

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

November 14, 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

A moment of silence was observed because of the tragic commercial bus accident that occurred this morning involving Tuscarawas Valley Local School students, staff, and chaperones on their way to the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference this morning.

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to adopt the agenda for the November 14, 2023 regular meeting, as presented.

AYES: Borchik, Cevasco, Hertz, Lynn, Doss

NAYS: None

B. Recognition

1. Students of the Month – October, 2023:
Briana Nichols - Arrowhead Primary
Andrew Crooks - Fort Island Primary
Theodore Rupnik - Herberich Primary
Emily Hoxha - Copley-Fairlawn Middle School
Emily Mosier - Copley High School
Jackson Buser - Student-Athlete of the Month
2. National Merit Commended Students:
Brendan D. Hiwiller
Frederick M. Luecke
Eric Luster (absent)
Harrison B. Rothschild

3. National Merit Semi-Finalist Student:
Nezar Shakaki

(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, presented an informal survey regarding the school mascot. There were approximately 500 respondents to the informal survey and 73% of those individuals support the current mascot. This was a personal survey and in no way is associated with the board of education.

Shannon Cacchione, Fairlawn, said she supports the board of education and the mascot.

Shelley Melchior, Fairlawn, said based on the survey presented by Mrs. Luedy earlier, that she feels there is interest in the topic of the mascot and requests the board of education to conduct their own survey of the community.

Paul Robinson, Copley, indicated he is a graduate of the school district and we should continue to honor the people that lived on this land before us by keeping the mascot. He said he did not participate in the earlier mentioned survey but wanted his opinion noted.

Angel Sobelewski, Copley, presented a petition she had circulated and she has gathered over 200 signatures in support of the current mascot.

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D. Treasurer's Business

It was moved by Mr. Cevasco, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, 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 October 17, 2023 and special meeting held October 30, 2023

2. Financial Statement

Approve the financial statement for the month of October, 2023

3. Five-Year Forecast

Approve the five-year forecast for Copley-Fairlawn City School District

Mr. Wheadon, Treasurer, stated that the district is in the second year of negative spending which means expenses are higher than revenues. Based on this forecast, a levy is projected to be needed prior to November 2026. The last operating levy was passed in 2010.

4. District Fence Replacement Project

To authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to enter into a contract with Kustom Fencing Company, Inc. for district fencing project at a cost of \$452,500.00. This project will be paid from bond funds.

AYES: Cevalasco, Hertz, Lynn, Borchik, Doss

NAYS: None

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E. Superintendent's Considerations and Recommendations

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Borchik, 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:

Medina Christian Academy

Timco, Jonathon

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Timco, Jackson

Northside Christian Academy

Dzundza, Lucas

Dzundza, Jacob

Lake Center Christian School

St. Sebastian Parish School

Marino, Giuliana

Marino, Angela

Marino, Vincent

Parke, Apollo

Parke, Brantley

Ricchiuti, Guiliana

Stallings, James

Stallings, John

Kelly, Remington

Sellers, Everly

Franks, Lily

Chapel Hill Christian - South

Franks, Jack

Franks, Nora

2. Overnight Field Trip

Approve the following overnight field trip:

- a. Copley High School Cross Country Team to Nuhop Hemlock Campus in Butler, OH July 27-30, 2024

3. Instruction

Approve Financial Literacy as a required high school credit course.

Mr. Poe, Superintendent, stated that this course is required by state law. This will begin with this year's sophomore class.

4. Personnel

a. Classified

1. 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 BCIL, and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired.

Conner, Katherine	Special Needs Assistant, effective November 6, 2023
Ford, Kimberly	Bus Aide, effective November 13, 2023
Watson, Lamont	Custodian, Step 5, effective November 28, 2023

2. Accept the resignation of the following:

Coogan, Angela	Special Needs Assistant, effective November 10, 2023
Heck, Annette Dianne	Lunchroom Monitor, effective December 1, 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, which are consistent with the applicant's answers, and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired:

Wisniewski, Horatio	Custodian, effective November 8, 2023
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b. Supplemental

1. Employ the following for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII which are consistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application:

Academic/Clubs (Advisors/Coaches)

Delozier, Christopher	CHS, Speech, Head Coach
Knoblock, Michelle	CFMS, Quiz Bowl, Assistant

Athletic Coaches

Kimberly, Matthew	CHS, Swimming, Assistant (Volunteer)
Kincaid, Blaine	CHS, Swimming, Assistant (Volunteer)
Traylor, Blake	CHS, Basketball, Assistant (Volunteer)
Traylor, Bryce	CHS, Basketball, Assistant (Volunteer)
Young, Elijah	CHS, Basketball, Assistant (Volunteer)

AYES: Lynn, Borchik, Hertz, Cevalasco, Doss
NAYS: None

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F. Athletic Coach

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

1. Employ the following for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII which are consistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application:

Hertz, David	CHS, Swimming, Assistant (Volunteer)
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AYES: Lynn, Cevalasco, Borchik, Doss
ABSTAIN: Hertz
NAYS: None

G. New Business

Mr. Poe provided an update on the various construction projects. Earlier in the day there was a ground breaking ceremony at the Copley High School stadium. The current sitting board members and the newly elected board member each officially kicked off the construction of the new high school stadium project. The bleachers are being removed first. A demolition permit has been applied for and once it is received, tear down of the field house will occur. The middle school stadium project is still on hold because no permits have been approved by the Summit County Engineer's office yet. The contractor, Vasco, has been prepared to start for four weeks but cannot until final permits are approved. Unfortunately, good weather has been occurring and the delay in obtaining the permits will probably force the movement of spring sporting events to adjoining school district facilities. The renovations to the entrance to the high school, auditorium, and restrooms will be out to bid soon. The sewer connection for the middle school is still being designed and permits will need to be applied for prior to any construction.

The musical at the high school will be performed November 17, 18, and 19, 2023.

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H. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cevalasco, seconded by Mrs. Lynn, to adjourn the meeting (6:15 p.m.)

AYES: Cevalasco, Lynn, Borchik, Hertz, Doss
NAYS: None

President

Treasurer