

To be approved at the Board of Education meeting May 12, 2020

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

Boards of Education must weigh the risks associated with the available options for balancing their governance obligations and remaining in compliance with Ohio's Open Meetings Act (OMA) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency orders put in place for the public's health and welfare. Additionally, with the passage of Ohio House Bill (HB) 197, public bodies have been granted the authority through uncodified language, during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, to hold and attend meetings and conduct and attend hearings by teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology ("electronic means"). Members attending meetings or hearings by electronic means are considered present as if they were attending in person, are permitted to vote, and are counted for the purpose of determining quorum. Additionally, any public action taken by electronic means under these provisions has the same effect as if it were taken in an open meeting or hearing of the public body.

The Shaker Heights City School District Board of Education is availing itself of such provisions and has adopted a resolution to that effect in Section 1.4 of the April 7, 2020, Board meeting agenda, which will apply to the Board of Education and any Committees of the Board.

The Shaker Heights Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom webinar at the following link: <https://shaker.zoom.us/j/97351657761>

### **1. OPENING OF MEETING**

#### **1.1 CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:10 p.m., Board President Heather Weingart, who presided over the meeting, called the meeting to order. President Weingart also read a statement which explained the recent passage of Ohio House Bill (HB) 197, the provisions it makes for public bodies to hold meetings via electronic means and how this enables the District to do business during the COVID-19 pandemic

#### **1.2 ROLL CALL**

President Heather Weingart directed Treasurer Bryan C. Christman to call the roll.

**Members present:** Lisa Cremer, Ayesha Bell Hardaway, Jeffrey Isaacs, Emmitt Jolly, and Heather Weingart.

### **2. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **2.1 UPDATE ON STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT DURING THE EXTENDED CLOSURE**

At this time, Dr. Marla J. Robinson, Chief Academic Officer, along with Keith Langford, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, and members of the Learning and Teaching Department, provided the Board with an update on student and family support during the extended closure. In addition to Dr. Robinson, the following Learning and Teaching Department members participated in the presentation:

- Kelly Anderson, Guidance Counselor, Shaker Heights Middle School;
- George Clark, Principal, Lomond Elementary School;
- Sara Felson, Paraprofessional, Boulevard Elementary School;
- Jamie Harden, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Fernway Elementary School;
- Amanda Stolarski, Intervention Specialist Teacher, Lomond Elementary School;
- Keith Langford, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator;
- Rick Leibovich, Kindergarten Teacher, Mercer Elementary School;
- Nathanael Hsu, Science Teacher, Shaker Heights High School.

The update, which included questions, answers and discussion with the Board, lasted from 5:12 p.m. until 7:22 p.m.

### **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **3.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At the recommendation of the Board President, and upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board of Education voted on recessing the meeting and entering into executive session to discuss employee personnel matters under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

Motion by Ayesha Bell Hardaway, second by Emmitt Jolly.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lisa Cremer, Ayesha Bell Hardaway, Jeffrey Isaacs, Emmitt Jolly, Heather Weingart

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At 7:22 p.m., the Board of Education recessed the public session.

After a brief break, the Board convened the executive session via a separate non-public Zoom meeting at 7:31 p.m. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. David Glasner, Treasurer Bryan C. Christman, Chief Operations Officer Jeffrey Grosse, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Marla Robinson, and District counsel Eric Johnson of Walter Haverfield.

Mr. Johnson departed the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Mr. Christman and Mr. Grosse departed the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

At 11:00 p.m., President Weingart declared the end of executive session, at which time the Board members, Dr. Glasner and Dr. Robinson exited the executive session non-public Zoom meeting and rejoined the public session Zoom webinar and reconvened the public meeting.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **4.1 NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. and will be held electronically via a Zoom webinar, for which a link for joining the meeting will be provided at a later date via a revised/updated Sunshine Report and various District communication outlets.

**4.2 ADJOURN THE MEETING**

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon receiving a motion and a second, the Board of Education voted on adjourning the meeting.

Motion by Jeffrey Isaacs, second by Lisa Cremer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Lisa Cremer, Ayesha Bell Hardaway, Jeffrey Isaacs, Emmitt Jolly, Heather Weingart

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The special meeting of the Shaker Heights Board of Education adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

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Heather Weingart, President

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Bryan C. Christman, Treasurer