



**Lorain City Schools Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
July 20, 2021-5:00 P.M.
Lorain High School, Media Center**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM
By Mark Ballard

2. ROLL CALL

Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Courtney Nazario, Timothy Williams
Absent: Yvonne Johnson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-3.01

3.01 Pledge
Led by Mark Ballard

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-None

5. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-5.01

Rick Payerchin, Vice President of the Mary Lee Tucker foundation. August 8th they will be having "The Bradley Dash", a 5K Race and a 3K walk to raise money for the Clothe-A-Child program. The race will begin at 9am at Black River Landing. Mr. Payerchin is asking for all to come out and support this wonderful cause.

21-R-118 APPROVE OR AMEND AND SIGN MINUTES-6.01

6.01 Approval or Amend and Sign Minutes from the Special Meeting held on June 28, 2021.

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Timothy Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario
Absent: Yvonne Johnson

7. OLD BUSINESS-None

21-R-119 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER-8.01-8.02

8.01 Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the OSBA Capital Conference, Annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 8, at 2:30 p.m. in the Union Station Ballroom.

Motion by Timothy Williams second by Courtney Nazario
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario
Absent: Yvonne Johnson

8.02 Consider Approval of a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a current expense tax levy and requesting the Lorain County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the school district and the dollar amount of the revenue that would be generated by the levy.

The initial resolution ("Resolution #1") necessary to submit to the electors of the School District at the election to be held on **November 2, 2021**, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate **will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District**, and it is necessary to levy a tax of 6.8 mills in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, for a period of **five** years, to be levied upon the entire territory of the School District, to be first placed on the duplicate for the year **2021** and first collected in calendar year **2022**.

Motion by Timothy Williams second by Bill Sturgill

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

Mr. Williams asked what year are deficit is. Ms. Kearney stated that the deficit is for year 2023. Mr. Sturgill asked what the deficit amount was. Ms. Kearney stated that the deficit is roughly 13 mil.

Mr. Williams requested to have some information on what we are currently spending our funds on to justify why the levy is needed.

Mr. Sturgill said that a new money levy has not passed since 2012. Mr. Sturgill would like to see further justification to show the need because of the Covid money that the district has received. Ms. Nazario stated that she needs to see where the other funds have been spent before voting to approve this levy.

Dr. Graham stated that he and Ms. Kearney would walk everyone through what the ESSER funds have been spent on. Dr. Graham stated that the way the funds can be used have stipulations. The district cannot just put the Covid funds into the General fund accounts.

Mr. Sturgill stated that you can use the Covid funds to make the district better, but the sustainability isn't practical because this is a one time funding.

21-R-120 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-PERSONNEL MATTERS- 9.01-9.02

Mary Mayse, the district's Director of Operations talked about the plan for baseball/softball fields. Ms. Mayse said that they district is working with the City on the Campana Park fields.

Dr. Graham stated that he spoke with the Mayor and Mayor Bradley stated that the kids will be playing baseball on the fields in the Spring.

Mr. Ballard stated that there is a marriage with the City and the schools to come together for the communities use of this park and its fields.

Dr. Graham stated that the money for the baseball and softball fields would be coming from the LFI funds. This is a fund that already exists and this would be an opportunity to put these funds to good use.

Ms. Mayse said that George Daniels Stadium is also an area that needs some work. She stated that they will be updating the shot put and discus area, pressbox, electrical work, the bathrooms, locker rooms and painting of the bleachers. Ms. Mayse stated that the district is having issues completing projects due to the 400% mark up for material or just having issues getting the materials to come in.

Dr. Graham stated that the stadium has some minor repairs that could become bigger issues if they aren't addressed now.

Mr. Williams asked if there was a resolution that would be needed so that the funds wouldn't exceed a dollar amount for the board to approve.

9.01 A Motion was made for the District's Operations department to continue on with projects not to exceed \$100,000, at this time.

Motion by Timothy Williams second by Bill Sturgill

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

Dr. Graham asked for Ms. Mayse to give an update about transportation within the district. Ms. Mayse stated that parents and guardians of those with students inside the two-mile radius that were receiving transportation and should not have been, were called. Board policy states the required parameters around the bussing guidelines. Ms. Mayse stated that if the parents and guardians have requested needs they are trying to accommodate those families the best they can.

Mr. Ballard asked if a decision has been made for the upcoming year from a transportation standpoint regarding mask protocols.

Dr. Graham stated that masks are to be worn on public transportation.

Ms. Mayse confirmed that all individuals riding on public transportation must wear masks per the CDC and State guidelines.

Dr. Graham stated that there isn't a uniform dress code at this time. Dress code guidelines are on the school's website for the community to review. If anyone has questions, Dr. Graham encourages those to call.

Dr. Graham stated that currently, if you are vaccinated you do not have to wear a mask inside the school buildings, per CDC guidelines.

9.02 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO- PERSONNEL MATTERS

Personnel Matters -Items 3.01-3.16

*See Attached

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario

Abstain: Mark Ballard

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

21-R-121 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OPERATIONS MATTERS-10.01-10.02

10.01 Operations Matters-4.01-4.14 & 4.14-24

*See Attached Communique

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Timothy Williams

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

10.02 Operations Matters-4.13

*See Attached Communique

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Courtney Nazario

Abstain: Timothy Williams

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

11. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OTHER MATTERS

12. NEW BUSINESS-None

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE BOARD-None

14. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-14.01

Bambi Dillon of Lorain asked if the project with Campana park would be for all students of all ages.

Mr. Ballard stated that the main two fields would be for the schools to take care of. The other fields would be taken care of by the city, but in collaboration with the district.

Ms. Dillon stated that she is hopeful for the fields to return to what it used to be, which was well maintained for all the children of our community.

Ms. Dillon asked what the contract for Delta was.

Dr. Graham stated that this contract was for the purchase of a sound system that was needed.

Dr. Graham stated that he is comfortable with where the district is for the levy.

Barbie Washington of Lorain stated that she has heard a lot of great things about Mary Mayse, and is happy to finally meet her. She added that the softball fields do need to be comparable to the baseball fields.

Ms. Washington added that the Volleyball Alumni game will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6pm. This year's game is in honor of Ken Washington. The family requested that all donations to go to the Ambassador Brothers. This organization does community activities with a focus on children who have lost a parent.

If you are an LHS, AK or Southview volleyball alum that would like to participate, there will be a \$15 t-shirt fee. Please reach out to Coach Jackson.

Dr. Graham stated that the District is having a Community Event on August 1, 2021 at 2pm. This is a partnered event with the City of Lorain. This event is to celebrate the ending of covid and also to celebrate the budget bill that was introduced to make a pathway to end HB70.

There will be music, food, inflatables, carnival games, and a parade. This is a free event for the community. Dr. Graham hopes that all will come and join!

15. BOARD WORK SESSION (AS NEEDED)

21-R-122 EXECUTIVE SESSION-16.01-16.02

16.01 Entered Executive Session at 5:50PM

Motion by Timothy Williams second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

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:

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| 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 A2 & D as listed above.

16.02 Exited Executive Session at 6:35PM

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING-Item 17.01

17.01 Announcement of Next Board Meeting- Regular Meeting-July 27, 2021, at 5:00PM.

* Will be held in the Media Center at the High School*

21-R-123 ADJOURNMENT- Item 18.01

18.01 Adjournment-Meeting Adjourned at 6:36PM

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario

Absent: Yvonne Johnson

APPROVED

DATE: July 20, 2021

Mark Ballard, President

Tia R.H. Kearney, Treasurer