The board of Education of the Garaway Local School District met in regular session on January 12, 2015, in the Library at the Garaway High School located at 146 Dover Road, Sugarcreek, OH 44681 with the following members present:

Robert Coborn

Bob Eckert

Dirk Marshall

Jim Parson

Dan Fearon

Tim Parson

moved the adoption of the following resolution:

A Resolution of the Garaway Local Schools Board of Education Regarding the Common Core State Standards Initiative and Support of Local Control of Education

WHEREAS, the purpose of education is to educate a populace of critical thinkers who are capable of leading good and purpose-filled lives, not solely preparation for college and career; and

WHEREAS, instructional and curricular decisions should be in the hands of classroom professionals who understand the context and interests of their students; and

WHEREAS, high quality education requires adequate resources to provide a rich and varied course of instruction, and individual and small group attention for students; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards were developed by non-practitioners, such as test and curriculum publishers, as well as education reform foundations, such as the Gates and Broad Foundations, and as a result the CCSS better reflect the interests and priorities of corporate education reformers than the best interests and priorities of students; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards were piloted incorrectly, have been implemented too quickly, and as a result have produced numerous developmentally inappropriate expectations that do not reflect the learning needs of many students; and

WHEREAS, the significant time, effort, and expense associated with modifying curricula to the Common Core State Standards interferes and takes resources away from work developing appropriate and engaging courses of study; and

WHEREAS, the assessments that accompany the Common Core State Standards are not transparent, in that teachers and parents are not allowed to view the tests and item analysis will likely not be made available given the nature of computer adaptive tests; and

WHEREAS, the January 1, 2012 rule change to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) has destroyed the protection of private student records by allowing access to

student level data by for-profit, non-profit and government entities, without the notification and/or permission of the parent or student; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of national consortium assessments, i.e., PARCC, for use as Ohio's elementary and secondary achievement assessments violates Ohio Revised Code 3301.0710, which requires all such state achievement assessments to be "created with input from Ohio parents..."; and

WHEREAS, PARCC the accompanies Common Core State Standards disrupt student learning, consuming tremendous amounts of time and resources for test preparation and administration; and

WHEREAS, the assessment practices that accompany Common Core State Standards are used as justification to label and close schools, fail students, and evaluate educators; and

WHEREAS, we have been notified by the Ohio Department of Education, that the results from the national PARCC assessments administered in the spring of 2015 may not be available until 2016, thereby delaying school district report cards; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers hold the copyright to the Common Core State Standards, thereby eliminating local control over quality of the standards and associated operating costs; and

WHEREAS, PARCC is a national consortium, administration of the assessments as well as the content of those assessments, is no longer under local or state control; and

WHEREAS, Common Core State Standards were not internationally benchmarked, are untested and therefore unproven; therefore be it further

RESOLVED that the Garaway Local Schools Board of Education will continue to abide by all state requirements and testing until the law is changed by legislative and executive action, but believes it is imperative that significant changes be made as indicated above; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Garaway Local Schools Board of Education advocates for an engaged and culturally relevant curriculum that is student-based and supported by research; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ohio State Board of Education, the Governor of Ohio, and all members of the Ohio legislative branch.

Dick Marshall seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote on the adoption of this Resolution, the vote was as follows: