick, Barbara	Transportation Coordinator	LAC	03/28/2022	\$56,45

Please note: William Ohle and Aretha Taylor-Paydock effective date change from 09/14/2021 to 08/01/2021. This was approved on the 09/28/2021 agenda.

9.02 Approval of resignations/retirement:

Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Effective Date	R
Burns, Maureen	Cleaner	District Wide	03/01/2022	R
Ortiz, Cynthia	Teacher	Helen Steiner Rice	06/01/2022	R
Romp, Ashley	Teacher	Stevan Dohanos	06/01/2022	R

9.03 Approval of leave of absences for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Effective	Reason
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Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Effective	Reason
Gerhardinger, Matt	Teacher	Southview	04/25/2022-05/20/2022	Personal
Lachman, Scott	Teacher	Southview	02/14/2022-04/29/2022	Personal
Scott, Angelica	Secretary	Longfellow	03/10/2022-04/01/2022	Personal
Lokiec, Christa	Teacher	Lorain HS	03/07/2022-04/04/2022	Personal

9.04 Approval of a contract with the Nurse Consulting Services Harness Health Partners LLC, effective March 15, 2022 through June 30, 2022. The cost is \$600 per week (max of 8 hours per week).

9.05 Approval of Athletic Supplemental Contracts for 2021/2022 School Year:

Name (last, first)	Position	Building	Salary
Contreras, Celia	Head Girls Track	GJW	Resignation
Irby, Capreece	Head Volleyball Coach	LHS	\$7,637.04
Joyner Sr, Brian	Head Girls Track	GJW	\$2,287.78
Mazur, Amy	Freshmen Softball Coach	LHS	Resignation
Thompson, William	Freshmen Softball Coach	LHS	\$2,495.76

Motion by Jay Ferguson second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

22-R-46 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OPERATIONS MATTERS-10.01-10.10

RESOLUTION: 22-R-46
Name of Department: Operations
Name of Department Head: Mary Mayse

10.01 Approval of a Service Agreement with Central Exterminating Co. to provide pest control service for all the District buildings: This is a general fund expenditure not to exceed \$2,041.69

10.02 Approval of a contract with State Industrial products to provide a Water Treatment Program Agreement for Lorain City School Buildings including regularly scheduled service including water testing documented service reports and written recommendations: This is a maintenance expenditure not to exceed \$7,253.52.

10.03 Approval of a contract with State Industrial Products to provide Lorain High School with kitchen drain treatments with installation and monthly scheduled service for three automatic feed pumps for the main kitchen and the culinary kitchen: This is a food service expenditure not to exceed \$4,278.96

10.04 Approval of a contract with State Industrial Products to provide Legionella Testing and Cleanup products for the High School Cooling Tower: This is a general fund expenditure not to exceed \$1,269.00.

10.05 Approval of a contract with Gross Plumbing, Inc for Backflow Testing and reporting on 79 backflows at all district buildings for the 2022-23 school year, prior to the start of school: This is a maintenance expenditure not to exceed \$4,977.00.

RESOLUTION: 22-R-46
Name of Department: Technology
Name of Department Head: Drew Stevens

10.06 Approval of a contract with Spectrum for Wide Area Network (fiber optic connections between buildings and Lorain High Data Center). This is a five-year contract: This is a general fund expenditure not to exceed \$537.40/mth

10.07 Approval of a contract with Sixmo for Professional Services/Improvements at George Daniel Field: This is a

RESOLUTION: 22-R-46
Name of Department: Federal Programs & Grants
Name of Department Head: Rachel Tansey

10.08 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Amherst Exempted Village School to provide Title I Services to Lorain City School's students attending St. Joseph School during the 2021-22 school year: This is a Title I expenditure not to exceed \$6,834.34.

RESOLUTION: 22-R-46
Name of Department: Operations
Name of Department Head: Mary Mayse

10.09 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for SNAP-Ed Education with The Ohio State University. OSU Extension will offer nutrition-based educational programs to LCS students, staff, and families that are tailored to meet their needs. A schedule for activities will be established that are mutually agreeable to OSU Extension and Lorain City Schools. The programs are optional and there is no cost to the district or families involved:

10.10 Approval of Purchase Agreement with Liberty Ford, Inc to purchase a Cargo Van for Lorain City Schools. This will be a district maintenance van that is used to travel throughout the district for maintenance needs at all buildings: This is a general fund expenditure not to exceed \$43,945.00.

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

*Mr. Ballard asked for an updated on HB70 at the next board meeting or the following meeting. His hope is for everyone to be brought up to speed for the upcoming school year.

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-47 EXECUTIVE SESSION-16.01-16.02

16.01 Entered Executive Session at 5:24PM

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 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 & C as listed above.

16.02 Exited Executive Session at 6:10PM

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- Special Meeting March 17, 2022, at 5:00PM.- Board Work Session-To review ADA compliance issues at the field and its renovations.

* Will be held at

22-R-48 ADJOURNMENT- Item 18.01

18.01 Adjournment-Meeting Adjourned at 6:11PM

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: March 14, 2022

Bill Sturgill, President

Tia Kearney, Treasurer