

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting/Work Session

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

March 16, 2023 3:00 p.m.

Steve Doss, President called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

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

Jim Borchik

Steve Doss

Beth Hertz

Paula Lynn

Paul Cevasco was absent

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Borchik, to adopt the agenda for the March 16, 2023 special meeting/work session, as presented.

AYES: Lynn, Borchik, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

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B. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to convene in executive session to discuss negotiations and employment/compensation of a public official at 3:10 p.m.

AYES: Borchik, Hertz, Lynn, Doss

NAYS: None

The board returned to public session at 3:50 p.m.

C. Topics

1. Review of the March 21, 2023 Agenda Items

A review and discussion of the Tuesday, March 21, 2023 regular meeting agenda occurred.

2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee reported the results of their multiple meetings and surveys they conducted to the Board of Education. The Board discussed the results forwarded to them regarding the school district nickname and mascot currently used. No action is anticipated to be taken in the near future on the use of "Indians".

3. Lunch Charges

Collections of outstanding lunch charges is ongoing. Building principals or designees have been reaching out to parents attempting to collect unpaid charges. Discussion occurred about not allowing students to attend dances or field trips if balances go unpaid for a certain length of time or if balances exceed a certain point. Administrators will have further discussions to determine the best ways to eliminate the unpaid balances.

4. Bond Project Update

There was discussion and a power point presentation about the progress that has been made on the various projects that are to be completed utilizing the \$50 million bond levy that was passed in November 2022.

There have been meetings held with architectural firms about the sanitary sewer hook-up at the middle school and high school. Various options were discussed about how the high school and middle school could tie into nearby sanitary sewer lines. Based on conversations with the City and County it is anticipated that these projects will probably be completed in 2024 or 2025. Unfortunately, the sewer connection routes play a major part for other projects. For example, if the connection at the middle school must run through the parking lot area, we cannot resurface the parking lot until the lines are installed. If the current waste water treatment plant at the high school can't be abandoned prior to 2025, then we won't be able to utilize that area for possible parking and storage.

The design firm working on the middle school sports complex is reviewing the surveys they recently received from the surveying company. They will be requesting proposals from Field Turf and AstroTurf within a few weeks. The middle school sports complex project is projected to be completed in the summer of 2023.

Multiple meetings have occurred with the architectural firm, Fanning Howey, and district administrators regarding the sports complex at the high school. The first major undertaking was a new field house. The field house will have multiple locker rooms, a concession stand, storage area, meeting areas, learning area, etc. The architects plan to request a variance because the number of restrooms required by the building code appears to be excessive. As an example, the building code requires about 55 women restroom stalls and the current field house has 5. Prior to deciding any final details there will need to be a decision on the variance. Further discussions are planned with the band boosters and other outside interest groups and coaches regarding the field house.

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D. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Doss, to adjourn the meeting (5:42 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Doss, Hertz, Lynn

NAYS: None

President

Treasurer