

## **COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

October 17, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Steve Doss, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

John Wheadon, Treasurer, called the roll and the following were present:

Jim Borchik  
Paul Cevasco  
Steve Doss  
Beth Hertz  
Paula Lynn

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### **A. Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to adopt the agenda for the October 17, 2023 regular meeting, as presented.

AYES: Borchik, Cevasco, Hertz, Lynn, Doss

NAYS: None

### **B. Recognition**

#### **Student of the Month – September, 2023**

Claire Lewis - Arrowhead Primary  
Elijah Panzner - Fort Island Primary  
Sophia Ridgley - Herberich Primary  
Corinne Russo - Copley-Fairlawn Middle School  
Julian Bearshak - Copley High School  
Cassandra Komlanc - Copley High School Student-Athlete

(Five Minute Recess)

### **C. Recognition of the Public**

*The Copley-Fairlawn City School District Board of Education feels that while public participation in Board meetings is not required, it is a valuable way to receive input from community members. The Board will not enter into debate or discussion on any matter brought forward, instead the information will be forwarded to the proper individual for possible follow up. Those who wish to participate in the public comments section of the agenda must sign in on the sheet available at the entrance to the meeting. Those signed up to address the Board should limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used according to Policy BDDH (Also KD) and Ohio Revised Code 121.22 and 3313.20.*

Amy Luedy, Fairlawn, spoke in opposition of the current mascot being used. She referenced many national groups that are opposed to using “Indian” as a mascot. She asked for a further discussion of the topic and a vote to be held on the topic.

Shelley Melchior, Fairlawn, indicated she is speaking again because the three minute allowance of time wasn’t enough two months ago to complete what she had to say. She spoke in opposition of the current mascot being used. She would like a survey completed similar to the surveys completed when the board considered adding all-day kindergarten and building consolidation in 2016.

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### **D. Treasurer’s Business**

It was moved by Mr. Cevasco, seconded by Mr. Doss, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer:

1. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Board of Education’s regular meeting held September 19, 2023 and special meeting held September 27, 2023.

2. Financial Statement

Approve the financial statement for the month of September, 2023.

3. Huntington Commercial Card

Approve a resolution authorizing the use of a commercial card account from Huntington Bank

AYES: Cevasco, Doss, Lynn, Hertz, Borchik

NAYS: None

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E. Superintendent’s Considerations and Recommendations

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

1. In Lieu of Transportation

Approve in-lieu-of transportation payments for the 2023-2024 school year for the following students:

Chapel Hill Christian-South

Sebestyen, Amanda

Sebestyen, Emma

The Lippman School

Chenowith, Ethan

Grant, Naomi Sandra

Myers, Quinne

Medina Christian Academy

Nichols, Parker

Thomson, Jonathan

Thomson, Matthew

Thomson, Lorena

Thomson, Joshua

St. Vincent St. Mary

Bickett, Connor

Malick, Lily

Malick, Joseph

Slanna, Clare

Our Lady of the Elms

Hale, McKenna

Old Trail School

Dembski, Victoria

Principato, Charles

Principato, Connor

Rattansi, Aydin

Haghnazari, Milan

Beasley, London

Lin, Rebecca

Lin, Brent

Lin, Katelin

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hatch, Anthony

Hatch, Christopher Austin

Spring Garden Waldorf School

Reich, Grace

Reich, Charles

Reich, Franklin

Reich, Elizabeth

Lawrence School

Couch, Payton

2. Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip

Approve the following overnight field trip:

a. Copley Wrestling Team to the University of Delaware, December 15-18, 2023

3. Personnel

a. Certified

1. Accept the resignation of the following:

Rosso, Debra	Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 School Year, for retirement purposes
Traylor, Bryce	Tutor, effective September 30, 2023
Traylor, Blake	Tutor, effective, September 30, 2023

b. Classified

1. Accept the resignation of the following:

Braslawscce, Heather	Special Needs Assistant, effective September 22, 2023
Dowdell, Michelle	Bus Aide, effective October 9, 2023
Sherbourne, Janet	Playground Monitor, effective October 27, 2023

2. Employ the following classified staff for the 2023-2024 school year, contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII, and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired.

Awad, Christine	Special Needs Assistant, effective September 28, 2023
Crater, Jeanne	Bus Aide, effective October 10, 2023
Crego, Brian	Special Needs Assistant, Step 5, effective October 2, 2023
Geiger, Jennifer	Lifeguard, effective September 23, 2023
Medellin, Kimberly	Special Needs Assistant, effective September 14, 2023
Rourke, Cheri	Library/Media Associate, effective October 2, 2023
Stevens, Anaiya	Special Needs Assistant, effective October 2, 2023
Sullivan, Elizabeth	Cafeteria Worker, effective October 17, 2023
Tiffany, April	Playground Monitor, effective October 30, 2023

3. Employ the following substitute personnel for the 2023-2024 school year, contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees, and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired:

Dodson, Kristin	Special Needs Assistant, Secretary, Playground and Lunchroom Monitor, Office Assistant, Educational Assistant
Hatch, Janice	Special Needs Assistant
Hessel, Maryellen	Custodian

AYES: Lynn, Hertz, Cevalasco, Borchik, Doss

NAYS: None

F. New Business

Superintendent Brian Poe gave an update on the various building projects that are ongoing. The middle school stadium project was approved by the Board of Education in September, 2023 and the contractor (Vasco) is prepared to begin working; however, the Summit County Engineer's office hasn't approved the construction documents yet.

The high school stadium project bid opening is on October 25, 2023. The hope is to have a recommendation by our architect/engineers by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

During construction of the projects the parking lots will be utilized by the contractors for materials and parking. One-third of the high school parking lot may not be accessible during the construction phase. Mr. Poe asked for everybody to have patience during the construction.

An internal construction management team has been developed which consists of Andy Jalwan, Athletic Director, Aimee Kirsch, Assistant Superintendent, Brian Poe, Superintendent, Steve Robinson, Business Manager, and John Wheadon, Treasurer. The team is scheduled to meet weekly to review construction progress.

Mr. Poe and Mr. Robinson met with representatives from Concordia at Sumner last week regarding access to their property to hook up to the sanitary sewer system. The representatives granted access and Mr. Poe thanked them for their cooperation.

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G. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cevalco, seconded by Mr. Borchik, to adjourn the meeting (6:01 p.m.)

AYES: Cevalco, Borchik, Lynn, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

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President

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Treasurer